

# Michigan Feto-Infant Mortality Rate, 2016

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## Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) Phase 2: Michigan Feto-Infant Mortality Rate, 2016

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The following slides contain updated 2016 feto-infant mortality rates for the State of Michigan using the Perinatal Periods of Risk (PPOR) approach. These slides contain PPOR Phase 2 results.

## Phase 2 Steps

- Causal Pathway
- Risk and Preventative Factors
- Impact

### Strategy:

- Eliminate factors that are unlikely to be contributing
- Find and target known factors that are likely to be contributing

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Phase 2 involves performing a systematic set of statistical analyses on health indicators relevant to preconception and prenatal care for both the reference group and the particular target group identified in Phase I. Overall, the second phase of the PPOR analysis focuses on explaining why the excess mortality occurred between the two groups.

In phase 2, the analytic methods include the following three steps:

1. Identification of causal pathways or biologic mechanisms of excess mortality
2. Estimation of the prevalence of risk and preventive factors by mechanism type
3. Estimation of the impact of these risk and preventive factors.

The analytic method strategy includes

- Eliminating factors from consideration that are unlikely to be contributing.
- Finding and targeting factors that are likely to be contributing.

## Causal Pathway

- What causes of death are more common in the population with excess mortality?
- Which appears to be contributing the most to excess mortality?
- Can patterns in mortality disparities help us to understand causes?

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In order to identify the causal pathway, we need to answer the following three questions:

1. What causes of death are more common in the population with excess mortality?
2. Which appears to be contributing the most to this excess mortality?
3. Can patterns in mortality disparities help us to understand the causes of this excess mortality?

## Risk & Preventive Factors

- What are **known** primary risk and preventive factors associated with the causes?
- Which of these factors exhibits disparities?

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In order to estimate the prevalence of risk and preventive factors by mechanism type, we need to know

1. What are the **known** primary risk and preventive factors associated with the causes?
2. Which of these factors exhibits disparities?

## Impact

- Estimate the impact of:
  - Each factor on excess mortality
  - The potential impact of changing the factor.

Helps to prioritize among the factors contributing to excess mortality.

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Estimating the impact of each factor on excess mortality and the potential impact of changing the factor can help to prioritize among the factors contributing to excess mortality.

## Cause of Death

- Based on the underlying cause of death as listed on the death certificate.
- Categorized as follows:

Cause of Death	ICD-10 code
Congenital Anomaly	All 'Q'
Other	All others not listed
Perinatal conditions	All 'P'
Sleep-related	'R95', 'R99' & 'W84'
Infection	All 'J'
Injury	All 'V' & above excludes 'W84'

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Based on the underlying cause of death as listed on the death certificate, the cause of death was categorized as a congenital anomaly (ICD-10 coded as all "Q"), perinatal conditions (ICD-10 coded as all "P"), sleep-related (ICD-10 coded as all "R95", "R99" & "W84"), an infection (ICD-10 coded as all "J"), an injury (ICD-10 coded as all "V" and above excluding "W84"), or other (ICD-10 coded as all others not listed here).

## Infant Mortality by Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016

	Frequency	State	Reference	Excess Rate
<b>Congenital Anomaly</b>	144	1.27	1.03	0.24
<b>Other</b>	56	0.49	0.20	0.29
<b>Perinatal conditions</b>	172	1.52	1.05	0.47
<b>Sleep-related</b>	104	0.92	0.31	0.61
<b>Infection</b>	14	0.12	0.05	0.07
<b>Injury</b>	38	0.34	0.20	0.13
<b>Total</b>	528	4.66	2.85	1.81

\*Infant deaths > 20 weeks of gestation and > 500 grams birthweight.

\*Using Michigan 2016 reference: White non-Hispanic, 20-<40 years old and (>13 years education or using private insurance at delivery).

