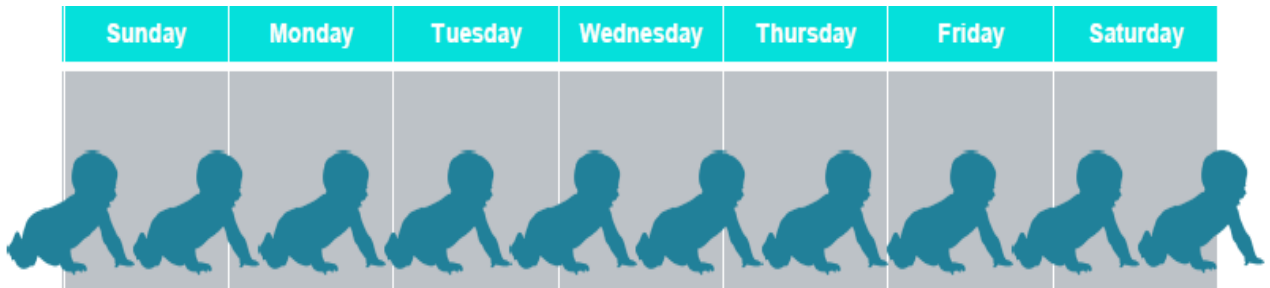


Fact Sheet: Infant Mortality in Louisiana

Despite improvement in recent years, Louisiana continues to have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the United States, ranking 44th in 2010.¹



In 2011, 502 babies in Louisiana died before their 1st birthday. That's an average of about 10 babies per week.²

What is an infant mortality rate?

The infant mortality rate measures the overall well-being of a population.

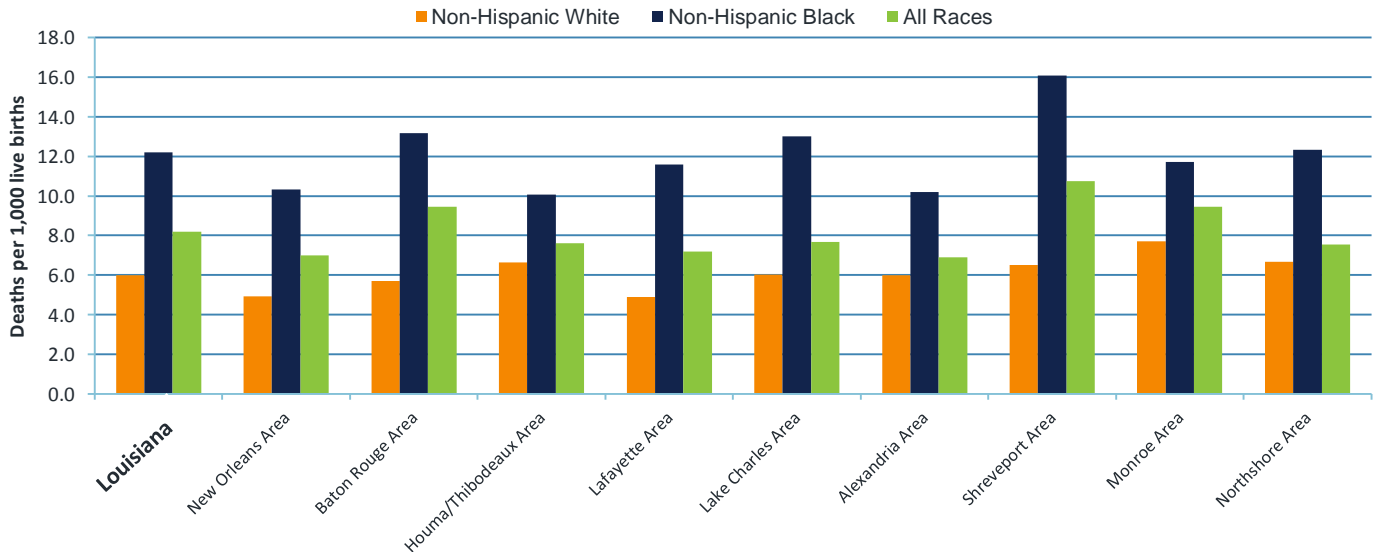
It represents the number of babies who die before their 1st birthday and is expressed per 1,000 live births.

Did you know?

Infant mortality in the U.S. varies greatly by race and disproportionately affects babies of color.

In Louisiana, the rate of infant mortality among non-Hispanic black infants is more than double the rate of non-Hispanic white infants.

Infant Mortality Rates by Area and Race, 2009-2011²



Source: ¹National Center for Health Statistics 2013 Volume 61, ²Louisiana Vital Records, 2009-2011