

Maternal and Infant Health

Summary:

Orange County performs well on most indicators of Maternal and Infant Health, including having the lowest teen pregnancy rate in the state. However, many disparities exist for these indicators by race and ethnicity. For example, **African American infants are more than three times as likely to die as Non-Hispanic white babies (disparity ratio of 3.2).**

- Performing better than four or more benchmarks
 - ▲ Performing better than two or three benchmarks
 - ◆ Performing better than one or no benchmarks
 - ↕ Positive trend
 - ↕ Negative trend
 - SAME No trend
 - Trend cannot be assessed
 - Significant change from previous that is positive, negative, or indeterminable (grey)
- Benchmarks include Target, Previous, Peer, NC, and US*

Birth Outcomes	Progress Icon	Orange County		Trend		Compare to		
		Current	Target	Previous	Progress	Peer	NC	US
Infant Mortality Rate (/1,000)	▲	5.0	6.3	4.9	↑	1.9	7.3	5.8
% Low Birthweight Babies (<2500 grams)*	●	7%	7%	6%	SAME	8%	9%	8%
% Very Low Birthweight Babies (<1500 grams)*	●	1%	1%	1%	SAME	1%	2%	1%
% Mothers Smoking while pregnant	▲	6%	1%	7%	SAME	4%	10%	10%
% Preterm Births (<37 Wks Gestation)*	●	8%	11%	9%	SAME	9%	10%	10%

Unintended Pregnancy	Progress Icon	Orange County		Trend		Compare to		
		Current	Target	Previous	Progress	Peer	NC	US
Repeat Teen Pregnancy Rate	▲	17%	NA	9%	↑	19%	23%	18%
Teen Pregnancy (Rate/1,000)	●	6.3	NA	9.6	↓	20.1	30.2	24.2

Data Notes:

See the **Public Health Dashboard FAQ Document** for more on data methodology.

Sources: NC SCHS (2014-15), CDC (2013-14)

Data points are the most current measures from multiple sources (available on request).