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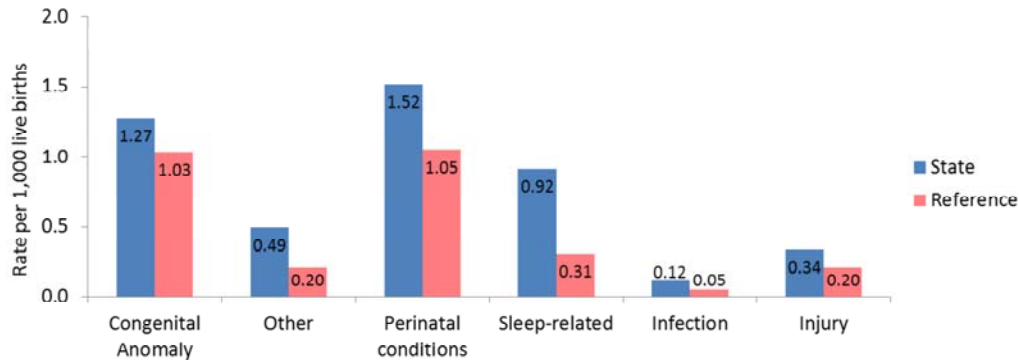
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The CSMR for sleep-related causes in the target group is 0.61 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. Put another way, the CSMR of sleep-related causes is roughly as 3 times ( $0.92/0.31$ ) in the target group as in the reference group. The CSMR for perinatal conditions in the target group is 0.47 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for congenital anomalies in the target group is 0.24 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for other causes in the target group is 0.29 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for infections in the target group is 0.07 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for injuries in the target group is 0.13 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group.



## Infant Mortality by Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016



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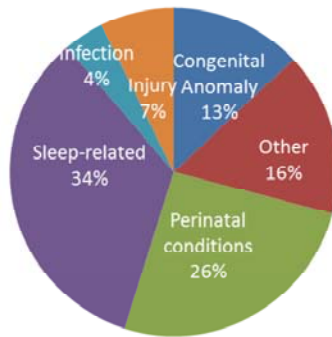
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In the target group, the CSMR for perinatal conditions (1.64 per 1,000 live births) was higher than that of the other identified causes, followed by congenital anomalies (1.27 per 1,000 live births), and sleep-related causes (1.08 per 1,000 live births). In the reference group, the CSMR for perinatal conditions (1.14 per 1,000 live births) was higher than that of the other identified causes, followed by congenital anomalies (0.95 per 1,000 live births), and sleep-related causes (0.46 per 1,000 live births).

## Excess Cause-Specific Infant Mortality, Michigan, 2016



\*Infant deaths > 20 weeks gestation and > 500 grams birthweight.

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The CSMR for sleep-related causes accounted for 34% of the excess infant mortality; perinatal conditions accounted for 26%; congenital anomalies accounted for 13%; other causes accounted for 16%; infections accounted for 4%; and injuries accounted for 7%.

## Infant Mortality during the Maternal Health/Prematurity Period by Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016

	Frequency	State	Reference	Excess Rate
<b>Congenital Anomaly</b>	31	0.27	0.22	0.05
<b>Other</b>	16	0.14	0.03	0.11
<b>Perinatal conditions</b>	118	1.04	0.71	0.33
<b>Sleep-related</b>	4	0.04	0.02	0.02
<b>Infection</b>	4	0.04	0.00	0.04
<b>Injury</b>	2	0.02	0.00	0.02
<b>Total</b>	175	1.54	0.98	0.56

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During the maternal health and prematurity period, the CSMR for perinatal conditions in the target group is 0.33 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. Put another way, the CSMR for perinatal conditions is roughly as 1.6 times ( $1.14/0.71$ ) in the target group as in the reference group. The CSMR for congenital anomalies in the target group is 0.05 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for other causes in the target group is 0.11 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for sleep-related causes in the target group is 0.02 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for infections in the target group is 0.04 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for injuries in the target group is 0.02 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group.

## Classification of Perinatal causes

Cause	ICD-10
Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	P01
Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	P02
Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	P07
Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	P20-P21
Respiratory Distress of newborn	P22
Bacterial Sepsis of newborn	P36

- Based on Classification of Perinatal cause of death, NCHS, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestat/infantmort/infantmort.htm#footnotes3>

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If the "P01" ICD-10 code is noted, the cause is classified as newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy. If the "P02" ICD-10 code is noted, the cause is classified as newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes. If the "P07" ICD-10 code is noted, the cause is classified as a disorder related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified. If the "P20" or "P21" ICD-10 codes are noted, the cause is classified as intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia. If the "P22" ICD-10 code is noted, the cause is classified as respiratory distress of the newborn. Finally, if the "P36" ICD-10 code is noted, the cause is classified as bacterial sepsis of the newborn.

