Infant Mortality

All infants remain at risk through the first year of life

Infants that die in Michigan are disproportionately:
- premature with low birth weight
- born to mothers on Medicaid
- infants of color
- the result of unintended pregnancies

2012 Infant Mortality Rates
number of infants that die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births

Michigan's infant mortality rate 6.9 vs. National infant mortality rate 6.1

Michigan ranks last nationally in maternal mortality rate of women who die while pregnant or within one year of giving birth

What’s being done
- Establishing perinatal regions
  Led by the Michigan Department of Community Health, developing a working system to direct the delivery of babies to the most appropriate facilities, equipped to address mother and baby’s needs.
- Michigan Infant Mortality Reduction Plan
  Created by a collaborative group of stakeholders at the request of Gov. Snyder and the MDCH.

What needs to be done
- Stress strategies to improve the pre-conception health of women
- Support all evidence-based strategies to reduce pre-term births
- Promote safe sleep practices
- Expansion of home visiting parent coaching and support programs

More recommendations at childhealthfacts michigan.org