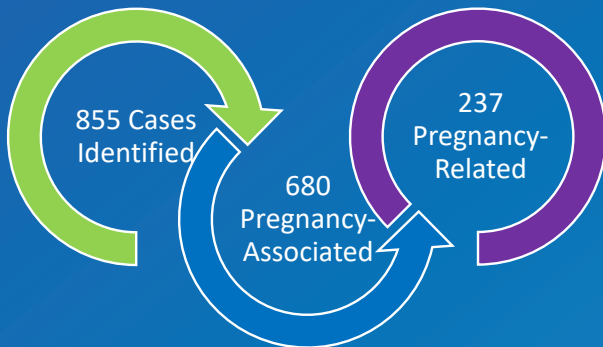


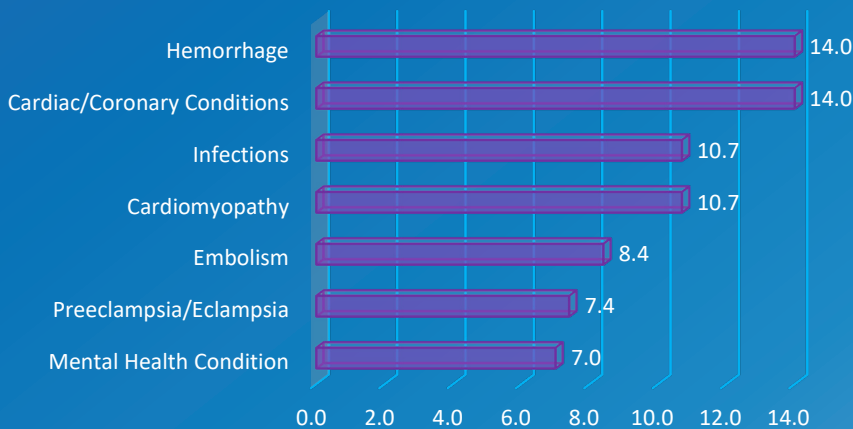
Dying for a Baby: Maternal Mortality in Nine States*

The birth of a child can bring both overwhelming joy and profound fear. The first time a mother holds her newborn brings emotions that she has never experienced before; however, for all too many women, they are deprived of this experience and their children are deprived of their mothers. Here in New Jersey and nationwide, women are dying during pregnancy, delivery, and in the year after birth.

Pregnancy Relatedness



Leading Causes Death



Timing of Death



38%
While
Pregnant



45%
Within
42 Days



18%
42 Days
to 1 Year

Mortality Facts

63%

of All Deaths are
Preventable

42%

of All Deaths are
Women 35-44
Years-of-Age

1.7x

Risk of Pregnancy-Related
Deaths are 1.7 times
greater for African
Americans than Whites

37%

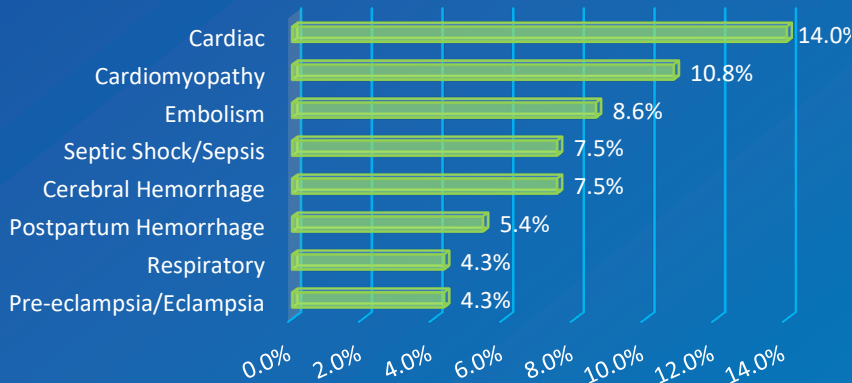
of Contributing Factors were
Patient/Family Factors

55%

of Contributing Factors were
Provider or Systems of Care

Maternal Mortality in The Garden State*

Leading Causes Death



Similar to rates in other states, Cardiac Conditions is the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths; however, postpartum hemorrhage rates are lower in New Jersey with only 5.4% of pregnancy-related deaths caused from postpartum hemorrhage

Timing of Death



9%
While Pregnant



59%
Within 42 Days

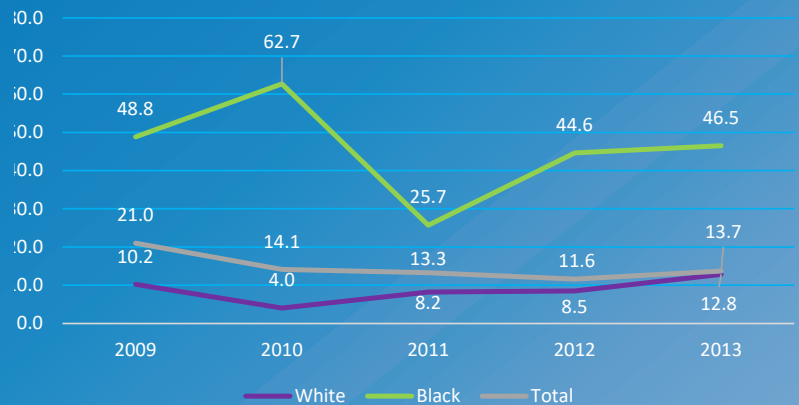


32%
42 Days to 1 Year

Racial Disparities

In New Jersey, African Americans are at 4 times greater risk of Pregnancy-Related Maternal Mortality than their White counterparts. For Black women, the rate of Maternal Mortality has increased in the past three years while for White women the rate has remained relatively stable.

Pregnancy-Related Mortality Rate by Race



Recommendations

Case Identification

Public Health/Vital Statistics

Screening and Intervention

Universal screening for postpartum depression

Universal screening for domestic violence

Treatment for Drug Use

Clinical Practice and Education

Reproductive Live Planning and Treatment of

Women with Chronic Disease

Importance of Simulation Training

Recognition and Rapid Response for Postpartum Hemorrhage

Pregnancy Testing for All Women of Childbearing Age in Emergency Room Departments

Consumer Education

Medication Education for All Consumers

*New Jersey Department of Health's Maternal Mortality Review Program. (2016). Trends in Statewide Maternal Mortality: 2009-2013. Retrieved from http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/maternalchild/documents/nj_maternal_mortality_trends_2009_2013.pdf