

THE U.S. MATERNAL HEALTH CARE CRISIS

Numbers You Need To Know

In May 2015, Amnesty International launched a one-year update to its groundbreaking report, *Healthy Delivery: The Maternal Health Care Crisis in the USA*. From that update, here are numbers you need to know.

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Countries that have lower maternal mortality ratios than the US

127

Deaths per 100,000 live births

in the US.

3 times as high as the government's Healthy People 2020 target

329%

US cesarean rate in 2009. An all-time high following a 13 consecutive year rise.

21%

In states with cesarean rates higher than 30%, the risk of maternal death is 21% higher than in states with cesarean rates lower than 30%.

34,000

The number of women each year who nearly die from pregnancy-related complications - one every 18 minutes

Care for childbearing women and newborns is by far the number one reason for hospitalization in the US

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2x

The risk of maternal death in high-poverty areas is 2x that in low-poverty areas.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIOS (PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS) BY RACE/ETHNICITY

34

non-Hispanic black

169

American Indian / Alaska Native

11

Asian / Pacific Islander

104

non-Hispanic white

96

Hispanic

African-American women are 3 to 4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

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