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DESPITE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

THE NEWBORNS OF COLLEGE
EDUCATED BLACK WOMEN STILL
FACE A **GREATER RISK** OF
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COMPARED TO WHITE NEWBORNS



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Despite socioeconomic status, the newborns of college-educated Black women still face a greater risk of being low birthweight when compared to White newborns.

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BLACK WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE UNINSURED

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BLACK WOMEN ARE **3X** more likely to die from a pregnancy related cause than White women.


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The maternal mortality rate for Black women increased from 37 deaths per 100,000 live births to 55.3 deaths per 100,000 live births from 2018 to 2020. In contrast, the rate for White women was 19.1 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020.


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Black women are more likely to be uninsured and face greater financial barriers to prenatal care than White women.

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A recent study found that the infants of Black parents in the top of the income distribution had a rate of low birthweight and preterm birth 1.5 times higher than the infants of White parents in the bottom of the income distribution; and further found that infant mortality for Black infants in the top decile of the income distribution was 23 percent higher than that of White infants in the bottom decile of the income distribution.

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The national average of infant mortality is 5.67 per 1,000 live births, but that rate is nearly double for infants of Black women at 10.75 per 1,000 live births.¹



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Black women are more likely to experience complications throughout the course of their pregnancies than White women.



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Black women experience structural racism in health care delivery, which contributes to significantly higher rates of preventable death compared to other groups.



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Compared to White women, Black women more frequently reported: (1) unfair treatment and disrespect by providers because of their race, (2) no patient autonomy during labor and delivery, and (3) pressure to have a cesarean section.1



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The CDC reports that a Black woman with a higher education degree is 1.6 times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related death as a White or Latina woman with less than a high school diploma.



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Black women are more likely to report having their pain minimized or ignored and have still births more frequently than White women.

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The ongoing infant formula shortage is likely creating serious risk of undernutrition among Black infants, who are less likely to be breastfed.

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Although breastfeeding lowers the risk for developing type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and breast and ovarian cancers, hospitals in Black communities are less likely to promote breastfeeding.

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AMONG MARYLAND'S PREGNANCY RELATED DEATHS

BETWEEN 2010 AND 2018,
BLACK WOMEN EXPERIENCED
POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE AT
DOUBLE THE RATE OF WHITE
WOMEN



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Among Maryland's pregnancy related-deaths from 2010- 2018, Black women hemorrhaged at a rate twice as that compared to White women.



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If you are pregnant in the State of Maryland, the Black Church would like to help you get all the resources you need to bring forth a Beautiful Healthy Black Baby. Please see your Pastor.

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Maryland's Black babies (12.9%) were twice as likely as American Indian/Alaskan Native babies (8.0) to be born preterm during 2019-2021.

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In 2018, Black mothers in Maryland passed away due to childbirth related complications at a rate of 44.6 deaths per 100,000 — 3.7 times higher than White mothers.

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