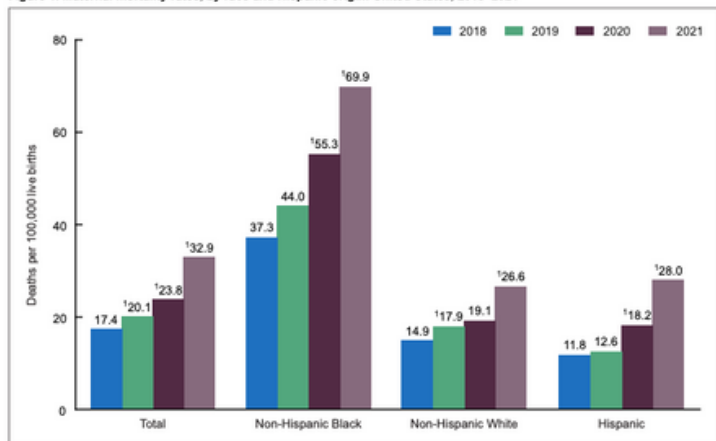


Maternal and infant healthcare in the United States is lagging behind many other high-income countries. In light of this, you must equip yourself with knowledge to advocate for your health and your baby's health.

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Figure 1. Maternal mortality rates, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2018–2021

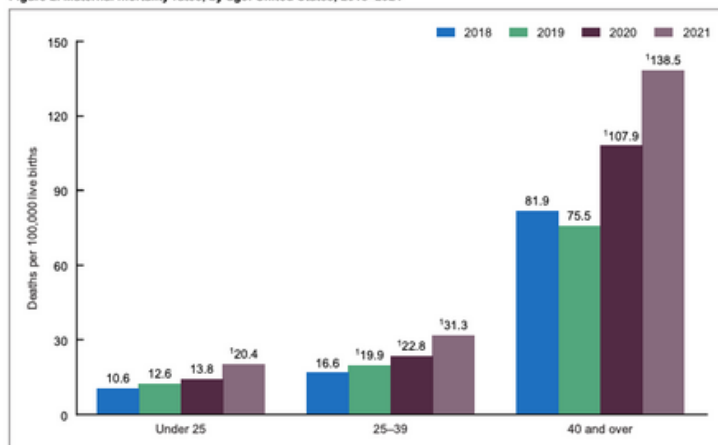


¹Statistically significant increase from previous year ($p < 0.05$).
NOTE: Race groups are single race.
SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

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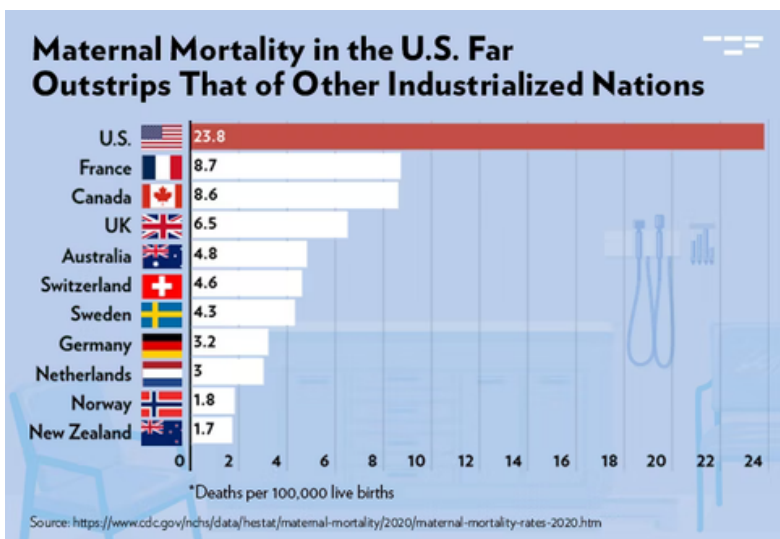
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Figure 2. Maternal mortality rates, by age: United States, 2018–2021



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"Unfortunately, this is not the first year that the U.S. maternal mortality rate has increased: in fact, it has done so consistently since reporting changes to reporting requirements improved identification of maternal deaths in 2018. And before 2018, the United States had not officially reported a maternal mortality rate since 2007...It must also be noted that Hispanic women saw the largest maternal mortality increase of any racial or ethnic demographic group in the study, rising by a staggering 44 percent in just one year."



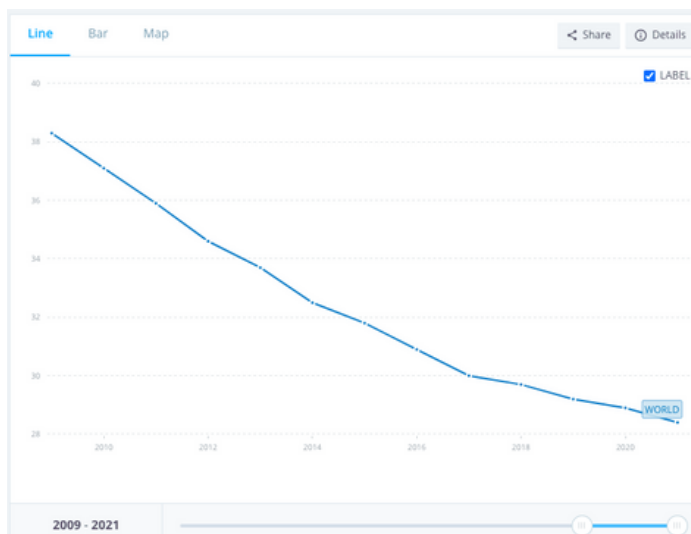
"In 2020, the U.S. maternal mortality rate was 23.8 deaths per 100,000 live births, with 861 known deaths due to maternal causes. It is crucial to note that this is not the case in similar countries, and is far from an inevitability. The United States continues to be an outlier among industrialized nations, with a maternal mortality rate several times higher than other high-income countries. The maternal mortality rate in the United States is nearly three times higher than that of France, the country with the next highest rate."

All quotes taken from the Century Foundation's article: *The Worsening U.S. Maternal Health Crisis in Three Graphs*

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Infant Mortality in the United States & Michigan



Country	Year	Rate (per 1,000 live births)
Slovak Republic	2021	5
Serbia	2021	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2021	5
Uruguay	2021	5
Malta	2021	5
Maldives	2021	5
China	2021	5
Antigua and Barbuda	2021	5
Bulgaria	2021	5
Romania	2021	5
United States	2021	5

Worldwide, infant mortality rates are declining and the United States has seen a decline by 12% from 2009-2019. This is a very good thing! However, when we compare ourselves to other industrialized nations we are significantly behind:

"The United States has the highest infant and maternal mortality rates out of any other high-income country and simultaneously spends the most on health care, according to a report released Tuesday by the Commonwealth Fund. The report evaluated US health spending, outcomes, status, and service use compared with Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom...Of all countries in 2020, the United States possessed the highest infant mortality rate at 5.4 deaths per 1000 live births, which is markedly higher than the 1.6 deaths per 1000 live births in Norway, which has the the lowest mortality rate."
 -American Journal of Accountable Care, *US Has Highest Infant, Maternal Mortality Rates Despite the Most Health Care Spending*.

Essentially, this means that there are 42 other countries where it is safer for baby to be born--we are tied for 43rd place with 14 other nations.

