

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

What is Infant Mortality Rate?



Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is a good indicator of the health of a community, measured as the number of deaths of infants less than one year of age per 1,000 live births (CDC, September 16, 2024)

2022 U.S. Rate

5.6 infants per 1,000 live births

Top five causes:

1. Birth defects
2. Preterm births
3. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
4. Unintentional injuries
5. Maternal pregnancy complications

(CDC, September 16, 2024)

Illinois Deaths in 2022



There were 718 infant deaths in 2022 in the state of Illinois; a rate of 5.59 deaths per 1,000 live births (NVSS, 2022)

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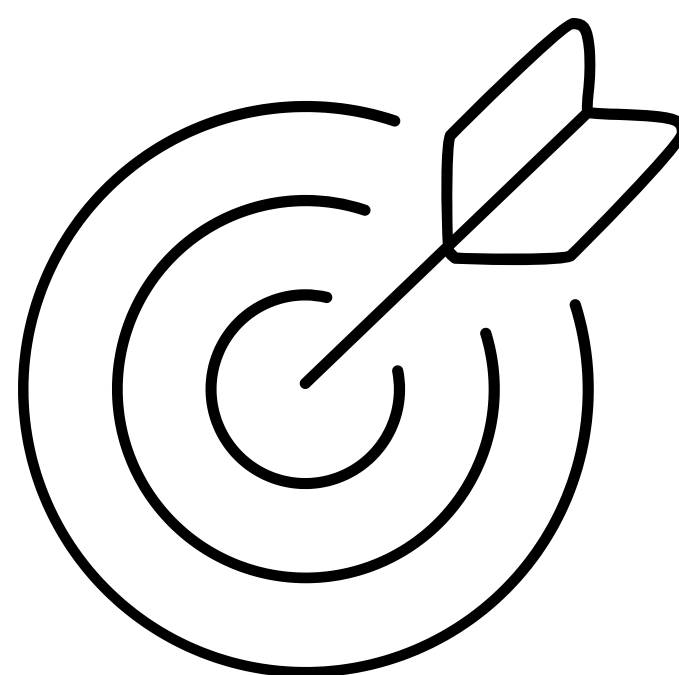
In Will County, Illinois, the IMR for 2019 (the last year county level data is available) was 6.1 deaths per 1,000 live births; 44 total deaths (IDPH, n.d.).

Disparities

The IMR is higher for Black babies (11.4 per 1,000 live births, 271 deaths) than for Hispanic (5.3 per 1,000 live births, 160 deaths) and White (4.4 per 1,000 live births, 330 deaths) babies (IDPH, n.d.)



Goals



Healthy People 2030 set a target for IMR of 5 deaths or less per 1,000 live births (CDC, September 16, 2024).



Work together...

By joining together, local health agencies and community partners can work to reduce the IMR. Together the social, behavioral, and health risk behaviors that impact Infant Mortality Rate can be addressed.