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Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators

Infant Mortality

Summary Measures



Indicator: Infant Mortality

Definition: Rate of infants that die before their first birthday per 1,000 births.

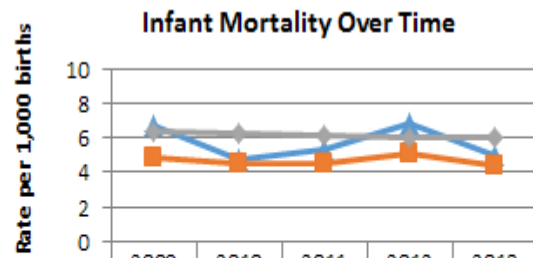
Why this is important: Infant mortality, a widely used measure, is an indication of a basic level of community health. It is affected by environmental and socioeconomic factors and is impacted by the availability of quality health care, maternal factors, and birth outcomes.

Where we are: In 2013 in Spokane County, there were 30 infant deaths. The infant mortality rate was stable from 2009 to 2013. The 2013 infant mortality rate in Spokane County was similar to that of Washington state and the United States.

Health Disparities:

Among Spokane County infants in 2013:

- Infant mortality was significantly more likely among mothers with less than a high school education.
- Non-whites had a significantly higher infant mortality rate when compared to whites.

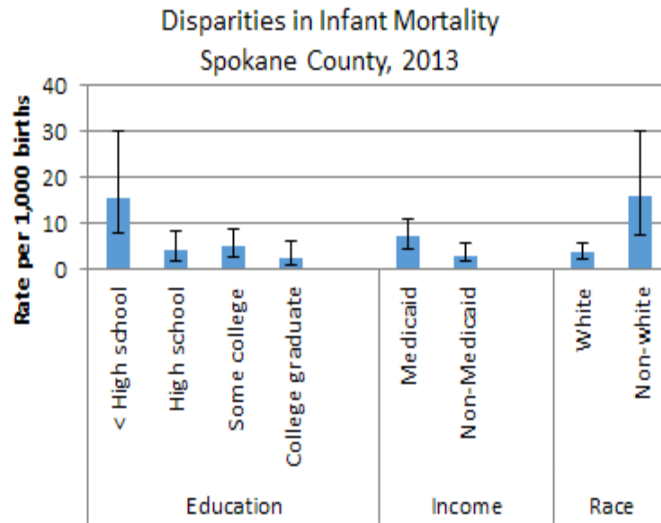


	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Spokane County	6.7	4.7	5.3	6.8	5.0
Washington state	4.9	4.5	4.5	5.1	4.4
United States	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0

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- Infants on Medicaid had a higher infant mortality rate than infants not on Medicaid.

There was no difference in infant death rates by maternal age or between males and females.



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	Data Source	DOH, CHS, 2013
		Rate per 1,000 births
Geography	Spokane County	5.0 (3.3-7.1)
	Washington state	4.4 (4.0-4.9)
	United States	6.0
Trend		09-13 No Trend
Age	<20 yrs	9.3 (1.9-27.1)
	20-24 yrs	4.8 (1.9-9.8)
	25-29 yrs	4.9 (2.3-9.0)
	30-34 yrs	4.0 (1.5-8.7)
	35+ yrs	5.6 (1.5-14.3)
Sex	Male	6.3 (4.1-9.7)
	Female	3.5 (1.9-6.4)
Race	White	3.7 (2.2-5.6)
	Non-white	15.9 (7.3-30.2)
Education	< High school	15.3 (7.8-29.9)
	High school	3.9 (1.8-8.4)
	Some college	4.8 (2.7-8.7)
	College graduate	2.4 (0.9-6.0)

Income	Medicaid	7.0 (4.5-11.0)
	Non-Medicaid	2.9 (1.5-5.5)

Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics 2009-2013. Calculations and presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center. CDC/National Center for Health Statistics.

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