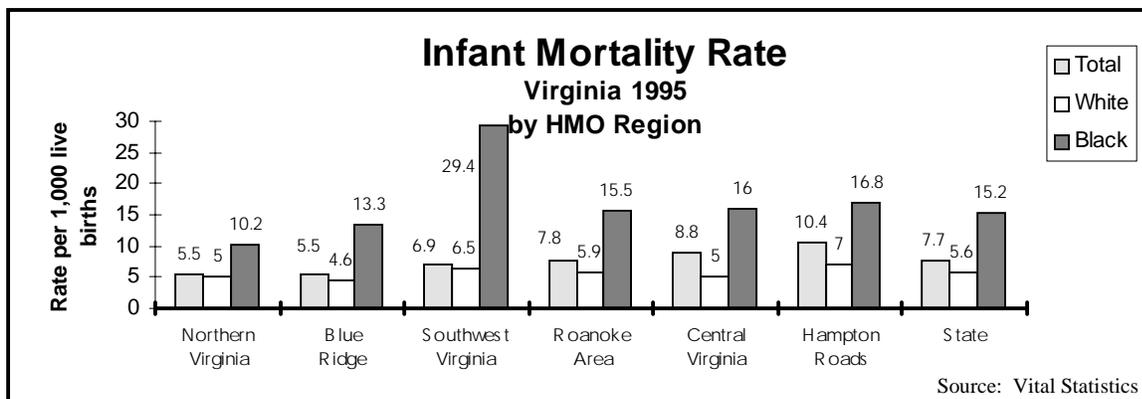
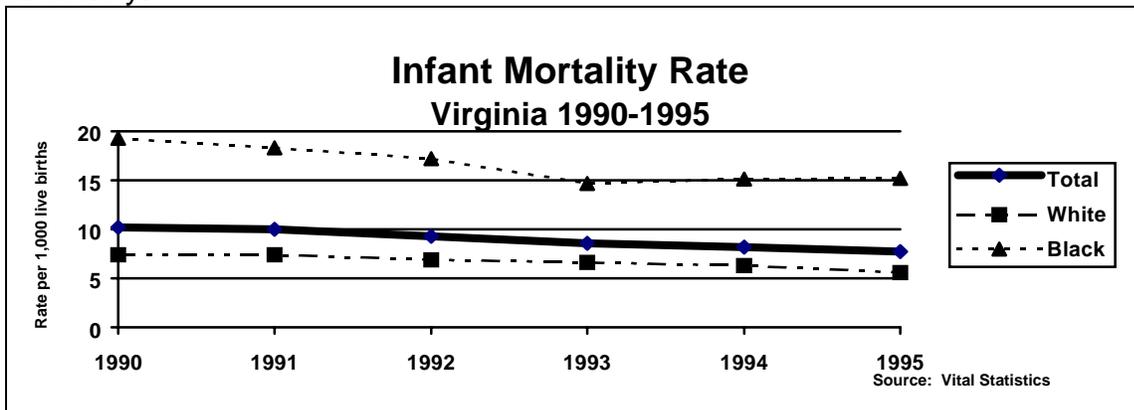


Infant Mortality

Objective: *Reduce the infant mortality rate to no more than 7 per 1,000 live births.*

The infant mortality rate is a reliable indicator of overall infant health and is frequently used as a reference point for defining a society's quality of life. Defined as the number of infants who die between birth and one year of age per 1,000 live births, the total infant mortality rate in Virginia has continued to drop in recent years. In 1995 it was down to 7.7, an all time low for the Commonwealth. While this total rate was just below the United States' provisional rate for that year, the rate for blacks in Virginia has actually risen slightly since 1993, while the rate for whites has continued to decline. Should this trend continue, the disparity between the 1995 rate for the white population of 5.6 and the rate for the black population of 15.2 would become even greater. In order to effectively address this situation, we must do more than rely on the kinds of advances in technology that have been responsible for much of the progress in the reduction of infant mortality during the twentieth century. Continued gains will require the development of increasingly innovative health promotion programs which involve affected constituencies and improved access to care for the most vulnerable members of society.



