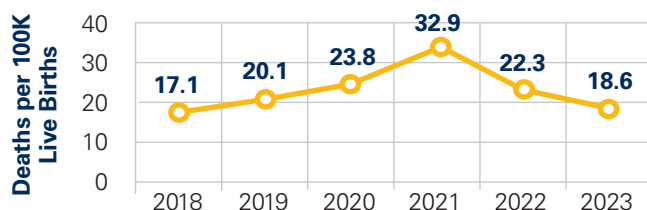


Better Health for Mothers and Babies Initiative

Improving maternal and infant health in the U.S. is a priority for the AHA and our member hospitals and health systems. While the field has made progress, we are continuing to work toward reducing health disparities.

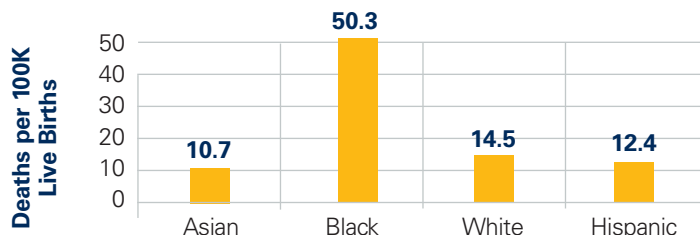


Maternal Mortality Rates in the U.S.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

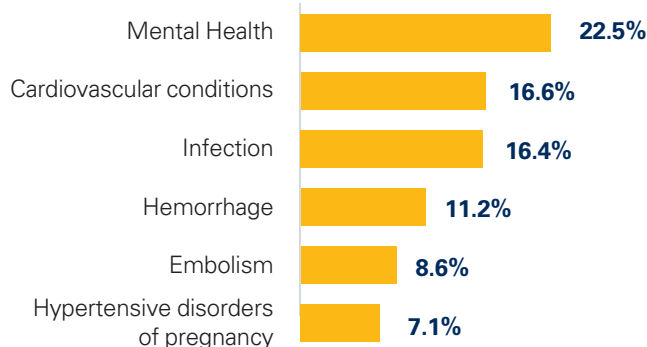
Disparities in Maternal Mortality



College-educated Black women are **5.2 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related issues** than white women with the same educational attainment and **1.6 times higher** than the rate for white women with less than a high school diploma.

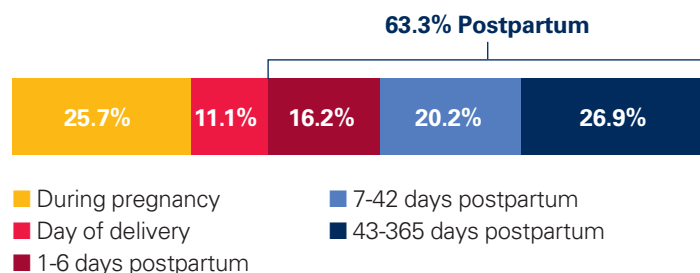
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Top Causes of Pregnancy-associated Mortality, 2022



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Timing of Pregnancy-related Deaths



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Core Principles for Improving Maternal and Infant Health

- 1 Examine quality and outcomes data to guide strategy
- 2 Consider the causes of disparities in health outcomes
- 3 Involve patients and community in their own care
- 4 Engage the workforce

MORE THAN 50k women annually are affected by severe maternal morbidity — unexpected and life-threatening complications from childbirth

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

MORE THAN 80% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention