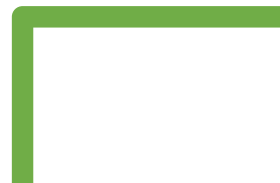


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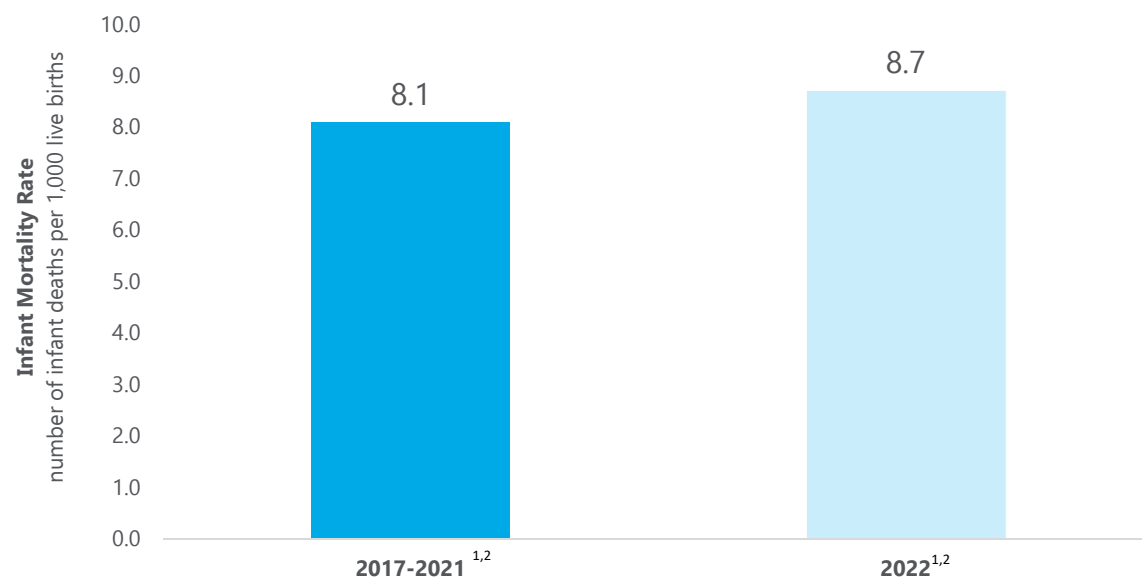
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# Infant Mortality Rate, Hamilton County, 2017-2022



### Key Points:

- In 2022, 89\* infants died in Hamilton County.
- With 10,185 live births, the 2022 Hamilton County infant mortality rate was 8.7 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- Hamilton County is above the state (7.1)<sup>1</sup> and the nation (5.4)<sup>3</sup>.

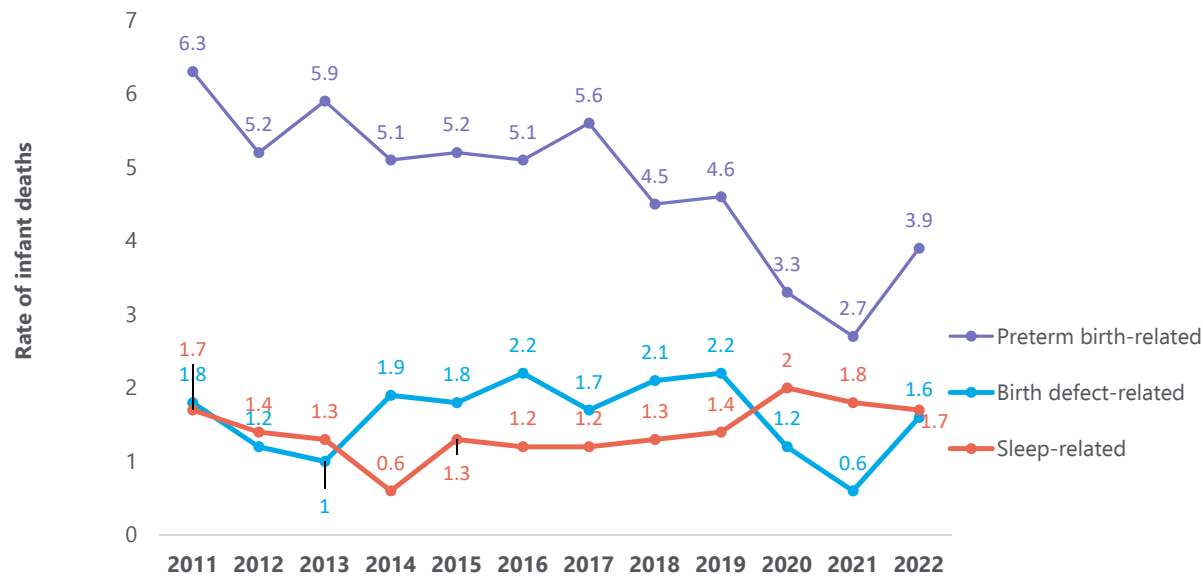
### Note:

