

WHY WE MUST ADDRESS MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY IN THE UNITED STATES



Every year in the United States

700-900 WOMEN DIE from pregnancy or childbirth-related causes and **some 65,000** nearly die.

In fact, the U.S. has the **WORST maternal death record** in the developed world



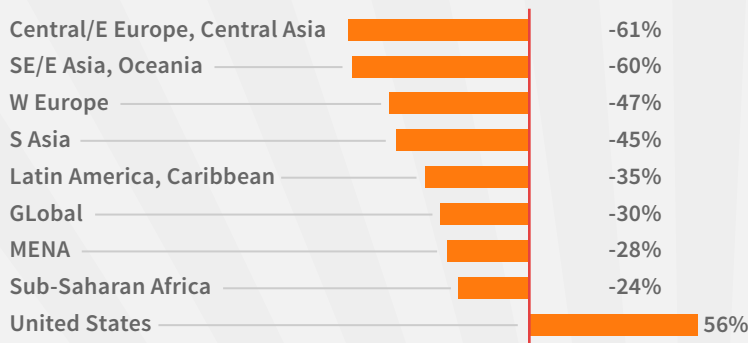
SOURCE [1]

American women are more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than women in other countries, including the **UNITED KINGDOM, LIBYA AND KAZAKHSTAN**



SOURCE [2]

Change in maternal mortality rate (1990-2015)



DATA: Global Health Data Exchange

According to The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation **the U.S. maternal mortality rate has risen by more than 50% between 1990 & 2016.**

BLACK WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE from conditions like hemorrhage and preeclampsia.

Even though they're not more likely to develop these conditions that threaten women's health during childbirth

SOURCE [3]

MORE U.S. WOMEN ARE DYING FROM PREGNANCY & CHILDBIRTH RELATED CAUSES TODAY THAN IN THE PAST 20 YEARS



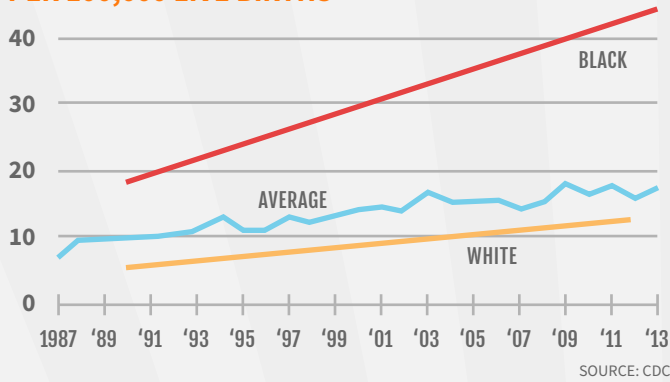
82% of all women have children by the time they're 44 years old

It's the top reason for hospitalization in the U.S.

NEARLY 60% of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable
According to a recent analysis by the CDC Foundation

"As a Black woman, I knew the numbers were especially dire for me. I knew that factors that usually reduce pregnancy and labor risks (under 35 yrs old, high education, high income, diligent prenatal care) would not be enough to counteract the dangers of my race." - Lashonda, Freeport, NY

U.S. MATERNAL DEATH RATE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS



AMERICAN WOMEN ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE than their counterparts in the United Kingdom and Canada, and about eight times more likely than women in the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

SOURCE: VOX

ONE REASON FOR BRITAIN'S LOW FIGURE IS **MANDATORY REVIEW OF EVERY MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND INFANT DEATH TO LOOK FOR IMPROVEMENTS.**

SOURCE [4]



The U.S. doesn't collect consistent data about how, when, and where women are dying - which means that we can't target fixing this growing problem in our nation.

SOURCE [5]



BLACK WOMEN IN THE U.S. ARE 243 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM PREGNANCY RELATED CAUSES THAN WHITE WOMEN

This is independent of parity, age or education. It produces one of the largest racial disparities in women's health.

SOURCE: ProPublica



ON AVERAGE, BLACK WOMEN WITH HIGHER INCOMES & COLLEGE EDUCATIONS HAVE WORSE HEALTH THAN WHITE WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL

SOURCE [6]

"It was discovered that my previous doctor failed to remove a quarter size piece of placenta and that some of my lacerations were repaired incorrectly."

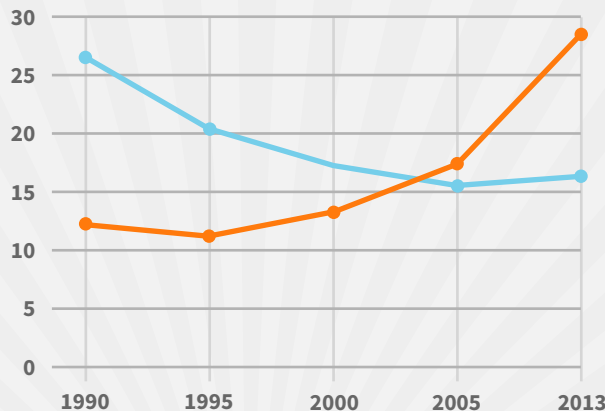
- Karisa, Universal City, TX



AMERICAN WOMEN ARE MORE THAN 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE DURING THE MATERNAL PERIOD THAN CANADIAN WOMEN

MATERNAL DEATH IN THE U.S. ARE ON THE RISE

Maternal mortality ratio (number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births).



- United States
- Developed Regions

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO

- World -45% ↓
- Developed Regions -38% ↓
- Developing Regions -47% ↓
- United States +136% ↑

SOURCE: World Health Organization