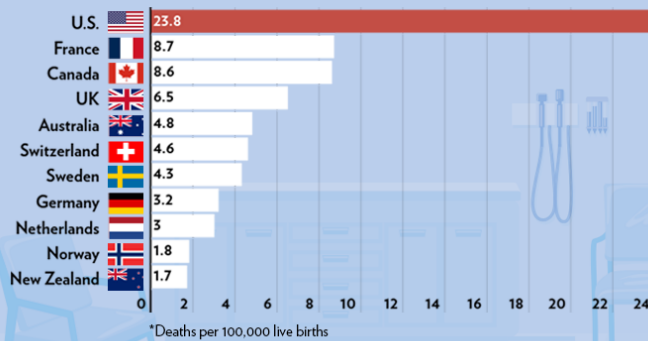


FACT SHEET

Virginia's Response to U.S. Maternal Health Crisis

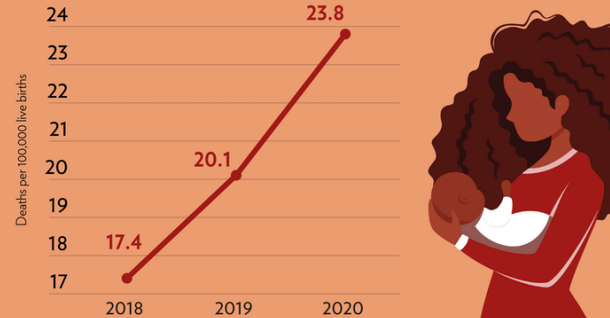
Problem: The higher rates of Black women dying in preventable pregnancy-related deaths than any other group is not another health problem, **it is a maternal health crisis**. Virginia's rate is higher than the national average. It demands a critical response from Virginia legislators to implement proven strategies and new paradigms of maternal care delivery to mitigate preventable deaths.

Maternal Mortality in the U.S. Far Outstrips That of Other Industrialized Nations



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestat/maternal-mortality/2020/maternal-mortality-rates-2020.htm>

The U.S. Maternal Mortality Rate Continues to Increase Substantially



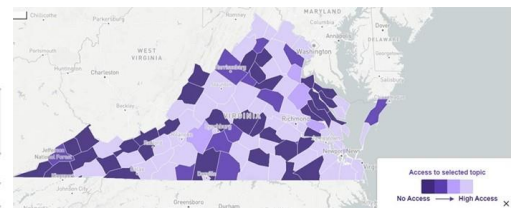
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Table 1. Maternal Events Associated With U.S. Planned Out-of-Hospital Births Versus Hospital Births

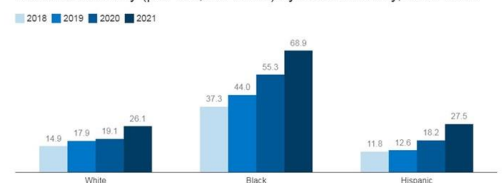
Event	Planned Out-of-Hospital Birth (Events per 1,000 births)	Planned Hospital Birth (Events per 1,000 births)	Adjusted Odds Ratio	95% CI
Labor induction	48	304	0.11	0.09–0.12
Labor augmentation	75	263	0.21	0.19–0.24
Operative vaginal delivery	10	35	0.24	0.17–0.34
Cesarean delivery	53	247	0.18	0.16–0.22
Blood transfusion/hemorrhage	6	4	1.91	1.25–2.93
Severe perineal lacerations	9	13	0.69	0.49–0.98

Abbreviation: CI, confidence interval.

Data from Snowden JM, Tilden EL, Snyder J, Quigley B, Caughey AB, Cheng YW. Planned out-of-hospital birth and birth outcomes. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2642–53.



Maternal Mortality (per 100,000 births) by Race/Ethnicity, 2018-2021



NOTE: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic for this analysis; other groups are non-Hispanic. Other races are not shown due to small numbers. Maternal deaths are defined as deaths that occur while pregnant or within 42 days of being pregnant. The 2021 mortality data are provisional and subject to change; however, the data are based on over 99 percent of deaths for 2021 as of August 2, 2022.

SOURCE: United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), Maternal Health: Outcomes Worsened and Disparities Persisted During the Pandemic, GAO-23-106871 (Washington, D.C., Oct 2022). + PNG

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2023 LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE

ACCESS: HB 1567 Rasoul - Creating Workgroup to Develop Plan to Expand Perinatal Health Hub Model

BIAS: HB 1734 Head & Maldonado/SB 1440 Locke & Hashmi - Establishing Unconscious (Implicit) Bias Training Licensing Criterion for Perinatal Health Care Professionals

COVERAGE: HB 1511 Adams, D./SB 1275 Dunnivant - Authorizing Licensed Midwives to Carry and Administer Medications