

INFANT MORTALITY: April 2013

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BIRTHS

1,531 babies were born, of which...

12.7% were **Preterm births**

HP 2020 goal $\leq 11.4\%$ ¹

9.5% were **Low birth weight births**

HP 2020 goal $\leq 7.8\%$ ¹



DEATHS

15 babies died

AGE

87% died **before reaching 28 days of age** (Neonatal)

13% died **between the ages of 28 days and 1 year** (Post-Neonatal)

GENDER

The infant death **Male to Female** ratio was... **1** male to **2** females

SLEEP RELATED DEATHS

1 out of 5 were sleep related infant deaths

ABOUT THE DATA

- ▶ All current and historical figures are preliminary and subject to change as new/updated information is received.
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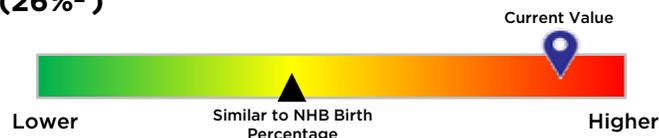
MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate was **9.8** infant deaths per 1,000 live births, which is **above the HP 2020 goal of ≤ 6.0** ¹



RACE

53% of Infant Deaths were to **Non-Hispanic Blacks (NHB)**, which is **higher** than the **percentage of births to NHBs (26%)**²



Notations:

¹Based on the Healthy People 2020 goals. Healthy People (HP) provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. More information on HP and HP 2020 health measures can be found at <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>.

²This is the predicted percentage of NHB infant deaths with the expectation that it should be similar to the 2007-11 average percentage of births to NHBs in Franklin County.

Definitions:

Low Birth Weight Birth- A low birth weight birth is a birth to a baby who weighs less than 2,500 grams.

Preterm Birth- A preterm birth is a birth to a baby who is younger than 37 weeks of gestation.

Sleep-Related Infant Deaths- Sleep-related infant deaths are deaths caused by 1) sudden unexpected infant death (SUID), diagnosed as accidental suffocation, positional asphyxia, overlay, or of undetermined cause, and 2) sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

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BIRTHS

5,955 babies

were born, of which...

13.2% were
Preterm births

HP 2020 goal
≤11.4%¹

9.0% were
Low birth weight births

HP 2020 goal
≤7.8%¹



DEATHS

40 babies died



AGE

67.5% died **before reaching 28 days of age** (Neonatal)

32.5% died **between the ages of 28 days and 1 year** (Post-Neonatal)

GENDER

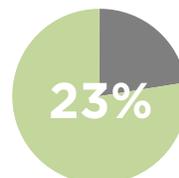
The infant death **Male to Female** ratio was...

1 male to **1.4** females

SLEEP RELATED DEATHS

1 out of 4.4

were sleep related infant deaths



MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate was **6.7** infant deaths per 1,000 live births, which is **above the HP 2020 goal of ≤6.0¹**



RACE

50% of Infant Deaths were to **Non-Hispanic Blacks (NHB)**, which is **higher** than the **percentage of births to NHBs (26%²)**



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