**Infant Mortality Rate
by Health District, Total Population, Virginia 1995**

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------|--|
| FIRST QUARTILE | Chesterfield | 3.3 | |
| | Hanover | 3.7 | |
| | Loudoun | 4.0 | |
| | Central Shenandoah | 4.7 | |
| | West Piedmont | 4.8 | |
| | Fairfax | 4.9 | |
| | Lenowisco | 5.1 | |
| | Lord Fairfax | 5.1 | |
| | Thomas Jefferson | 5.5 | |
| | <hr/> | | |
| SECOND QUARTILE | Rappahannock/Rapidan | 5.8 | |
| | Alleghany | 5.8 | |
| | Eastern Shore | 5.9 | |
| | Mount Rogers | 6.3 | |
| | Prince William | 6.3 | |
| | Virginia Beach | 6.4 | |
| | Arlington | 6.4 | |
| | Roanoke | 6.6 | |
| | Rappahannock | 6.9 | |
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| THIRD QUARTILE | Alexandria | 7.1 | |
| | Piedmont | 7.7 | |
| | Cumberland Plateau | 8.2 | |
| | New River | 8.4 | |
| | Henrico | 8.5 | |
| | Chesapeake | 9.1 | |
| | Hampton | 9.6 | |
| | Three Rivers | 9.6 | |
| | Western Tidewater | 9.7 | |
| | <hr/> | | |
| FOURTH QUARTILE | Pittsylvania/Danville | 10.6 | |
| | Southside | 11.1 | |
| | Central Virginia | 11.4 | |
| | Portsmouth | 11.9 | |
| | Crater | 13.2 | |
| | Norfolk | 13.8 | |
| | Peninsula | 14.1 | |
| | Richmond | 15.2 | |
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**Virginia 2000
Objective**

7.0 per 1,000

**Virginia Rate
1995**

7.7 per 1,000

**U.S. Rate
1993**

8.4 per 1,000

**Infant Mortality Rate
By Health District, Black Population, Virginia 1995**

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------|---|
| FIRST QUARTILE | Hanover | 0.0 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Virginia 2000 Objective 7.0 per 1,000 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Virginia Rate** 1995 7.7 per 1,000 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> U.S. Rate 1993 8.4 per 1,000 </div> |
| | Loudoun | 0.0 | |
| | Cumberland Plateau | 0.0 | |
| | New River | 0.0 | |
| | Chesterfield | 3.2 | |
| | Thomas Jefferson | 8.2 | |
| | Central Shenandoah | 8.2 | |
| | Eastern Shore | 8.5 | |
| | Fairfax | 9.0 | |
| | | | |
| SECOND QUARTILE | Prince William | 11.3 | |
| | Virginia Beach | 11.3 | |
| | Henrico | 11.7 | |
| | Western Tidewater | 12.4 | |
| | Rappahannock | 12.5 | |
| | West Piedmont | 12.5 | |
| | Piedmont | 13.1 | |
| | Three Rivers | 14.2 | |
| | Rappahannock/Rapidan | 14.2 | |
| | | | |
| THIRD QUARTILE | Arlington | 14.6 | |
| | Roanoke | 14.9 | |
| | Portsmouth | 15.0 | |
| | Alexandria | 15.9 | |
| | Pittsylvania/Danville | 16.5 | |
| | Norfolk | 16.6 | |
| | Southside | 16.7 | |
| | Hampton | 17.2 | |
| | Crater | 18.6 | |
| | | | |
| FOURTH QUARTILE | Richmond | 20.0 | |
| | Central Virginia | 20.3 | |
| | Chesapeake | 21.7 | |
| | Mount Rogers | 23.3 | |
| | Peninsula | 24.3 | |
| | Lord Fairfax | 30.3 | |
| | Alleghany | 36.4 | |
| | Lenowisco | 76.9 | |

Rates per 1,000 live births / Rates or total population

**Infant Mortality Rate
by Health District, White Population, Virginia 1995**

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------|--|
| FIRST QUARTILE | West Piedmont | 2.7 | |
| | Lord Fairfax | 2.9 | |
| | Alexandria | 3.0 | |
| | Chesterfield | 3.4 | |
| | Piedmont | 3.5 | |
| | Roanoke | 3.6 | |
| | Eastern Shore | 3.7 | |
| | Loudoun | 4.1 | |
| | Lenowisco | 4.1 | |
| SECOND QUARTILE | Chesapeake | 4.2 | |
| | Hampton | 4.2 | |
| | Hanover | 4.4 | |
| | Central Shenandoah | 4.6 | |
| | Rappahannock/Rapidan | 4.6 | |
| | Fairfax | 4.7 | |
| | Alleghany | 4.7 | |
| | Richmond | 4.8 | |
| | Thomas Jefferson | 5.1 | |
| THIRD QUARTILE | Virginia Beach | 5.2 | |
| | Prince William | 5.7 | |
| | Pittsylvania/Danville | 5.9 | |
| | Southside | 5.9 | |
| | Mount Rogers | 6.0 | |
| | Arlington | 6.0 | |
| | Rappahannock | 6.5 | |
| | Henrico | 7.7 | |
| | Crater | 7.8 | |
| | Western Tidewater | 7.8 | |
| FOURTH QUARTILE | Three Rivers | 8.0 | |
| | Portsmouth | 8.1 | |
| | Peninsula | 8.2 | |
| | Cumberland Plateau | 8.4 | |
| | Central Virginia | 8.9 | |
| | New River | 9.1 | |
| | Norfolk | 12.0 | |

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| Virginia 2000 Objective |
| 7.0 per 1,000 |

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| Virginia Rate 1995** |
| 7.7 per 1,000 |

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| U.S. Rate 1993 |
| 8.4 per 1,000 |

Rates per 1,000 live births / Rate for total population