

**Table 15. Infant, neonatal, and postneonatal mortality rates, by detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1983-2008**

(Data are based on linked birth and death certificates for infants)

Maternal race and Hispanic origin	1983 <sup>1</sup>	1985 <sup>1</sup>	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995 <sup>2</sup>	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>	2007 <sup>2</sup>	2008 <sup>2</sup>
Infant <sup>3</sup> deaths per 1,000 live births								
All mothers.....	10.9	10.4	8.9	7.6	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.6
White.....	9.3	8.9	7.3	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
Black or African American.....	19.2	18.6	16.9	14.6	13.5	12.9	12.9	12.4
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	15.2	13.1	13.1	9.0	8.3	8.3	9.2	8.4
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>4</sup> .....	8.3	7.8	6.6	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.8	4.5
Hispanic or Latina <sup>5,6</sup> .....	9.5	8.8	7.5	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.6
Mexican.....	9.1	8.5	7.2	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6
Puerto Rican.....	12.9	11.2	9.9	8.9	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.3
Cuban.....	7.5	8.5	7.2	5.3	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.9
Central and South American.....	8.5	8.0	6.8	5.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.8
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina....	10.6	9.5	8.0	7.4	6.9	5.8	6.4	5.9
Not Hispanic or Latina:								
White <sup>6</sup> .....	9.2	8.6	7.2	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5
Black or African American <sup>6</sup> .....	19.1	18.3	16.9	14.7	13.6	13.4	13.3	12.7
Neonatal <sup>3</sup> deaths per 1,000 live births								
All mothers.....	7.1	6.8	5.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3
White.....	6.1	5.8	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6
Black or African American.....	12.5	12.3	11.1	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.5	8.1
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	7.5	6.1	6.1	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.2
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>4</sup> .....	5.2	4.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.1
Hispanic or Latina <sup>5,6</sup> .....	6.2	5.7	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
Mexican.....	5.9	5.4	4.5	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8
Puerto Rican.....	8.7	7.6	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.0
Cuban.....	*5.0	6.2	5.3	*3.6	*3.2	3.6	3.7	3.3
Central and South American.....	5.8	5.6	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina....	6.4	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.6	3.7	4.1	3.8
Not Hispanic or Latina:								
White <sup>6</sup> .....	5.9	5.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5
Black or African American <sup>6</sup> .....	12.0	11.9	11.0	9.6	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.3
Postneonatal <sup>3</sup> deaths per 1,000 live births								
All mothers.....	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
White.....	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
Black or African American.....	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.3
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	7.7	7.0	7.0	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.7	4.2
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>4</sup> .....	3.1	2.9	2.7	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Hispanic or Latina <sup>5,6</sup> .....	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
Mexican.....	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8
Puerto Rican.....	4.2	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3
Cuban.....	*2.5	*2.3	*1.9	*1.7	*	*1.4	*1.5	*1.6

Central and South American.....	2.6	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina....	4.2	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1
Not Hispanic or Latina:								
White <sup>6</sup> .....	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
Black or African American <sup>6</sup> .....	7.0	6.4	5.9	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4

\*Estimates are considered unreliable.

Rates preceded by an asterisk are based on fewer than 50 deaths in the numerator.

Rates not shown are based on fewer than 20 deaths in the numerator.

<sup>1</sup>Rates based on unweighted birth cohort data.

<sup>2</sup>Rates based on a period file using weighted data. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set.

<sup>3</sup>Infant (under 1 year of age), neonatal (under 28 days), and postneonatal (28 days-11 months).

<sup>4</sup>Estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups because not all states have adopted the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>5</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>6</sup>Prior to 1995, data are shown only for states with an Hispanic-origin item on their birth certificates. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

NOTES: The race groups white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Starting with 2003 data, some states reported multiple-race data. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards, for comparability with other states. See Appendix II, Race. National linked files do not exist for 1992-1994. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Mathews TJ, MacDorman MF. Infant mortality statistics from the 2008 period linked birth/infant death data set. National vital statistics reports; vol 60 no 5. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS; 2012. Available from: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr60/nvsr60\\_05.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr60/nvsr60_05.pdf). See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).

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