

A Prince George's County Health Department Data Snapshot of **INFANT MORTALITY**

Overview:

Infant mortality is the death of a baby before their first birthday. Each year, over 100 infants die in Prince George's County. This sad reality is a tragic loss to both the families and the community. Although the Infant Mortality Rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births) for the County has improved over time, Prince George's County consistently lags behind the rate for Maryland and the national Healthy People 2020 goal of 6.0 deaths per 1,000 live births.

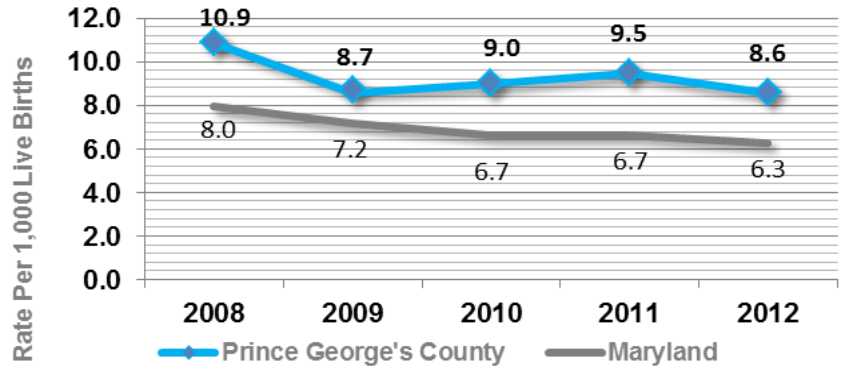
Common Causes of Infant Mortality:

- Serious birth defects
- Born too small and too early
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Maternal complications of pregnancy
- Complications at birth
- Injuries

Prevention:

Early and regular prenatal care is an important part of preventing infant mortality by helping to identify issues early, reducing the risk of complications, reducing early deliveries, and increasing the number of healthy babies. There is a disparity in Prince George's County by maternal age for when prenatal care begins.

Infant Mortality Rates 2010-2012



Infant Mortality Deaths and Rate per 1,000 Live Births by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2012

Race and Ethnicity	2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
White, non-Hispanic	12	10.2	17	14.1	4	*
Black, non-Hispanic	87	11.5	79	10.7	69	9.6
Hispanic (any race)	10	3.5	16	5.4	26	8.8

* Rates based on <5 deaths are not presented due to instability

Percent of Births by Trimester Prenatal Care began by Maternal Age Group, 2012