- There were 3 infant deaths that were redacted and information was not available for review due to being out of state residents. There are 2 infant deaths pending review.

### Sources:

- 1 Ohio Department of Health (ODH) (2022)
- 2 Hamilton County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)
- 3 National Vital Statistics Reports (CDC) (2020)

# Rates of Leading Causes of Infant Death, Hamilton County, 2011-2022



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- 2022 numbers are preliminary and include 89 total deaths and 10,185 live births for Hamilton County.

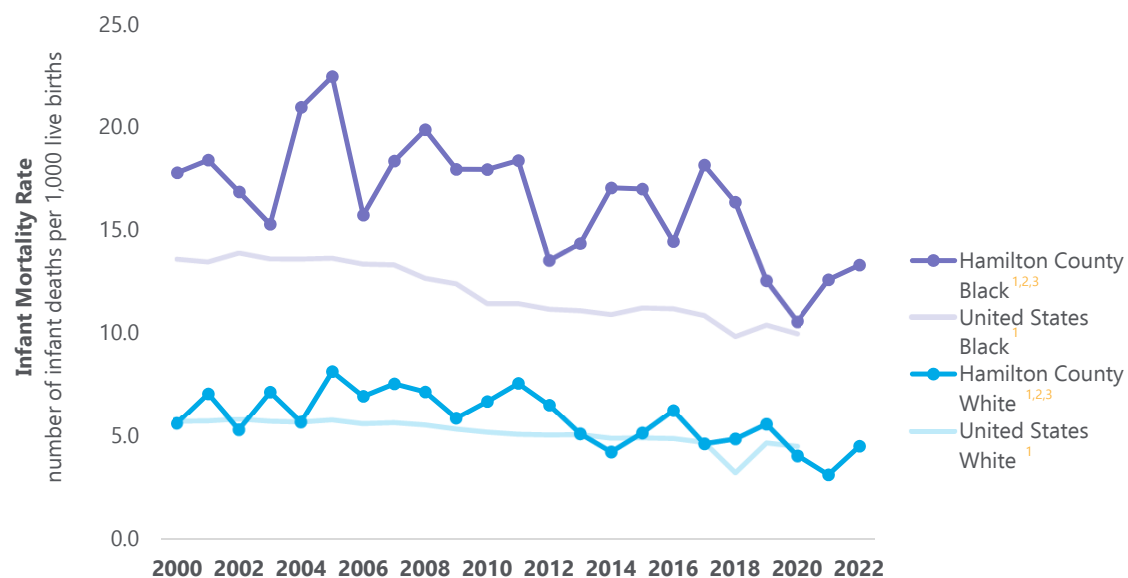
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### Source:

- Hamilton County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

# Racial Disparity in Infant Mortality, Hamilton County and United States, 2000-2022



### Key Point:

- The racial disparity in infant mortality continues in Hamilton County.
- In 2022, Black babies are almost 3 times as likely to die as White babies in our community.

### Notes:

- Black = non-Hispanic Black as defined by mother
- White = non-Hispanic White as defined by mother
- 2021-2022 United States infant mortality by race data not yet released.

