



Fetal and Infant Mortality

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Definitions

Fetal death: death before the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy; the death is indicated by the fact that after such separation, the fetus does not breathe or show any evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles.

Fetal mortality rate: number of fetal deaths per 1,000 total births. Total births include live births plus fetal deaths of 20 or more weeks' gestation.

Infant death: death occurring to a person under one year of age.

Infant mortality rate: number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Neonatal death: death occurring to an infant under 28 days of age.

Neonatal mortality rate: number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births.

Perinatal death: death of a fetus of 28 or more weeks' gestation or of an infant less than 7 days of age.

Perinatal mortality rate: number of perinatal deaths divided by the number of fetal deaths of 28 or more weeks' gestation plus the number of live births times 1,000.

Postneonatal death: death occurring to an infant between 28 days and one year of age.

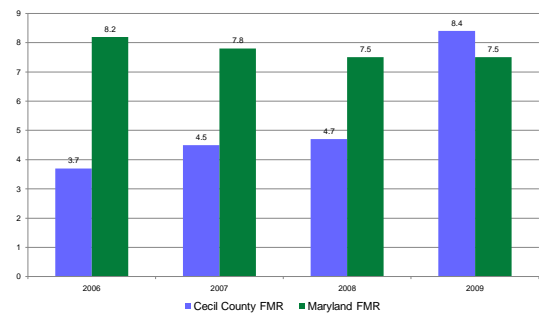
Postneonatal mortality rate: number of postneonatal deaths per 1,000 live births.

Statistics

	CC 2006	MD 2006	CC 2007	MD 2007	CC 2008	MD 2008	CC 2009	MD 2009
Number of Infant Deaths	13	615	4	622	4	617	4	541
Infant Mortality Rate	9.6	7.9	X	8.0	X	8.0	X	7.2
Number of Neonatal Deaths	8	446	2	451	2	452	3	386
Neonatal Mortality Rate	5.9	5.8	X	5.8	X	5.8	X	5.1
Number of Postneonatal Deaths	5	169	2	171	2	165	1	155
Postneonatal Mortality Rate	3.7	2.2	X	2.2	X	2.1	X	2.1
Number of Fetal Deaths	5	642	6	611	6	583	10	566
Fetal Mortality Rate	3.7	8.2	4.5	7.8	4.7	7.5	8.4	7.5
Number of Perinatal Deaths	11	654	3	604	5	646	5	529
Perinatal Mortality Rate	8.1	8.4	X	7.7	3.9	8.3	4.2	7.0



Fetal Mortality Rate (FMR) from 2006-2009



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Categories and Causes of Fetal Death (National %)

Unexplained
(25-35%)

Maternal
(5-10%)

Trauma
Abnormal labor
Sepsis
Acidosis
Hypoxia
Uterine rupture
Postterm pregnancy
Drugs
Chronic health condition

Placental
(25-35%)

Abruption
Placental insufficiency
Fetal-maternal hemorrhage
Twin-to-twin transfusion
Cord accident

Fetal
(25-40%)

Chromosomal anomalies
Non chromosomal birth defect
Infection (virus, bacteria, protozoa)
Poor fetal growth

http://elearning.medicine.swu.ac.th/jvncd/jv_round/8.pdf



Risk Factors for Fetal Death

- **Maternal age over 35**
- **Maternal obesity**
- **Maternal Diabetes**
- **Maternal Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Use during pregnancy**
- **Multiple gestation (twins or more)**
- **African-American ancestry**



Most Common Causes of Fetal Death in Cecil County

- 1) Premature Births
- 2) Umbilical Cord Complications
- 3) Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking



11 Leading Causes of Infant Deaths in Maryland

- 1) Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birth weight
- 2) All other causes
- 3) Congenital abnormalities
- 4) Sudden infant death syndrome
- 5) Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy
- 6) Newborn affected by complications of placental cord and membranes
- 7) Necrotizing enterocolitis of newborn
- 8) Bacterial sepsis of newborn
- 9) Respiratory distress of newborn
- 10) Neonatal hemorrhage
- 11) Accidents



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