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INFANT MORTALITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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WHAT IS INFANT MORTALITY?

The death of a baby before their first birthday (within the first year of life).

INFANT MORTALITY RATES (CDC – 2024 FINAL DATA)

Deaths per 1,000 live births

United States	Texas	Louisiana
5.52	5.70	7.58

2025 MARCH OF DIMES PRETERM BIRTH REPORT CARD

United States	Texas	Louisiana
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Preterm Birth Rate: 10.4%	Preterm Birth Rate: 11.1%	Preterm Birth Rate: 14.0%

*March of Dimes grades reflect **PRETERM BIRTH** rates, not infant mortality rates.*

WHY THIS MATTERS

Infant mortality is a key measure of the health and well-being of mothers, babies, and communities. Leading concerns for infant health include:

- **Preterm birth** (born too early)
- **Birth defects** (congenital conditions present at birth)
- **Sleep-related infant deaths** (e.g., SIDS and unsafe sleep practices)

Sources:

- CDC/NCHS, Infant Mortality, 2024 (National Vital Statistics Reports, June 2026).
- March of Dimes, 2025 Report Card (2024 preterm birth data).