### Sources:

- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- <sup>2</sup> Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
- <sup>3</sup> Hamilton County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)



## A collective approach to ending infant mortality

Cradle Cincinnati is a network of community members and organizations working across sectors to measurably improve Hamilton County, Ohio's infant mortality rate and eliminate racial inequities in the health of moms and babies. We bring together services and systems to help moms and, in turn, save babies' lives. Rooted in the collective impact model, our

health and civic partners include community maternity hospital systems, public health departments, social service agencies, and families. We believe there is power in working with many partners and aligning multiple efforts to a common goal: keeping every infant in Hamilton County alive.



**Cradle Cincinnati Connections** is an initiative that provides moms with the immediate help and support they need to care for themselves and their infants.

Cradle Connections comprises a professional group of community health workers, nutritionists, educators, and advisors helping women find and connect with neighborhood services before, during, and after pregnancy. The vital support they provide is as varied as each mom's needs and could include getting the new baby a crib, helping mom schedule and get to and from doctors' appointments, and securing housing.

**Supporting Families**  
This team is a direct service line dedicated to helping families thrive in Cincinnati.



**Amplifying Community Voices**  
This team focuses on amplifying Black women's voices while empowering their ideas and actions.

**Transforming Systems**  
This team carries out groundbreaking work to address the effects of systematic racism on maternal health and well-being.



The **Cradle Cincinnati Learning Collaborative** is a network of healthcare professionals representing hospitals, community health centers, home health agencies, and social support systems. Its goal is to transform prenatal care for women and their families through quality improvement practices.



The **Cradle Cincinnati Policy Committee** comprises community members and local leaders who identify and advocate for local and statewide policy changes that make pregnancy less stressful and healthy living easier.



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**Kings Stand** is a Queens Village brotherhood where Black fathers can grow and support each other in our work toward equity for Black women. This community group holds space for conversation, for fathers to have an outlet from everyday struggles and connect with other fathers who can relate.

# A Collective Approach to Ending Infant Mortality

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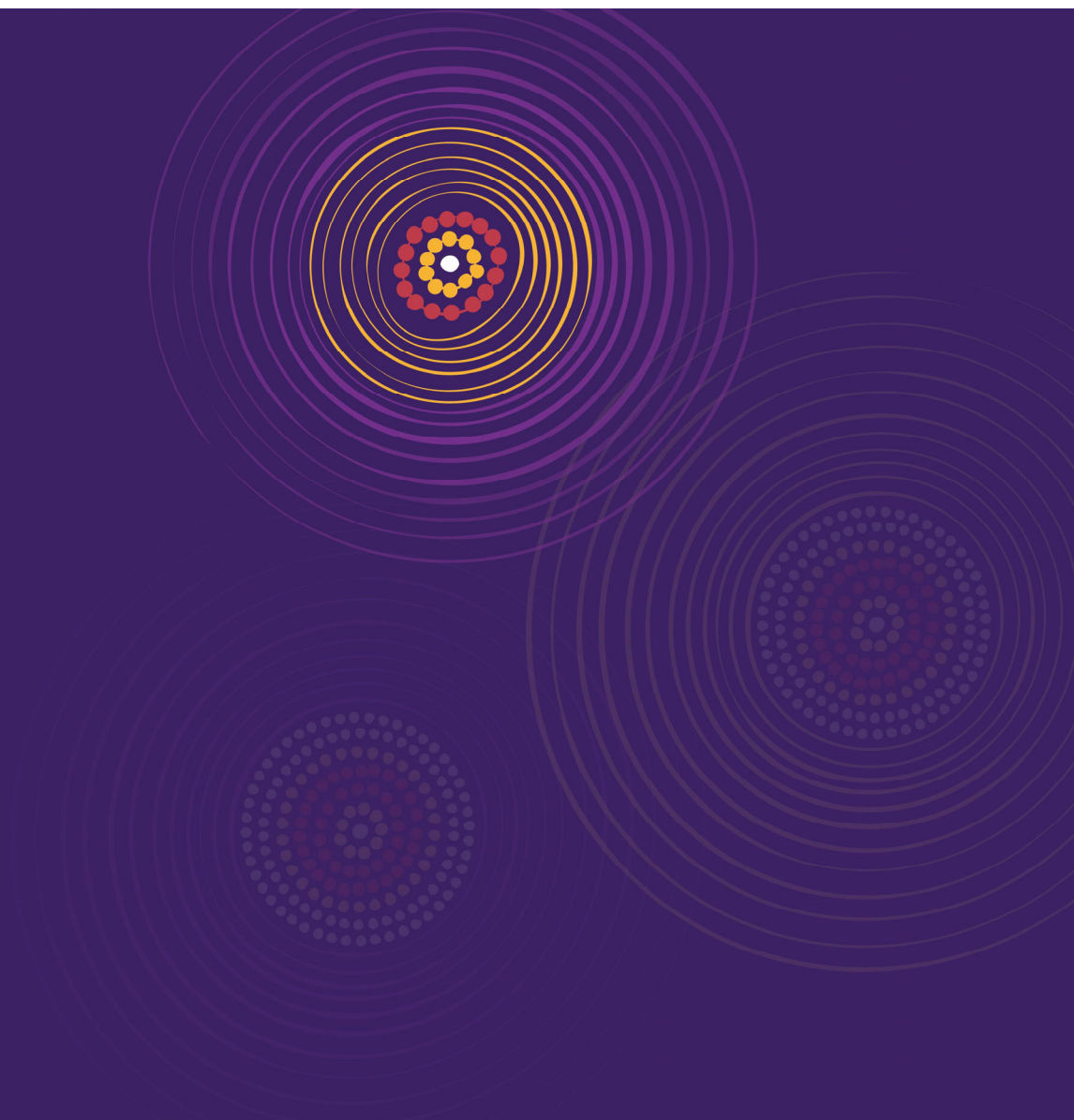
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# Cradle Cincinnati Connections

