

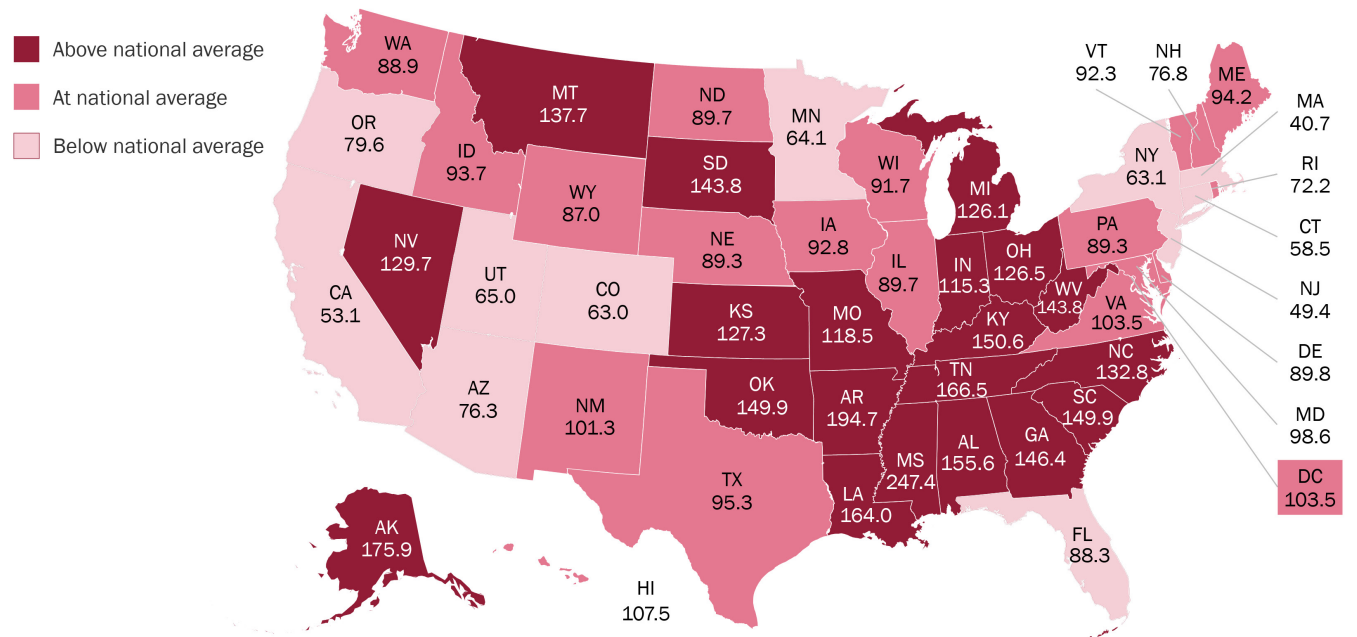
SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATHS

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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SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH RATES PER 100,000 INFANTS, AGES <1 YEAR, US 2021-2024

State	2021-2024 Rate	95% Confidence Interval
US Overall	98.4	(96.8-100.0)
AL	155.6	(139.4-171.7)
AK	175.9	(135.8-224.2)
AZ	76.3	(66.6-86.0)
AR	194.7	(171.6-217.7)
CA	53.1	(49.6-56.6)
CO	63.0	(53.1-72.9)
CT	58.5	(46.5-72.8)
DE	89.8	(63.5-123.2)
DC	103.5	(71.7-144.7)
FL	88.3	(82.1-94.5)
GA	146.4	(135.8-157.1)
HI	107.5	(83.1-136.7)
ID	93.7	(74.6-116.2)
IL	89.7	(81.5-97.9)
IN	115.3	(103.4-127.2)
IA	92.8	(77.2-108.5)
KS	127.3	(108.4-146.2)
KY	150.6	(133.9-167.3)
LA	164.0	(147.1-180.9)
ME	94.2	(68.5-126.5)
MD	98.6	(86.7-110.4)
MA	40.7	(33.2-48.2)
MI	126.1	(115.2-137.0)
MN	64.1	(54.2-74.0)
MS	247.4	(221.1-273.7)

State	2021-2024 Rate	95% Confidence Interval
MO	118.5	(105.6-131.4)
MT	137.7	(105.3-176.9)
NE	89.3	(71.4-110.3)
NV	129.7	(110.2-149.1)
NH	76.8	(54.1-105.9)
NJ	49.4	(42.5-56.2)
NM	101.3	(80.9-125.2)
NY	63.1	(57.7-68.4)
NC	132.8	(122.5-143.2)
ND	89.7	(62.5-124.7)
OH	126.5	(116.8-136.3)
OK	149.9	(132.5-167.3)
OR	79.6	(65.7-93.5)
PA	89.3	(81.1-97.4)
RI	72.2	(48.3-103.6)
SC	149.9	(133.9-165.8)
SD	143.8	(111.0-183.3)
TN	166.5	(152.4-180.6)
TX	95.3	(90.4-100.2)
UT	65.0	(53.3-76.7)
VT	92.3	(55.6-144.2)
VA	103.5	(93.2-113.8)
WA	88.9	(78.7-99.0)
WV	143.8	(116.8-175.3)
WI	91.7	(79.6-103.8)
WY	87.0	(53.9-133.0)

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

Note: A 95% confidence interval (CI) represents a level of certainty about our estimate. If multiple samples were drawn from the same population, and a 95% CI calculated for each sample, we would expect the true population value to fall within 95% of those intervals. CIs are sensitive to variability in the population (spread of values) and sample size.¹ In our analysis, non-overlapping CIs indicated statistically significant differences.

Reference: ¹ A Basic Explanation of Confidence Intervals. census.gov. Published October 8, 2021. Accessed May 12, 2026. <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe/guidance/confidence-intervals.html>.