## Infant Mortality during the Maternal Health/Prematurity Period by Perinatal Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016

	Frequency	State	Reference	Excess Rate
Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	8	0.07	0.07	0.00
Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	4	0.04	0.02	0.02
Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	33	0.29	0.15	0.14
Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	3	0.03	0.02	0.01
Respiratory Distress of newborn	13	0.11	0.08	0.03
Bacterial Sepsis of newborn	9	0.08	0.05	0.03
All Others	48	0.42	0.32	0.10

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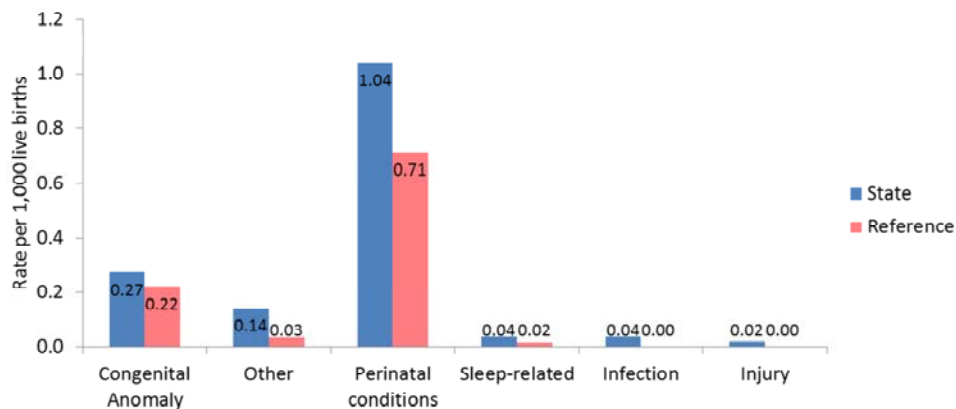
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During the maternal health and prematurity period, the CSMR for disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight (not elsewhere classified) in the target group is 0.14 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for newborns affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes in the target group is 0.02 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for respiratory distress of the newborn in the target group is 0.03 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group. The CSMR for intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia in the target group is 0.01 per 1,000 live births higher than in the reference group.

## Infant Mortality during the Maternal Health/Prematurity Period by Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016



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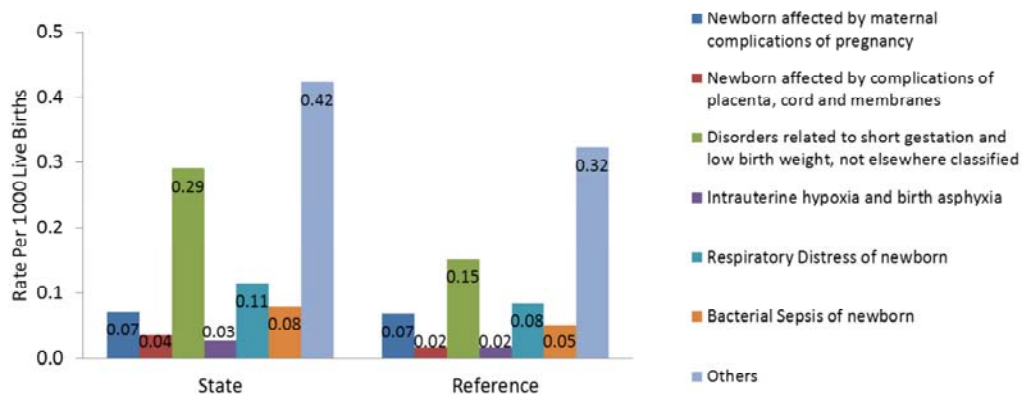
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During the maternal health and prematurity period, for the target group, the CSMR for perinatal conditions (1.04 per 1,000 live births) was higher than that of other identified causes, followed by the CSMR for congenital anomalies (0.27 per 1,000 live births), and the CSMR for other causes (0.14 per 1,000 live births). During the maternal health and prematurity period, for the reference group, the CSMR for perinatal conditions (0.71 per 1,000 live births) was higher than that of other identified causes, followed by the CSMR for congenital anomalies (0.22 per 1,000 live births), and the CSMR for other causes (0.03 per 1,000 live births).

## Infant Mortality during the Maternal Health/Prematurity Period by Perinatal Cause of Death, Michigan, 2016



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During the maternal health and prematurity period, for the target group, the CSMR for disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight (not elsewhere classified) [0.29 per 1,000 live births] was higher than that of other identified causes, followed by the CSMR for newborns affected by complications of the placenta, cord and membranes (0.11 per 1,000 live births), followed by the CSMR for respiratory distress of the newborn (0.11 per 1,000 live births), and the CSMR for bacterial sepsis of the newborn (0.08 per 1,000 live births). During the maternal health and prematurity period, for the reference group, the CSMR for disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight (not elsewhere classified) [0.15 per 1,000 live births] was higher than that of other identified causes, followed by the CSMR for respiratory distress of the newborn (0.08 per 1,000 live births), and the CSMR for newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy (0.07 per 1,000 live births).

