



MATERNAL MORTALITY: A CASE STUDY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

MATERNAL MORTALITY KEY TERMS

When a pregnant woman or recently pregnant woman dies, the medical community has varying terms to categorize the death that depend upon whether (a) the pregnancy was in any way related to the cause of death and (b) when the death occurred in relation to the pregnancy.

- **Pregnancy-associated death**
Any woman who dies while pregnant or within one year of being pregnant falls into this category, regardless of the cause of death. This is the broadest categorization.
- **Pregnancy-related death**
Any woman who dies while pregnant or within one year of being pregnant and whose cause of death is at least distantly connected to her pregnancy falls into this narrower category.
- **Maternal death**
Any woman who dies while pregnant or within 42 days of being pregnant from non-accidental causes related to being pregnant falls into this narrowest category.

OTHER RELEVANT TERMS

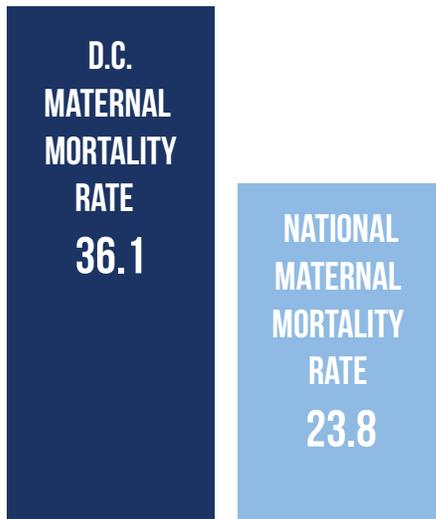
- **Maternal mortality ratio (or rate)**
The number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.
- **Preventable maternal deaths**
Deaths that could have been prevented with adequate attention to the health of the mother before, during, or immediately after pregnancy. Currently, 63.2 percent of deaths contributing to the U.S. maternal mortality rate are preventable maternal deaths.
- **Maternity care desert**
A region in which access to maternity healthcare services is severely limited or entirely absent.
- **Pharmaceutical desert**
A region in which access to a pharmacy is severely limited or entirely absent.
- **Food desert**
A region in which access to nutritious food is severely limited or entirely absent, typically due to a lack of grocery stores.

To view citations and the full report “Maternal Mortality: A Case Study in Washington, D.C.,” visit frc.org/maternalmortality

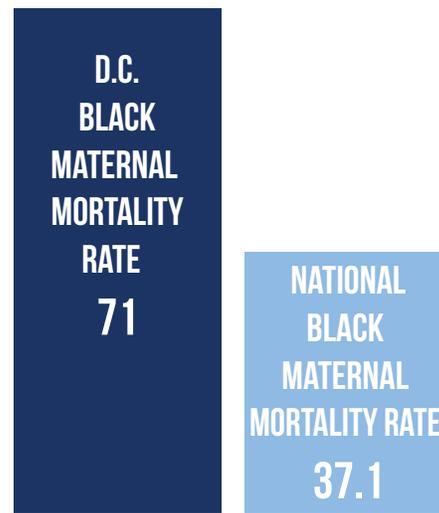
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“ *Abortionists in D.C. can kill unborn children at any point throughout all nine months of pregnancy—and the abortionist does not have to be a doctor.* ”

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE



BLACK MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE



D.C. WARD 7

POPULATION IS **91% BLACK**

ONE OF THE HIGHEST BIRTH RATES IN THE CITY
(16.2)

4 PRENATAL CARE FACILITIES



7 LICENSED PHARMACIES



2 GROCERY STORES



D.C. WARD 2

POPULATION IS **70% WHITE**

LOWEST BIRTH RATE IN THE CITY
(6.2)

12 PRENATAL CARE FACILITIES



36 LICENSED PHARMACIES



12 GROCERY STORES



“ *When the abortion lobby detracts from the maternal mortality issue to champion abortion, they steal resources from the actual problem at hand—lack of access to real health care and nutrition.* ”