

**Infant Mortality Rates by Selected Characteristics
Mississippi Residents, 2012**

Geographic Area: Mississippi

| Characteristic | Infant Mortality Rate | | | Characteristic | Infant Mortality Rate | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| | Total | White | Black | | Total | White | Black |
| Infant Mortality | 8.8 | 5.4 | 12.4 | Marital Status | | | |
| Neonatal Mortality | 5.5 | 3.2 | 7.9 | Married | 6.8 | 5.1 | 12.4 |
| Postneonatal Mortality | 3.3 | 2.2 | 4.6 | Unmarried | 10.4 | 5.8 | 12.4 |
| Sex | | | | Prenatal Care | | | |
| Male | 9.7 | 6.4 | 13.4 | No care | 44.5 | 20.1 | 52.9 |
| Female | 8.0 | 4.4 | 11.5 | 1st trimester | 7.9 | 4.9 | 11.2 |
| Plurality | | | | 2nd trimester | 9.9 | 4.8 | 13.2 |
| Single Births | 8.0 | 5.0 | 11.0 | 3rd trimester | 8.8 | 11.0 | 7.7 |
| Plural Births | 33.1 | 14.7 | 51.5 | Kotelchuck Index | | | |
| Birthweight | | | | Inadequate | 14.9 | 8.2 | 18.2 |
| Less than 2,500 grams | 51.5 | 37.8 | 57.0 | Intermediate | 6.6 | 2.2 | 11.4 |
| Less than 1,500 grams | 225.0 | 181.1 | 233.1 | Adequate | 4.3 | 2.9 | 5.5 |
| 1,500-2,499 grams | 13.8 | 13.4 | 13.1 | Adequate plus | 10.9 | 7.3 | 14.6 |
| 2,500 grams or more | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.6 | Method of Delivery | | | |
| Gestational Age | | | | Vaginal | 7.5 | 4.0 | 11.4 |
| Less than 37 weeks | 33.6 | 21.6 | 42.4 | C-section | 10.8 | 7.5 | 14.0 |
| Less than 32 weeks | 136.6 | 107.0 | 148.4 | Mother's Education | | | |
| 32-36 weeks | 11.7 | 9.2 | 12.8 | Less than high school | 12.0 | 7.3 | 15.1 |
| 37-39 weeks | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.1 | High school | 9.7 | 7.2 | 11.8 |
| 40 weeks or more | 3.4 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 1-3 years of college | 6.7 | 3.0 | 10.6 |
| Mother's Age | | | | 4 or more years of college | 5.5 | 3.5 | 9.4 |
| Less than 20 years | 10.7 | 8.4 | 12.4 | Cigarette Use During Pregnancy | | | |
| Less than 18 years | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | None | 8.3 | 4.6 | 11.6 |
| 18-19 years | 12.0 | 8.7 | 14.5 | Some | 11.9 | 9.3 | 20.1 |
| 20-24 years | 9.8 | 6.3 | 12.7 | Mother's Risk Factors | | | |
| 25-29 years | 7.1 | 3.2 | 12.6 | None | 6.3 | 3.9 | 9.2 |
| 30-34 years | 7.4 | 5.0 | 10.1 | One or more reported | 15.4 | 9.8 | 19.6 |
| 35 years or more | 10.4 | 7.2 | 14.8 | Complications of Labor and Delivery | | | |
| Number of Previous Live Births | | | | None | 6.6 | 4.2 | 9.1 |
| 0 | 8.0 | 4.4 | 12.4 | One or more reported | 17.2 | 9.6 | 26.0 |
| 1 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 10.8 | Abnormal Conditions of Newborn | | | |
| 2 | 6.7 | 3.0 | 9.8 | None | 6.4 | 4.1 | 8.6 |
| 3 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 17.7 | One or more reported | 49.2 | 28.1 | 73.1 |
| 4 | 16.0 | 7.6 | 20.8 | | | | |
| 5 or more | 16.8 | 4.2 | 18.0 | | | | |

Note: Total includes races other than white and black.

Rates based on less than 20 events are considered unstable and are printed in red.

Infant mortality rate = infant deaths per 1,000 live births