## PPOR Phase 2: Kitagawa Analysis

Identify causal pathways or biologic mechanisms  
for excess mortality

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The next several slides contain updated PPOR Phase 2 results for the State of Michigan. These slides focus on the use of Kitagawa analyses to identify causal pathways or biologic mechanisms for excess mortality,



*PPOR Phase 2:*

Identify causal pathways or biologic mechanisms for excess mortality

*Cause of very low birthweight fetal and infant deaths is*

- Multifactorial
- Complex
- Inconsistent
- Varies by training

ICD-10 Cause of Death Codes may not capture all deaths related to prematurity and low birth weight.

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This slide shows the PPOR Phase 2 analysis to identify causal pathways or biologic mechanisms for excess mortality for the State of Michigan.

Analyses for the maternal health and prematurity periods approach this step differently from the other PPOR periods due to the fact that The underlying causes of death for fetal and infant deaths born weighing less than 1,500 grams are usually multifactorial, complex, and inconsistent. Furthermore, reporting varies by the perinatal capability of the hospital reporting and the clinical training of the certifier.

*PPOR Phase 2:*

Identify causal pathways or biologic mechanisms for excess mortality

**KITAGAWA ANALYSIS**

A more useful alternative is using Kitagawa's formula\* to algebraically partition excess mortality into two portions:

1. **birthweight distribution**
2. **birthweight specific mortality**

\*Kitagawa, E.M. (1955). Components of a difference between two rates. *J Am Stat Assoc.*, 50(272), 1168-1194.

Data source: Michigan resident live birth files, infant mortality files and fetal death files, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS

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This slide shows the Kitagawa analysis for identifying causal pathways or biologic mechanisms for excess mortality. **KITAGAWA ANALYSIS** is a more useful alternative because it uses the Kitagawa formula to algebraically partition excess mortality into two portions: **birthweight distribution** and **birthweight specific mortality**.

In Phase 2 of the analysis, where excess mortality is concentrated in the Maternal Health/Prematurity period, teams may want to use the Kitagawa method to explore whether excess deaths are due to birth weight-specific mortality (the mortality rate of infants born in a specific birth weight range) or to birth weight distribution (the frequency of low and very low birth weight births). Kitagawa quantifies the relative contribution of the birth weight-specific mortality rate and the birth weight distribution to the total change in feto-infant mortality rates, where both may be changing simultaneously.

## KITAGAWA'S FORMULA

$$MR_1 - MR_2 = \sum_1^n \left( \left( \frac{(P_{1n} + P_{2n})}{2} \times (M_{1n} - M_{2n}) \right) + \left( \frac{(M_{1n} + M_{2n})}{2} \times (P_{1n} - P_{2n}) \right) \right)$$

**{Overall difference} = {Birthweight-specific mortality} + {Frequency of lower birthweights}**

where:  $n$  = Number of birthweight categories (birthweight "strata")

$MR_1$  = Overall fetio-infant mortality rate for high (target) mortality group

$MR_2$  = Overall fetio-infant mortality rate for the reference group

$P_{1n}$  = Proportion of births for a specific birthweight category for the high mortality group

$P_{2n}$  = Proportion of births for a specific birthweight category for the reference group

$M_{1n}$  = Birthweight specific mortality rate for high mortality group

$M_{2n}$  = Birthweight specific mortality rate for the reference group

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This slide shows Kitagawa's formula. This partitioning is helpful because the factors and services that generally affect birthweight distribution are different from the factors and services that affect birthweight-specific mortality rates.

Partitioning excess deaths using the Kitagawa method can help states, counties, urban areas, tribes or regions to focus their intervention efforts. Teams that find a high frequency of very low birth weight births contributing to excess mortality may choose to examine risk factors associated with very low birth weight/preterm birth. Teams that find larger excess mortality due to higher birth weight-specific mortality may choose to examine aspects of their perinatal care system that may be contributing to higher birth weight-specific infant mortality rates.

## Kitagawa Analyses, Michigan, 2012-2016

Table 1: Target Population

Birthweight	# Live Births	# Infant Deaths	# Fetal Deaths (24+ weeks)
0-499	1,247	1,048	218
500-749	1,503	576	202
750-999	1,658	185	155
1,000-1,249	1,974	120	119
1,250-1,499	2,417	113	110
1,500-1,999	9,448	266	224
2,000-2,499	29,596	321	233
2,500+	519,436	1,200	513
Unknown	206	43	77
Total	567,485	3,872	1,851

Data source: Michigan resident live birth files, infant mortality files and fetal death files, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS

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This slide shows the 2012-2016 Kitagawa analysis results in the target population for the State of Michigan.

