Maternal Health Statistics and Policies  
**PENNSYLVANIA FACT SHEET**

**143,230 births** each year

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

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

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**Maternal mortality**

Maternal mortality ratio 2019
- 29 per 100,000 births

Black people in Pennsylvania are **2.5x more likely** to die from pregnancy-related causes compared to white people³

- White people: 8.9 per 100,000 births
- Black people: 22 per 100,000 births

1 to 42 days postpartum: 18%
43+ days postpartum: 58%

Antepartum or intrapartum: 24%

76% of pregnancy-related deaths in Pennsylvania occur postpartum⁴

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**Pennsylvania Medicaid income eligibility thresholds**

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**Key Medicaid policies and other initiatives adopted by Pennsylvania to promote maternal-child health**

- ACA Medicaid expansion⁵
- Medicaid unborn child option⁶
- State maternal mortality review committee⁷

- Adopted
- Not adopted
- Active

- State perinatal quality collaborative⁸
- 10.5% Postpartum uninsurance rate for Medicaid births⁹

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