

Table 3-3 • Infant mortality rates for babies born in the United States in 1996 and 2001 by mothers' race and Hispanic origin (number of infant deaths in the first year of life per 1,000 live births)

Between 1996 and 2001, infant mortality declined slightly overall and in most of the groups shown here, including blacks. Nevertheless, mortality among black infants remained much higher than among infants in other racial and ethnic groups.

	<i>1996</i>	<i>2001</i>
All races	7.3	6.8
White	6.1	5.7
White, non-Hispanic	6.0	5.7
Black	14.1	13.3
Black, non-Hispanic	14.2	13.5
Native American ¹	10.0	9.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.2	4.7
Chinese	3.2	3.2
Japanese	4.2	4.0
Filipino	5.8	5.5
Hawaiian	5.6	7.3
Hispanic ²	6.1	5.4
Mexican	5.8	5.2
Puerto Rican	8.6	8.5
Cuban	5.1	4.2
Central and South American	5.0	5.0

¹Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.

²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

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