There are nine birth weight categories (in grams): 0-499; 500-749; 750-999; 1,000-1,249; 1,250-1,499; 1,500-1,999; 2,000-2,499; 2,500+; unknown. For each birthweight category, we get the number of live births, the number of infant deaths and the number of fetal deaths (24+ weeks of gestation) for the target population. For Kitagawa analysis, the 0-499 grams and unknown birthweight categories were excluded.

## Kitagawa Analyses (Michigan 2012-2016)

Table 2: Reference Population

Birthweight	# Live Births	# Infant Deaths	# Fetal Deaths (24+ weeks)
0-499	317	289	79
500-749	461	176	72
750-999	560	56	49
1,000-1,249	743	48	41
1,250-1,499	932	47	43
1,500-1,999	3,744	93	78
2,000-2,499	11,442	102	93
2,500+	272,569	375	252
Unknown	94	14	26
Total	290,862	1,200	733

Reference population: Michigan White non-Hispanic, 20 <40 years old and (>13 years education or intending to use private insurance at delivery) 2012-2016.

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There are nine birth weight categories (in grams) : 0-499; 500-749; 750-999; 1,000-1,249; 1,250-1,499; 1,500-1,999; 2,000-2,499; 2,500+; unknown. For each birthweight category, we get the number of live births, the number of infant deaths and the number of fetal deaths (24+ weeks of gestation) for the reference population. For Kitagawa analysis, the 0-499 grams and unknown birthweight categories were excluded.

## Feto-Infant Mortality:

### Birthweight Distribution and Birthweight-Specific Mortality

Table 3: Birthweight Distribution & Birthweight-Specific Mortality  
Population Group 1 =Target Population

Birthweight	# Live Births & Fetal Deaths	# Feto-Infant Deaths	Birthweight Distribution	Feto-Infant Mortality Rates
500-749	1,705	778	0.3%	456.3
750-999	1,813	340	0.3%	187.5
1,000-1,249	2,093	239	0.4%	114.2
1,250-1,499	2,527	223	0.4%	88.2
1,500-1,999	9,672	490	1.7%	50.7
2,000-2,499	29,829	554	5.3%	18.6
2,500+	519,949	1,713	91.6%	3.3
Total	567,588	4,337	100.0%	7.6

Data source: Michigan resident live birth files, infant mortality files and fetal death files, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS

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This slide shows the birth-weight-specific mortality rates, the frequency of low birth-weight, the birth-weight distribution, and the feto-infant mortality rates in the target population. In the target population, the number of live births, fetal deaths, and feto-infant deaths were entered, and the birthweight distribution and birth-weight-specific mortality rates were calculated.

- For the 500-749 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 456.3 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 750-999 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 187.5 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,000-1,249 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.4% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 114.2 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,250-1,499 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.4% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 88.2 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,500-1,999 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 1.7% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 50.7 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 2,000-2,499 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 5.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 18.6 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 2,500+ grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 91.6% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 3.3 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

For the whole target population, the feto-infant mortality rate was 7.6 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

## Feto-Infant Mortality: Birthweight Distribution and Birthweight-Specific Mortality

Table 4: Birthweight Distribution & Birthweight-Specific Mortality  
Population Group 2 =Reference Population

Birthweight	# Live Births & Fetal Deaths	# Feto-Infant Deaths	Birthweight Distribution	Feto-Infant Mortality Rates
500-749	533	248	0.2%	465.3
750-999	609	105	0.2%	172.4
1,000-1,249	784	89	0.3%	113.5
1,250-1,499	975	90	0.3%	92.3
1,500-1,999	3,822	171	1.3%	44.7
2,000-2,499	11,535	195	4.0%	16.9
2,500+	272,821	627	93.7%	2.3
Total	291,079	1,525	100.0%	5.2

Reference population: Michigan White non-Hispanic, 20-40 years old and (>13 years education or intending to use private insurance at delivery, 2012-2016).

Data source: Michigan resident live birth files, infant mortality files and fetal death files, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS

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This slide shows the birth-weight-specific mortality rates, the frequency of low birth-weight, the birth-weight distribution, and the feto-infant mortality rates in the reference population. In the reference population, the number of live births, fetal deaths, and feto-infant deaths were entered, and the birthweight distribution and birth-weight-specific mortality rates were calculated.

