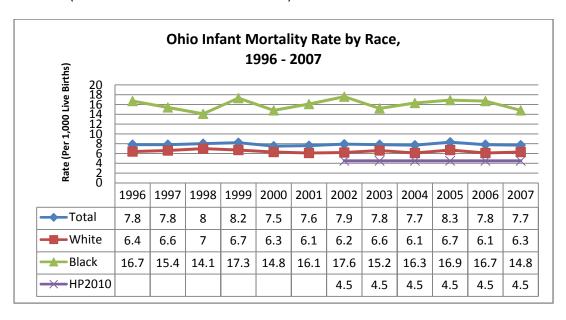
## Infant Mortality Rates in Ohio

**Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)** is defined as the number of deaths of children **under 1 year of age**, per 1,000 live births (National Center for Health Statistics).

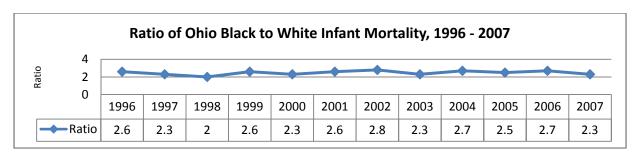


Source: Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics

- Infant mortality rates in Ohio have remained relatively stable between 1996 and 2007.
- The rate rose for both whites and blacks in 2005, but decreased in 2006 and 2007.
- Ohio is far from meeting the Healthy People 2010 Objective of 4.5.
- Ohio's infant mortality rate is worse than the nation's (6.87 per 1,000 live births in 2005, National Center for Health Statistics).

The leading causes of infant mortality are the same for Ohio and the United States:

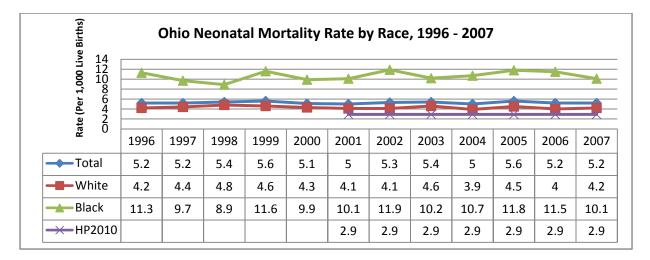
- Congenital anomalies
- Prematurity/low birth weight
- Sudden infant death syndrome



Source: Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics

- During the period 1996 2007, the ratio of black infant mortality ranged from a low of 2.0 in 1998 to a high of 2.8 in 2002.
- Ohio's ratio is similar to the nation's (2.4 in 2005, National Center for Health Statistics).

**Neonatal Mortality Rate** is defined as the number of deaths of children **under 28 days of age**, per 1,000 live births (National Center for Health Statistics).



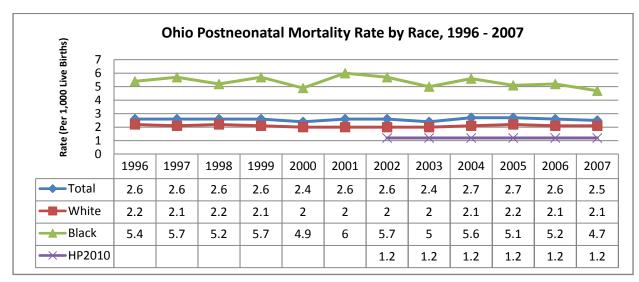
Source: Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics

- Neonatal mortality rates in Ohio have remained relatively stable between 1996 and 2007.
- The rate rose for both whites and blacks in 2005, but decreased in 2006 and 2007.
- Ohio is far from meeting the Healthy People 2010 Objective of 2.9.
- Ohio's neonatal mortality rate is worse than the nation's (4.54 per 1,000 live births in 2005, National Center for Health Statistics).

The leading causes of neonatal mortality are the same for Ohio and the United States:

- Congenital anomalies
- Prematurity/low birth weight

**Postneonatal Mortality Rate** is defined as the number of deaths of children that occur between **28 days** and **365 days after birth**, per 1,000 live births (National Center for Health Statistics).



- Postneonatal mortality rates in Ohio have remained relatively stable between 1996 and 2007.
- The rate rose for both whites and blacks in 2005, but decreased in 2006 and 2007.
- Ohio is far from meeting the Health People 2010 Objective of 1.2.
- Ohio's Postneonatal Mortality Rate is worse than the nation's (2.34 per 1,000 live births in 2005, National Center for Health Statistics).

The leading causes of postneonatal mortality are the same for Ohio and the United States:

- Sudden infant death syndrome
- Congenital anomalies