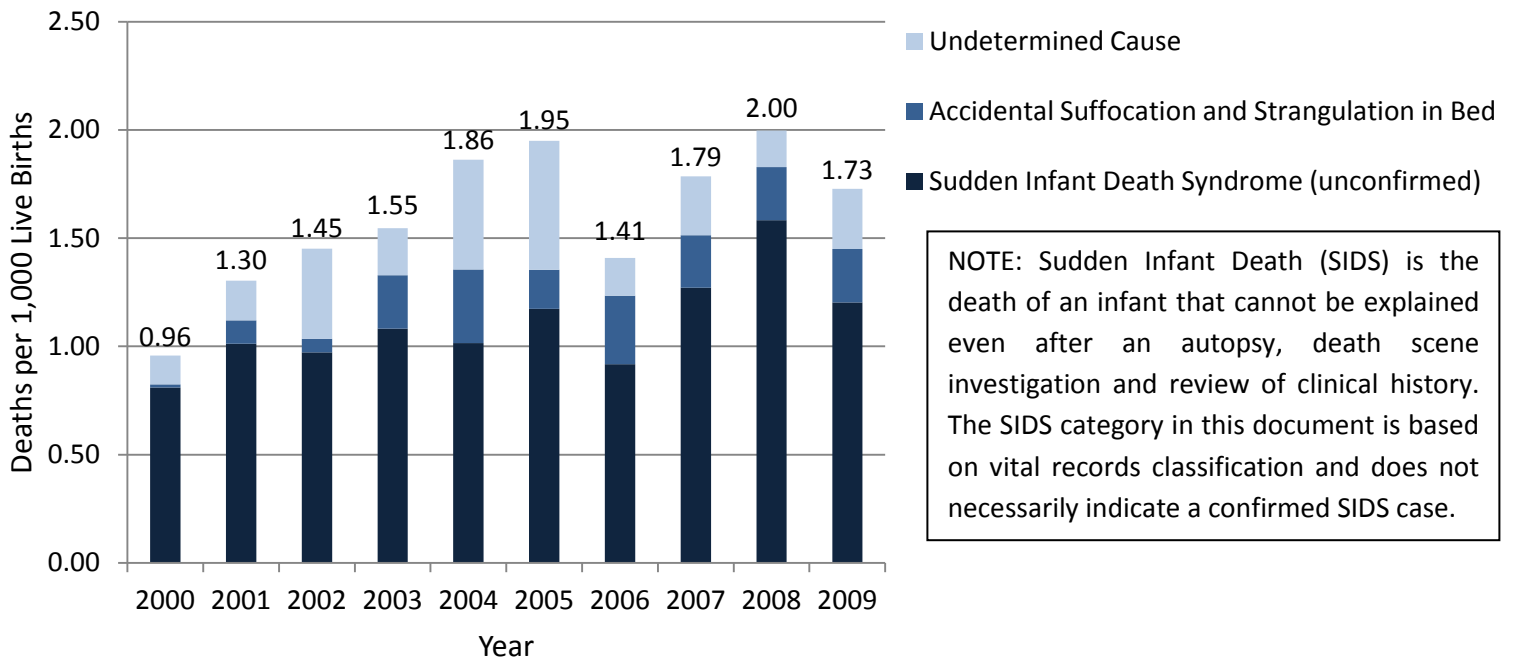


Sudden Unexpected Infant Death



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) as deaths in infants less than one year of age that occur suddenly and unexpectedly, and whose cause of death are not immediately obvious prior to investigation. Each year in the United States, more than 4,500 infants die suddenly of no immediately, obvious cause.¹

SUID Rates In Louisiana, 2000-2009



NOTE: Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) is the death of an infant that cannot be explained even after an autopsy, death scene investigation and review of clinical history. The SIDS category in this document is based on vital records classification and does not necessarily indicate a confirmed SIDS case.

SUID Rates by Region, 2005- 2009

	Region									Louisiana
	1 New Orleans	2 Baton Rouge	3 Houma Thibodaux	4 Lafayette	5 Lake Charles	6 Alexandria	7 Shreveport	8 Monroe	9 North Shore	
Undetermined	0.24*	0.13*	--	0.27*	--	--	0.58	0.97	0.16*	0.29
Suffocation in Bed	0.15*	--	--	0.20*	1.19	0.26*	0.51	--	--	0.25
SIDS (unconfirmed)	1.13	1.53	0.99	1.30	1.19	1.64	0.71	1.32	1.38	1.23
SUID	1.53	1.68	1.16	1.77	2.52	2.03	1.80	2.44	1.65	1.77

-- Event count < 5- rate is suppressed to maintain confidentiality

* Event count < 20- rate is unstable due to small counts and may vary widely from future reporting

Rates expressed as number of deaths per 1,000 live births

Data from Louisiana Vital Records Center for Health Statistics

1. <http://www.cdc.gov/sids/>