

# Maternal Mortality

Maternal Mortality is the death of a pregnant person during pregnancy, childbirth, or within the first year postpartum (PAMR).

The maternal mortality rate among Black pregnant people is

**4X**

higher than White.

## Statewide Challenges:

- **32%** of Missouri pregnant people did not begin prenatal care in the first trimester.
- **1 in 3** White people received paid maternity leave, while only **1 in 5** Black people did.

## 2018 Pregnancy-Related Deaths by Race, Missouri

Rate per 100,000 live births



■ **Black (87.6)**  
■ **White (21.9)**

## COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Make mental health care easily available and accessible

Increase providers' ability to care for Black pregnant people

Educate Black women and pregnant people on their patient rights

Providers need to listen to Black pregnant people's experiences and feelings and take them seriously

“ **LISTEN TO BLACK PREGNANT PEOPLE WHEN THEY SAY SOMETHING FEELS OFF** ”

