

STATE MATERNAL MORTALITY RANKING

- ▶ Mississippi with Second Highest Rate
- ▶ According to the Birth Injury Lawyers Group
- ▶ 70 Deaths Reported from 2018-2022



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Mississippi has second-highest maternal mortality rate in the US, new report shows

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JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi is facing a serious maternal health crisis, ranking second among all U.S. states for the highest maternal mortality rate, according to a new report released this

week.

The study, conducted by the Birth Injury Lawyers Group using Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data from 2018 to 2022, found Mississippi's maternal death rate to be 39.12 deaths per 100,000 live births. This rate is 67% higher than the national average of 23.48.

Over the five-year period, the state recorded 70 maternal deaths out of 178,940 births. These figures highlight significant challenges in maternal health care in Mississippi, which already ranks near the bottom nationally on several health and economic measures.

Experts say many maternal deaths are preventable with timely access to quality health care and proper medical protocols. The high rate in Mississippi underscores the urgent need for improvements in prenatal and postpartum care.

"This data shows a critical gap in maternal health outcomes that must be addressed by state leaders and health care providers," said a spokesperson for the Birth Injury Lawyers Group, which compiled the report.

Mississippi's ranking follows similar findings in other Southern states, reflecting broader regional disparities in maternal health across the country.

The CDC's maternal mortality data is publicly available and regularly updated to monitor trends and inform policy efforts aimed at reducing maternal deaths nationwide.