- For the 500-749 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.2% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 465.3 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 750-999 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.2% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 172.4 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,000-1,249 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 113.5 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,250-1,499 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 0.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 92.3 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 1,500-1,999 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 1.3% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 44.7 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 2,000-2,499 grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 4.0% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 16.9 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- For the 2,500+ grams birthweight category, birthweight accounted for 93.7% and the feto-infant mortality rate was 2.3 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

For the whole reference population, the feto-infant mortality rate was 5.2 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

## Feto-Infant Mortality:

### Birthweight Distribution and Birthweight-Specific Mortality

Table 5: Excess Mortality - Effects of the Birthweight Distribution and of the Birthweight-Specific Mortality

Birthweight	Actual Contribution to the Difference in Excess Mortality Rates			Percentage Contribution to the Difference in Excess Mortality Rates		
	Birthweight Distribution	Feto-Infant Mortality Rates	Total	Birthweight Distribution	Feto-Infant Mortality Rates	Total
500-749	0.54	-0.02	0.52	22.5%	-0.9%	21.6%
750-999	0.20	0.04	0.24	8.3%	1.7%	9.9%
1,000-1,249	0.11	0.00	0.12	4.7%	0.1%	4.8%
1,250-1,499	0.10	-0.02	0.08	4.1%	-0.7%	3.5%
1,500-1,999	0.19	0.09	0.28	7.8%	3.7%	11.5%
2,000-2,499	0.23	0.08	0.31	9.5%	3.2%	12.7%
2,500+	-0.06	0.92	0.86	-2.5%	38.4%	36.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>MH/Prem.</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>39.8%</b>

Reference population: Michigan White non-Hispanic, 20-<40 years old and (>13 years education or intending to use private insurance at delivery, 2012-2016).

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This slide shows the birth weight-specific components for the absolute difference in overall feto-infant mortality rates between the target and reference populations due to birth weight distribution and feto-infant mortality rates, and birth weight-specific components for the absolute difference in overall feto-infant mortality rates between populations due to birth weight distribution and feto-infant mortality rates. The reference population is White non-Hispanic Michigan women, over 20 years and less than 40 years old, with at least 13 years education or are intending to use private insurance at delivery.

In the left side of Table 5, the Kitagawa formula was applied to estimate the effects of the two components contributing to the overall difference of 2.40 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

- The contribution of 500-749 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.52 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- The contribution of 750-999 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.24 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- The contribution of 1,000-1,249 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.12 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- The contribution of 1,250-1,499 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.08 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- The contribution of 1,500-1,999 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.28 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.
- The contribution of 2,000-2,499 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality



rate was 0.31 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

- The contribution of 2,500+ grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 0.86 per 1,000 live births and fetal deaths.

In the right side of Table 5, the Kitagawa formula was then applied to estimate the percentage of excess mortality due to birth-weight distribution (VLBW Births) and the percentage of excess due to high birth-weight-specific mortality rates (Perinatal Care).

- The contribution of 500-749 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 21.6%.
- The contribution of 750-999 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 9.9%.
- The contribution of 1,000-1,249 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 4.8%.
- The contribution of 1,250-1,499 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 3.5%.
- The contribution of 1,500-1,999 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 11.5%.
- The contribution of 2,000-2,499 grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 12.7%.
- The contribution of 2,500+ grams births and fetal deaths to the overall excess mortality rate was 36.0%.

The “Total” column represents the contribution of births and fetal deaths of each birth-weight class to the overall excess mortality rate. According to Table 5, the birth-weight distribution for the 2500+ gram birth-weight class served as the largest contributor (0.86) to the overall excess. The second largest contribution was among the 500-749 gram birth-weight class (0.52). The overall VLBW contribution is the sum of the totals from the birth-weight classes of less than 1500 grams, that is,  $0.52 + 0.24 + 0.12 + 0.08 = 0.96$ .

The numbers from Table 5 were converted to percentages of the overall excess by dividing each of them by 2.40. These percentages are displayed in Table 5.

Of the overall excess of 2.40, the majority (54.5%) can be attributed to the birth-weight distribution in the target group. The high rate of live births and fetal deaths in the 500-749 gram birth-weight class for the birthweight distribution column alone contributed 21.6% to the overall excess. Consequently, in addressing excess deaths in the Maternal Health/Prematurity category, attention should be directed toward reducing the percentage of very low birth-weight. In other words, the VLBW births path should be exercised.

## Feto-Infant Mortality:

### Birthweight Distribution and Birthweight-Specific Mortality

1. The birth-weight-specific mortality rates and frequency of low birth-weight, the birth-weight distribution and feto-infant mortality rates were calculated for both the target group and the reference group.

