Fact Sheet: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)

Did you know?

SUID cases represent 18.8% of all infant deaths in Louisiana.²

Many SUIDs are determined to be accidental suffocation and strangulation (ASSB) upon further investigation.

Definitions of SUID and SIDS:

**Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID)** is not a cause of death. It is defined as the death of an infant who is less than 1 year of age that is sudden and unexpected with no obvious cause.

**Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)** is a type of SUID. It is defined as the unexpected death of an infant less than 1 year of age that cannot be explained even after a thorough investigation has been conducted.

SUID Rates in Louisiana, 2000-2011³


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