

TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DATA BRIEF



INFANT MORTALITY IN TARRANT COUNTY

- In 2022*, the Tarrant County infant mortality rate was **6.08** per 1,000 live births, a **15% decrease** from 2013 and above the Healthy People 2030 goal of 5.0 per 1,000 live births
- Tarrant County had the **fourth highest** infant mortality rate among the nine Texas counties with at least 10,000 live births in 2022*
- The infant mortality rate among **Non-Hispanic Black** residents **decreased 16%** from 2013 to 2022*, but still **remained higher** each year than all other race/ethnicity groups in Tarrant County
- Out of the 71 rankable causes of infant death, **five** were responsible for **more than 60%** of all deaths among Tarrant County infants from 2018-2022*
- **Birth defects** were the leading cause of infant deaths in Tarrant County, responsible for over **1 out of 5** infant deaths from 2018-2022*

Tarrant County's infant mortality rate will need to decrease by 18% to reach the Healthy People 2030 goal

Figure 1. Infant mortality in Tarrant County, Texas, and United States, 2022*

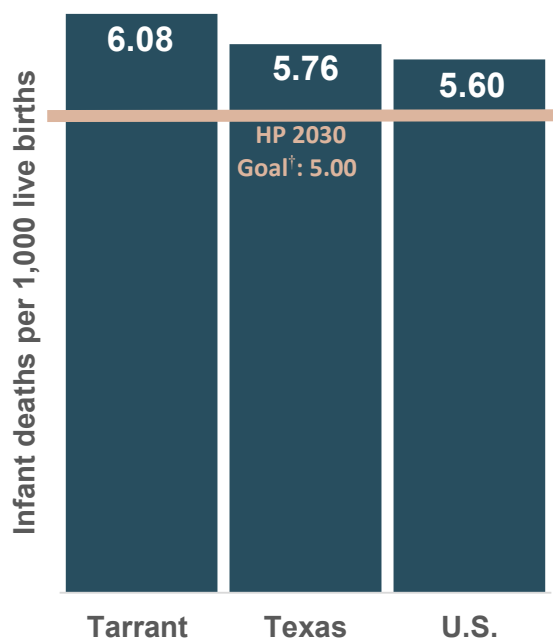
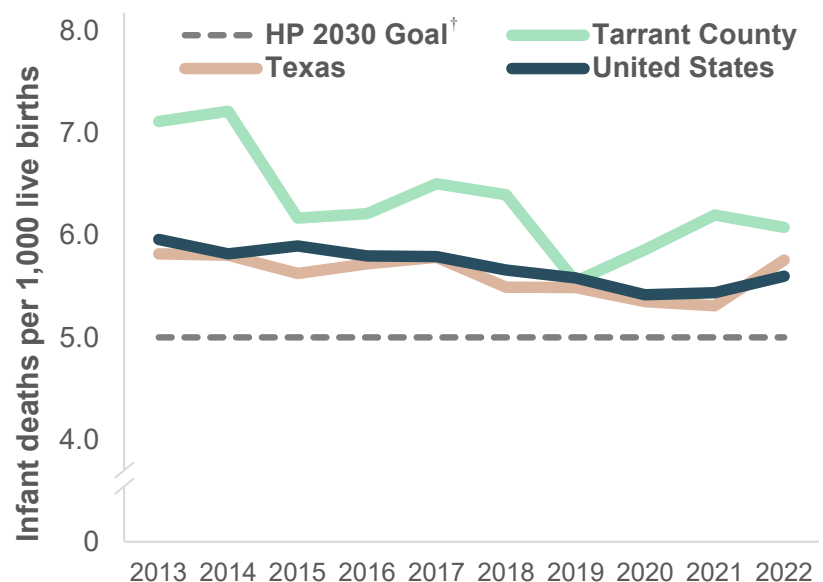


Figure 2. Infant mortality in Tarrant County, Texas, and United States, 2013-2022*



*2022 data are provisional and subject to change, IMR = Infant Mortality Rate = number of deaths among infants less than one year of age per 1,000 live births, †HP 2030 Goal = Healthy People 2030 Objective: decrease infant mortality to 5.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

Data sources: Texas Department of State Health Services
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Figure 3. Infant mortality in Texas counties with 10,000+ live births, 2022*

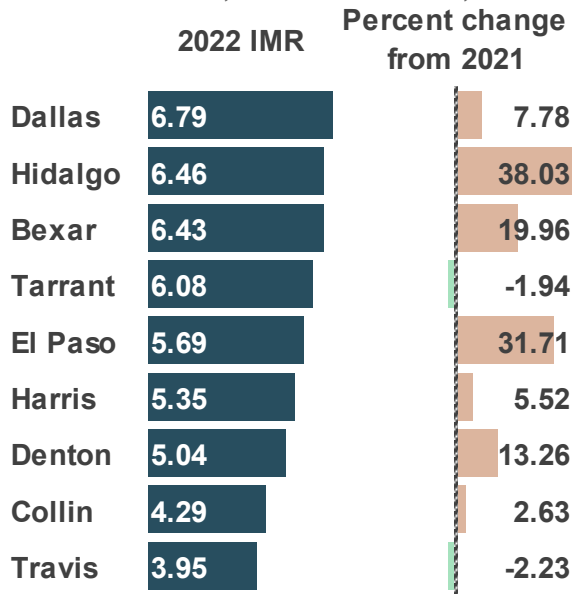


Figure 4. Infant mortality by race/ethnicity among Tarrant County residents, 2013-2022*

