

All Babies Deserve to Thrive

In St. Louis, Not All Babies Have Equal Access to That Opportunity



How does this compare?

The U.S. national average for infant mortality is actually worse than developing countries like Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

What we found:

We need community members to be engaged in the public process to promote change in the systems and structures that serve all St. Louisans.



Maternal Health Matters

The Infant Mortality Rate for Black women in St. Louis City is 9.3 versus 3.3 for White women



Infant Health Matters

15.6% of babies born to Black women in St. Louis City were low birthweight



Place Matters

There are zip codes in St. Louis with Infant Mortality Rates that are 3x the national average



Equity Matters

137% greater chance of death during the post-neonatal period when born to a Black mother than when born to a White mother



Access to Data Matters

Communities need access to timely, accurate data in order to identify, track, and solve problems that cause Infant Mortality

Small actions can make a big difference:

The structural and systemic change needed to transform St. Louis requires community members to be engaged in the public process to promote change in all the systems that serve them.



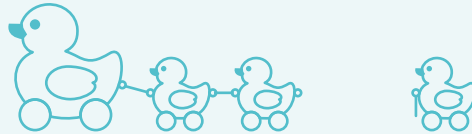
High Infant Mortality rates within any portion of our region's population negatively impacts the health and viability of our region overall.



Many of the issues that contribute to this problem are solvable and/or already have working solutions but require increased visibility, access and support.



To create a healthier, more prosperous region, we must increase focus on existing and new opportunities to reduce infant mortality among our most vulnerable citizens, our babies.



Racial disparities and inequities leave Black babies behind national averages even if the parents have college degrees and strong socio-economic status.

What can you do?

Explore ways to leverage existing and create new resources to help improve opportunities for babies and build a stronger St. Louis in the [Infant Health in Greater St. Louis](#) report today.

Read the full report at flourishstlouis.org/mfh_im_report



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