

Maternal Death Rate Falls as Racial Gaps Widen

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The [latest report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on maternal mortality rates in the United States reveals a concerning statistic. In 2023, the maternal death rate overall, as well as among specific races, fell below prior year levels, with one notable exception – Black women. The maternal death rate among Black women in 2023 remained essentially the same as 2022, at a rate of approximately 50 per 100,000 births. White women, on the other hand, saw a significant decrease, dropping from a rate of 19 to 14.5 per 100,000 births. Hispanic and Asian women also experienced a significant decrease in maternal mortalities in 2023.