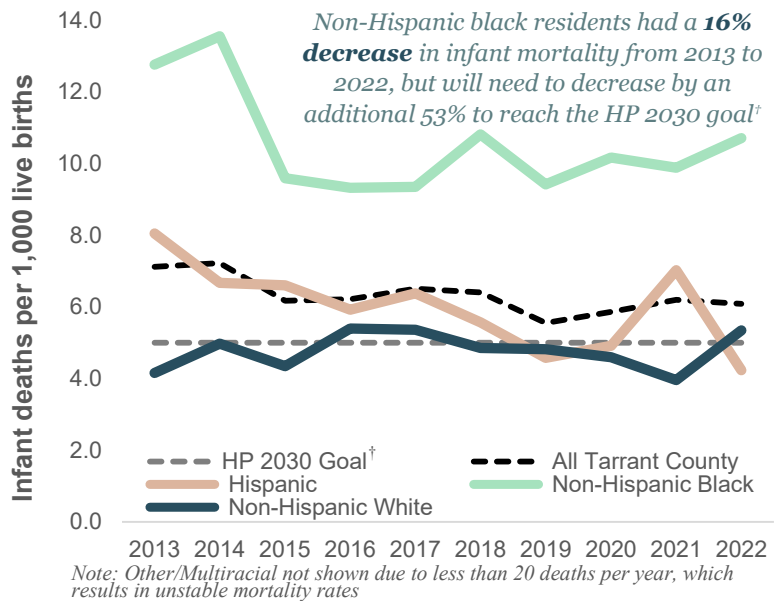
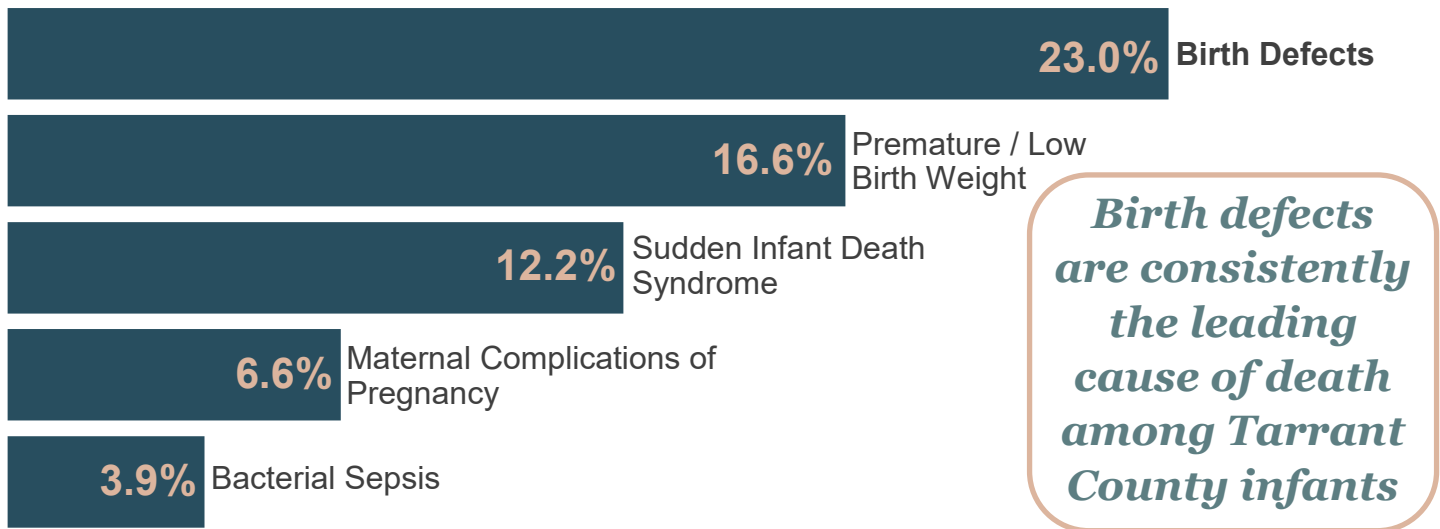


Figure 5. Leading causes of death among Tarrant County infants, 2018-2022*



Resources available at Tarrant County Public Health

Family Health Services:

[www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/public-health/family-health-services.html]

- **Nurse Family Partnership:** Home nurse visits for eligible first time moms throughout their pregnancy and until their baby turns 2 years old
- **WIC:** Helps families eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy
- **Pregnancy Risk Reduction:** Connection to community resources, health & wellness education, and stress management classes for any pregnant person who is at risk of having a preterm birth

Health For Me:

[www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/public-health/family-health-services/chronic-disease-prevention/health-for-me.html]

Self-management class for persons with diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and other chronic conditions

For other community resources: Call 2-1-1

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