Maternal Health Statistics and Policies

**PENNSYLVANIA FACT SHEET**

**Births by insurance type**
- Private: 56%
- Medicaid: 34%
- Self Pay: 4%
- Other: 6%

**Births by race-ethnicity**
- Non-Hispanic White: 66%
- Non-Hispanic Black: 13%
- Hispanic or Latino: 12%
- Indigenous: 0.2%

**143,230 births¹ each year**

**Maternal mortality**
- **Maternal mortality ratio**
  - 2019: 29 per 100,000 births²
  - 2.5x more likely for Black people compared to white people³

**Maternal mortality**
- 1 to 42 days postpartum: 18%
- 43+ days postpartum: 58%
- 76% of pregnancy-related deaths in Pennsylvania occur postpartum⁴

**Pennsylvania Medicaid income eligibility thresholds**
- % of Federal Poverty Level
  - Low-income adults/parents: 138%
  - Pregnant women: 220%
  - Children: 319%

**Key Medicaid policies and other initiatives adopted by Pennsylvania to promote maternal-child health**
- **Adopted**
  - ACA Medicaid expansion⁵
  - Medicaid unborn child option⁶
  - State maternal mortality review committee⁷

- **Not adopted**
  - State perinatal quality collaborative⁸

- **Active**
  - Postpartum uninsurance rate for Medicaid births⁹: 10.5%

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