Maternal Health Statistics and Policies

UTAH FACT SHEET

46,826 births\(^1\) each year

**Births by insurance type\(^1\)**
- Private: 64%
- Medicaid: 22%
- Self Pay: 6%
- Other: 8%

**Births by race-ethnicity\(^4\)**
- Non-Hispanic White: 71%
- Non-Hispanic Black: 1%
- Hispanic or Latino: 17%
- Indigenous: 1%

**Maternal mortality**

**Maternal mortality ratio**
- 2019
- 30 per 100,000 births\(^2\)
- 92% Preventable
- 8% Not preventable

Preventable pregnancy-related deaths in Utah are **11.5x more likely** compared to not preventable deaths\(^3\)

1 to 42 days postpartum: 18%

43+ days postpartum: 65%

83% of pregnancy-related deaths in Utah occur postpartum\(^3\)

Antepartum or intrapartum: 18%

**Utah Medicaid income eligibility thresholds\(^4\)**

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<td>Low-income adults/parents</td>
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<td>Pregnant women</td>
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<td>Children</td>
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**Key Medicaid policies and other initiatives adopted by Utah to promote maternal-child health**

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| Postpartum uninsurance rate for Medicaid births\(^8\) | 33.4% |

References:
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5. KFF 2021
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