Table 3 & 4: The birth-weight-specific mortality rates are less stable: in the lowest four birth-weight classes, the target and reference group both have survival advantage (i.e., the feto-infant mortality rate in the target group is less than the reference group despite an overall higher feto-infant mortality rate in the target group). The survival advantage for the reference group is very pronounced in the highest three birth-weight classes with the mortality rate for the reference group at normal birth-weight (2.3 per 1000 live births) being 1.4 times lower compared to the target group (3.3 per 1000 live births). The absolute difference in the overall feto-infant mortality rates is 2.4 (i.e.,  $MR1 - MR2 = 7.6 - 5.2 = 2.4$ ).

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Table 5: 36.0% of excess mortality is among normal birthweight babies (2,500-6,499 grams); 24.2% of excess mortality is among low birthweight babies(1,500-2,499 grams); 39.8% of excess mortality is among very low birthweight babies (500-1,499 grams).

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This slides shows the summary results of the Kitagawa analysis.

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## PPOR Phase 2: Population Attributable Risk (PAR) or Fraction (PARF)

Estimate the impact of the risk and preventive factors

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The next several slides contain updated PPOR Phase 2 results for the State of Michigan. These results focus on the population attributable risk or fraction in order to estimate the impact of the risk and preventive factors.

## PPOR Phase 2

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- Compares rate for the whole population to the rate for those WITHOUT the risk factor
- Based on rate difference or (equivalently) on relative risk and prevalence of the exposure for the whole population.
- Interpretation: *“Percent of the population that would be prevented from the poor outcome if the risk factor were eliminated from the entire population.”*
- Relevant to estimating overall impact and cost.

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## PPOR Phase 2

Estimate the impact of the risk and preventive factors

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- Account for both the magnitude of association and the prevalence of risk in the population.
- Address the question: What if the whole population had the lower risk that the low-risk group now enjoys?
- Are relevant to estimating overall impact and cost.
- Helpful for quantifying importance of factors on a population rather than individual scale.
- Not just attributable fraction among exposed but for entire population.

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## PPOR Phase 2

Estimate the impact of the risk and preventive factors

### Population Attributable Risk (PAR) or Fraction (PARF)

	"Disease"	Not "Disease"	All
Exposed	a	b	$n_1$
Unexposed	c	d	$n_2$
All	a+c	b+d	$n_0$

$$P_1 = a/n_1 \text{ (rate of disease in high risk group)}$$

$$P_2 = c/n_2 \text{ (rate of disease in low risk group)}$$

$$P_0 = (a+c)/n_0 \text{ (rate of disease in whole population)}$$

$$PAR = p_0 - p_2 = (p_1 - p_2) * n_1 / n_0$$

$$PARF = (p_0 - p_2) / p_0 \text{ (x100 to get percent)}$$

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## Infant Mortality Population Attributable Risk Fraction, Michigan, 2016

	P	RR	AR	ARF	PAR	PARF
Preterm Birth (<37 weeks)	0.101	16.94	0.0391	0.9410	0.0040	61.78%
Very Low Birthweight (<1,500 grams)	0.015	68.32	0.2128	0.9854	0.0032	50.23%
Delivery payment: Medicaid	0.431	2.12	0.0048	0.5288	0.0021	32.60%
Infant admitted to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0.078	7.01	0.0257	0.8573	0.0020	31.83%
Pre-Pregnancy BMI Obese	0.291	1.88	0.0047	0.4685	0.0014	20.41%
Kotelchuck Index Inadequate	0.142	2.32	0.0065	0.5681	0.0009	15.73%
Kotelchuck Index Adequate Plus	0.431	1.30	0.0016	0.2316	0.0007	11.49%
Maternal Smoking	0.185	1.61	0.0033	0.3772	0.0006	10.08%
Moderately Low Birthweight (1500-<2,500 grams)	0.071	2.50	0.0086	0.6000	0.0006	9.58%
Maternal Education < High School Diploma	0.115	1.73	0.0041	0.0041	0.0041	7.76%
Other in Household Smoke	0.133	1.56	0.0031	0.3607	0.0004	6.98%
Prenatal Care Began during the 2nd Trimester	0.191	1.39	0.0022	0.2789	0.0004	6.88%
Maternal Age <20 years	0.051	1.63	0.0039	0.3874	0.0002	3.15%
Prenatal Care Began during the 3rd Trimester	0.041	1.30	0.0018	0.2322	0.0001	1.23%

