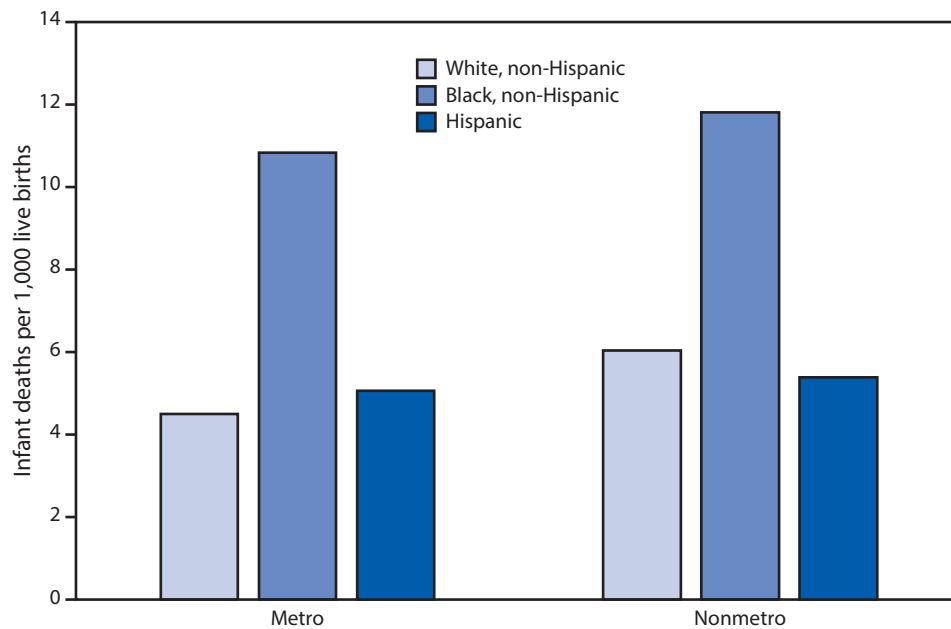


## QuickStats

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## Infant Mortality Rates for Metro and Nonmetro Counties,\* by Race and Hispanic Origin — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2017



\* Urbanization level is based on maternal county of residence. Counties were classified according to their metropolitan status using the National Center for Health Statistics Urban–Rural Classification Scheme ([https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data\\_access/urban\\_rural.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/urban_rural.htm)).

In metropolitan counties, infant mortality rates were lowest for infants of non-Hispanic white mothers (4.50 infant deaths per 1,000 live births), followed by rates for infants of Hispanic mothers (5.08) and highest for infants of non-Hispanic black mothers (10.84). In nonmetropolitan counties, the mortality rate was lowest for infants of Hispanic mothers (5.38) followed by infants of non-Hispanic white mothers (6.05) and highest for infants of non-Hispanic black mothers (11.81). The infant mortality rate was significantly lower for infants of non-Hispanic white women in metro counties compared with nonmetro counties; differences in rates between metro and nonmetro counties for the two other groups were not significant.

**Source:** National Vital Statistics System, Linked birth/infant death period file, 2017.

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