

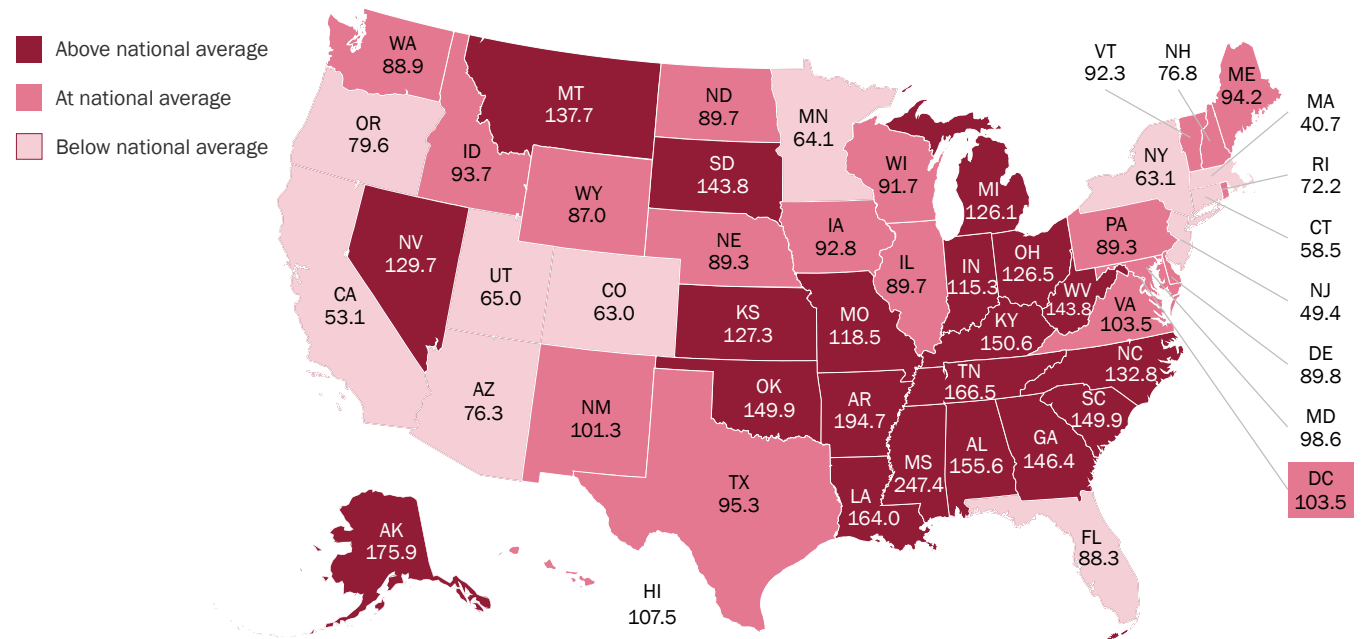
SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATHS

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) comprises sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed, and other deaths from unknown causes. It is the second leading cause of death for infants age less than 1, following congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] WONDER, 2026). The national average for SUID rate was 98.4 per 100,000 infants in 2021-2024. Statistical comparisons of national and state rates using 95% confidence intervals showed:

- **20** states were significantly above the national rate
- **19** states and the District of Columbia were at the national rate (i.e., state rate not statistically different from the national rate)
- **11** states were significantly below the national rate

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Rates Among Infants Aged <1, 2021-2024

Comparison of State Rate to National Rate (98.4 per 100,000 Population)



Data Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, Underlying Cause of Death, 2021-2024

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