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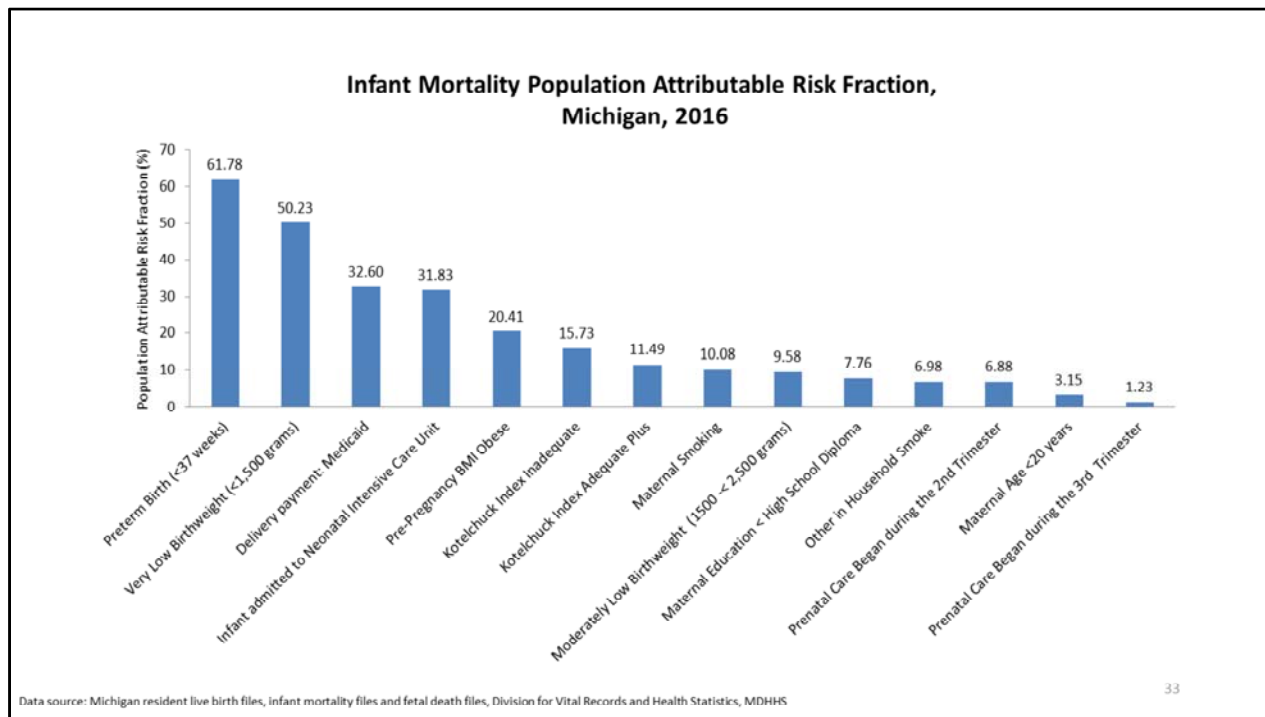
This slide shows the 2016 infant mortality population attributable risk fractions (PARF) for the state of Michigan. These PARFs are unadjusted and multiple factors could be involved.

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This slide shows the 2016 infant mortality population attributable risk fraction for the state of Michigan. Infant deaths would be greatly reduced by eliminating all preterm birth, very low birthweight, using Medicaid as delivery payment, infants admitted to neonatal intensive care unit, obese pre-pregnancy BMI, and so on.

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## Infant Mortality Population Attributable Risk Fraction, Michigan, 2016

### PARF of Race/Ethnicity Disparity

	# Live Birth	# Infant Death	# Survive	If ideal # Infant Death	If ideal # Survive	PARF
White non-Hispanic (reference)	77,221	372	76,849	372	76,849	0.00%
Black non-Hispanic	20,420	262	20,158	101	20,319	<b>44.26%</b>
Hispanic	7,759	50	7,709	38	7,721	13.04%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,327	16	4,311	21	4,306	-14.55%

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This slide shows the 2016 infant mortality population attributable risk fractions for the state of Michigan.

The estimated percent of infant deaths within the population that would be reduced by 44.26% if Black non-Hispanic women were exposed to the same risk of infant mortality as White non-Hispanic women.

The estimated percent of infant deaths within the population that would be reduced by 13.04% if Hispanic women were exposed to the same risk of infant mortality as White non-Hispanic women.

The estimated percent of infant deaths within the population that would be increased 14.55% if Asian/Pacific Islander women were exposed to the same risk of infant mortality as White non-Hispanic women.