

# Birth Defects

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Common, Costly,  
and Critical

*Birth defects are common*



Every 4½ minutes, a baby is born with a birth defect in the United States.

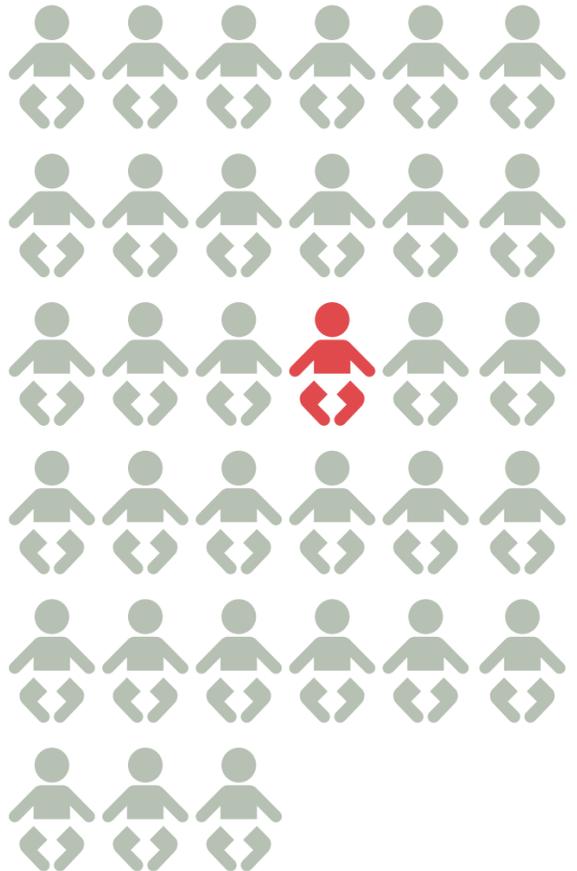
Birth defects affect

1 in every 33

babies born in the United States each year.

That translates into about

120,000 babies.



*Birth defects are costly*



Each year, total hospital costs for U.S. children and adults with birth defects exceed

\$2.6 billion,

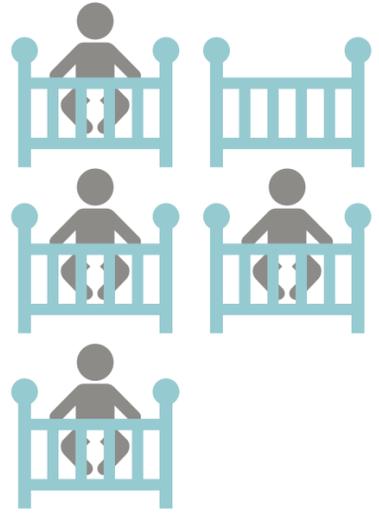
not including outpatient care or many provider charges.

*Birth defects are critical*

Birth defects cause

1 in every 5

deaths during the first year of life.



Birth defects are *critical* conditions that can cause *lifelong* challenges.



**Birth defects affect us all.**

What effect will you have on birth defects?

Learn more about birth defects:  
[www.cdc.gov/birthdefects](http://www.cdc.gov/birthdefects)



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