The overall infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births prior to age one) decreased from 7.7 in 2010 (1,064 infant deaths) to 6.9 in 2019 (929 infant deaths).

In 2019, the black infant mortality rate was 14.3, nearly three times the white infant mortality rate of 5.1.

During the past decade, the white infant mortality rate has been below the overall rate every year, while the Hispanic rate has fluctuated. The black rate has consistently remained above the overall rate every year of the past decade.

In 2019, 10.5% of all births in Ohio were preterm (less than 37 weeks). The percent of preterm births for blacks is much higher than for whites - 14.1% compared to 9.6%. The U.S. preterm births mirror this trend.

66% of all infants who died were born preterm. Of these, 35% were born before 24 weeks.

29% of all infant deaths were attributed to prematurity.

Data sources: Ohio Department of Health, Kaiser Family Foundation

*All Races includes other races, such as Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American, as well as cases where race is unknown.