






Pregnancy-Associated Mortality in Louisiana

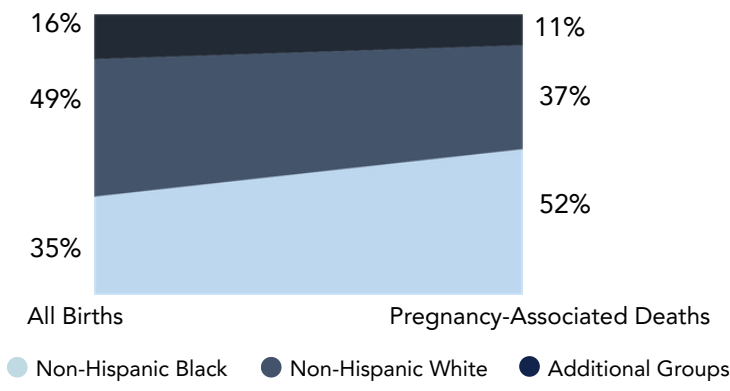
2022 Data Highlights

The Louisiana Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Committee reviews all pregnancy-associated deaths of Louisiana residents to create actionable, comprehensive recommendations to prevent future deaths. The data and priority areas for prevention identified are based on the review of deaths that occurred in 2022.


Number of Deaths	Timing of Deaths						
<p>67 Pregnancy-Associated</p> <p>47 Pregnancy-Associated, but Not Related</p> <p>13 Pregnancy-Related</p> <p>7 Pregnancy-Associated, but Unable to Determine Relatedness</p> <p>*See definitions for terms on the second page.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="868 514 1071 682">During Pregnancy</th> <th data-bbox="1071 514 1237 682">Within 42 Days of Pregnancy</th> <th data-bbox="1237 514 1562 682">From 43 Days to 1 Year After Pregnancy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="868 514 1071 682">24%</td> <td data-bbox="1071 514 1237 682">13%</td> <td data-bbox="1237 514 1562 682">63%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Most (76%) pregnancy-associated deaths occurred after delivery and over half (63%) occurred from 43 days to 1 year after pregnancy.</p>	During Pregnancy	Within 42 Days of Pregnancy	From 43 Days to 1 Year After Pregnancy	24%	13%	63%
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Leading Causes of Death	
<h3>Pregnancy-Associated Deaths</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Drug Overdose  Homicide  Motor Vehicle Collision 	<h3>Pregnancy-Related Deaths</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Infection  Cardiovascular Conditions

Disparities



35% of all births in Louisiana in 2022 were to non-Hispanic Black women. However, non-Hispanic Black women accounted for 52% of all pregnancy-associated deaths that occurred in 2022.



Most pregnancy-related deaths were among non-Hispanic Black women

85% of all pregnancy-associated deaths were determined to be preventable

Priority Areas for Prevention



Reduce the number of pregnancy-associated deaths from drug overdose and suicide by improving screening for substance use disorders and perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, implementing evidence-based treatments, and expanding access to overdose prevention strategies.



Improve screening for and address social determinants of health, including community and social well-being, and design solutions that improve care coordination and access to care, especially in the fourth trimester.



Implement strategies and programs to reduce harm by decreasing interpersonal and community-level violence and improving vehicular safety.



Implement strategies to ensure patient-centered care for all women who are pregnant and/or giving birth.



Improve clinical quality of care by increasing provider knowledge on the leading conditions impacting maternal morbidity and mortality.

Definitions

Pregnancy-Associated Death: A death that occurs during or within one year of pregnancy, regardless of the cause.

Pregnancy-Related Death: A death during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by the pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy.

Pregnancy-Associated, but Not Related, Death: A death during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from a cause that is not related to pregnancy.

Pregnancy-Associated, but Unable to Determine Relatedness, Death: A pregnancy-associated death where the cause of death is unable to be determined as pregnancy-related or pregnancy-associated, but not related.



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