- Social determinants of health
- Wrap-around services
- Placed-based



Take pause, listen  
and value the voices  
of the black women.





# THE VILLAGE BY THE NUMBERS\*

903  
BLACK  
WOMEN  
ENGAGED

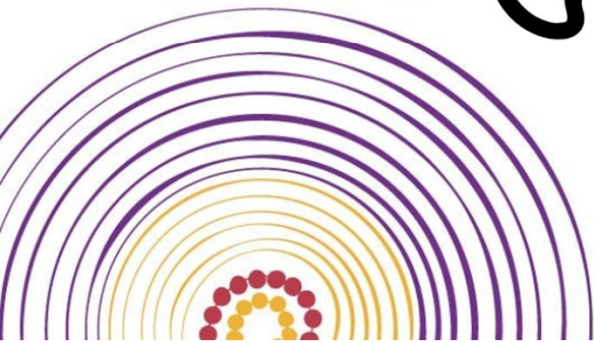
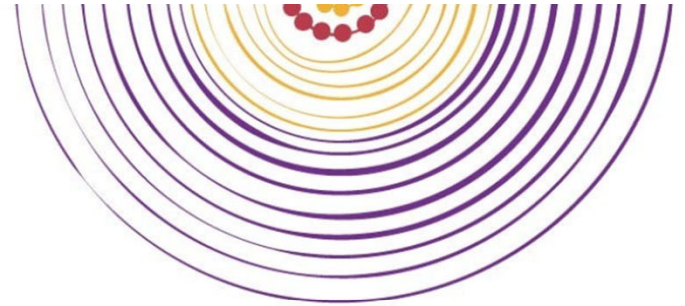
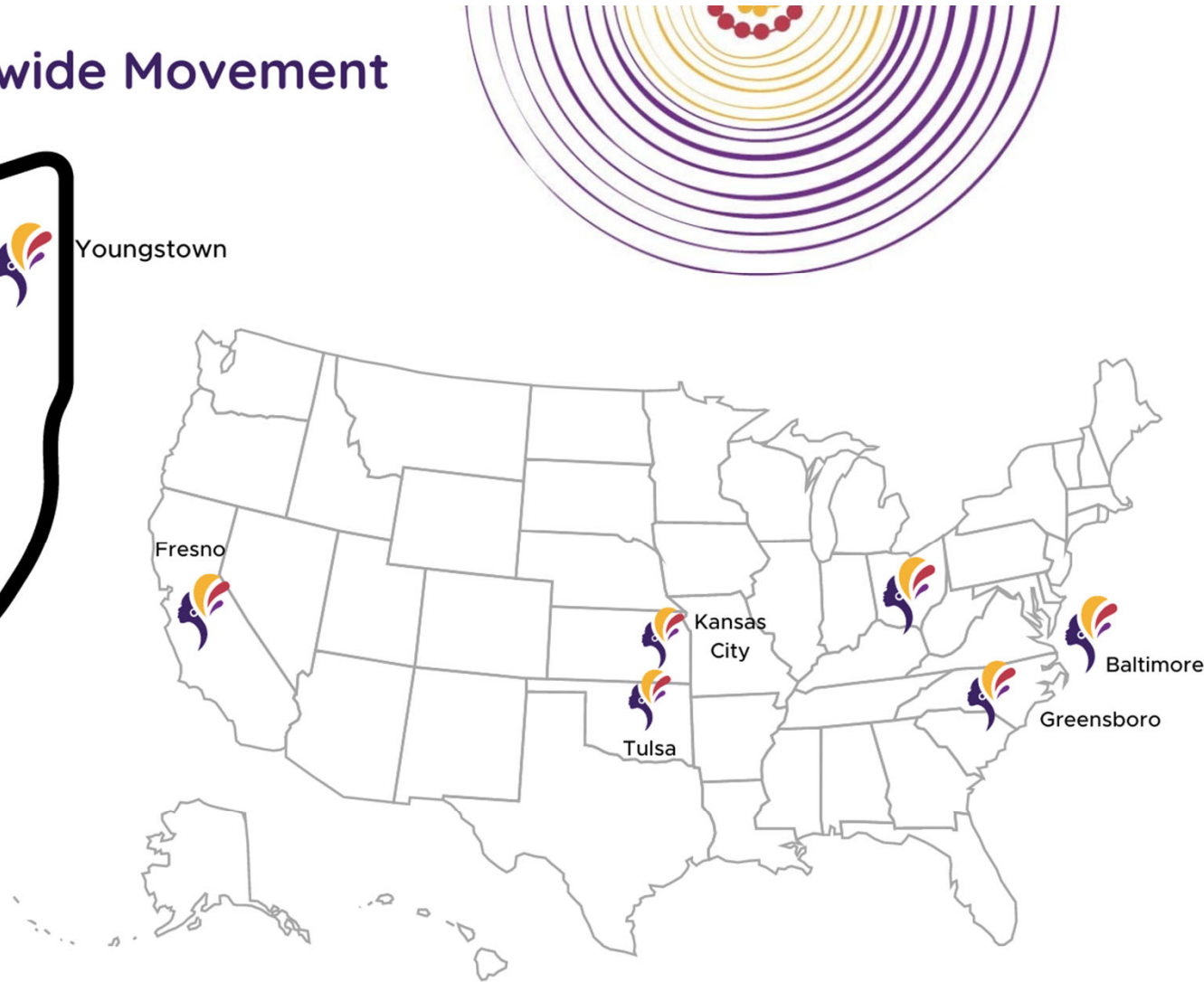
2024  
REPEAT  
ATTENDANCE

170  
EVENTS

2000  
BLACK  
WOMEN  
SINCE  
2018

\*July 2021 - June 2022

# Queens Village: A Nationwide Movement



# Transforming Systems



## Doulas

- Perinatal support for Queens
- Support for Black doulas as business owners and collective

## Mental Health

- Increase community lead mental health support through a Wellness Journey
- Connect Queens with traditional mental health support

## Mama Certified

- Publicly share hospital data on a platform to create transparency for families
- QV boards co-create intervention for better outcomes

## ODM shared power Queens Village

- Sharing the power of maternal and infant health dollars

## QV Corner @ University of Cincinnati Center for Women's Health

- The goal is to meet people where they are!
- QV team members sit in the waiting room and connect with patients before or after their appointment



## After Launching QV Corner in 2022

**185**

Black pregnant women  
connected to Queens Village

**281**

Black people referred to six  
months of free therapy

**52**

Black women received free  
doula services

**940**

Families connected to  
Community Health Workers  
**Doubling** the number served  
in 2021

# Thank You!!!



## Websites:

[www.cradlecincinnati.org](http://www.cradlecincinnati.org)

[www.blackwomenforthewin.com](http://www.blackwomenforthewin.com)

