Maternal Health Statistics and Policies
NYC FACT SHEET

105,403 births¹ each year

**Births by insurance type¹**
- Private: 40%
- Medicaid: 57%
- Other: 2%
- Self Pay: 1%

**Births by race-ethnicity¹**
- Non-Hispanic White: 33%
- Non-Hispanic Black: 19%
- Hispanic or Latino: 29%
- Indigenous: 0.2%

Maternal mortality

**Maternal mortality ratio 2019**
- 42 per 100,000 births²

- Black people in NYC are **3.6x more likely** to die from pregnancy-related causes compared to Hispanic people and **7.7x more likely** compared to white people³

- 6.6 per 100,000 births
- 14.4 per 100,000 births
- 51 per 100,000 births

- Less than 42 days postpartum: 66%
- 43+ days postpartum: 14%

- 80% of pregnancy-related deaths in NYC occur postpartum³

- Antepartum or intrapartum: 20%

**NY state Medicaid income eligibility thresholds⁴**

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Key Medicaid policies and other initiatives adopted by NY state to promote maternal-child health

**Adopted**
- ACA Medicaid expansion⁴
- Medicaid unborn child option⁵
- State maternal mortality review committee⁶

**Not adopted**
- State perinatal quality collaborative⁷

**Active**
- Postpartum uninsurance rate for Medicaid births⁸
- 10.5%

References: 1 CDC 2019  2 CDC 2019  3 NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 2011-15  4 KFF 2021  5 KFF 2021  6 Guttmacher 2021  7 CDC 2021  8 Daw 2021. This work is undertaken as part of the Columbia World Project Leveraging Policy to Improve Maternal Health in the Fourth Trimester/Columbia University.