

Reduce maternal deaths — MICH-04

Infographic



Status: Getting worse



Most Recent Data:
22.3 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births (2022)



Target:
15.7 per 100,000



Desired Direction:
Decrease desired



Baseline:
17.4 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births occurred in 2018

The United States has a higher maternal mortality rate than any other industrialized country — and that rate is still going up. There are significant racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality due to factors like lack of access to high-quality health care, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias. Understanding and addressing the factors that contribute to disparities in maternal mortality can improve maternal health across the United States.

Year:

In **2022**, there were **22.3 maternal deaths** per 100,000 live births.

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Data Sources: [National Vital Statistics System - Mortality \(NVSS-M\), CDC/NCHS](#); [National Vital Statistics System - Natality \(NVSS-N\), CDC/NCHS](#)

per 100,000

Disparities in maternal death rates by race and ethnicity: Highest/lowest rate [‡]

49.5

per 100,000

Non-Hispanic Black or African American mothers

13.2

per 100,000

Non-Hispanic Asian mothers

In **2022**, **non-Hispanic Black or African American mothers** had the **highest group rate** of maternal mortality (**49.5 per 100,000 live births**). **Non-Hispanic Asian mothers** (reference group) had the **lowest group rate (13.2 per 100,000 live births)**.

The maternal mortality rate among **non-Hispanic Black or African American mothers** was **more than 3.5 times** the rate among **non-Hispanic Asian mothers** (maximal rate ratio). The difference between the highest and

Highest group rate was **more than 3.5 times** the lowest group rate.

lowest group rates was **36.2 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births** (maximal rate difference).

Disparities in maternal death rates by race and ethnicity: All groups ‡

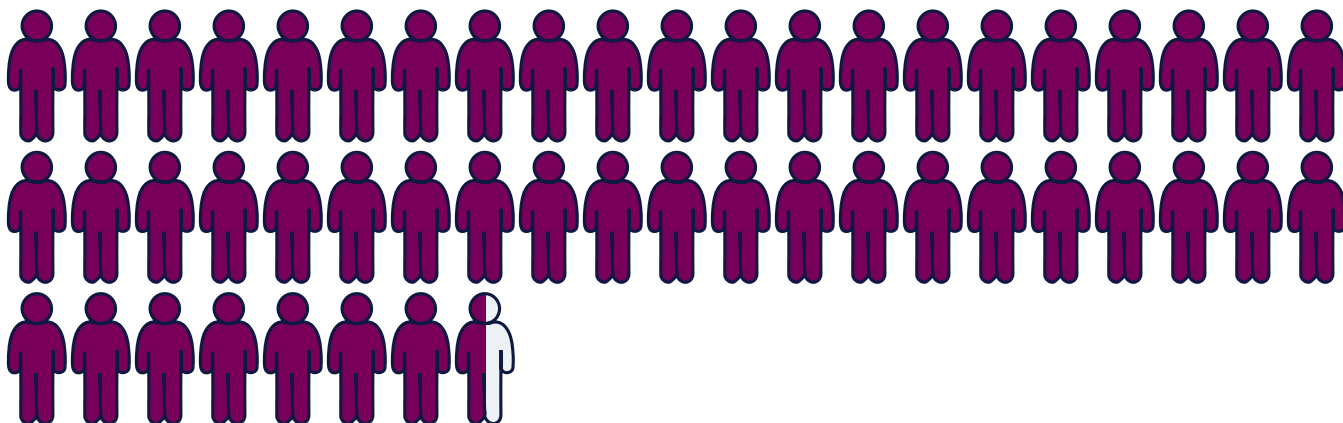
In 2022, **non-Hispanic Asian mothers** had the **lowest group rate** of maternal mortality (**13.2 per 100,000 live births**).

The maternal mortality rate among **Hispanic or Latino mothers** was **27.3 percent higher** than the lowest group rate. The ratio between the rates was not statistically significant.

The maternal mortality rate among **non-Hispanic White mothers** was **43.6 percent higher** than the lowest group rate.

The maternal mortality rate among **non-Hispanic Black or African American mothers** was **more than 3.5 times** the lowest group rate.

Maternal deaths (per 100,000 live births), 2022



‡ All calculations are applied to the unrounded values of the estimates and their standard errors. Therefore, the calculations shown here may differ from those that use the displayed (rounded) values of the estimated rates and standard errors.