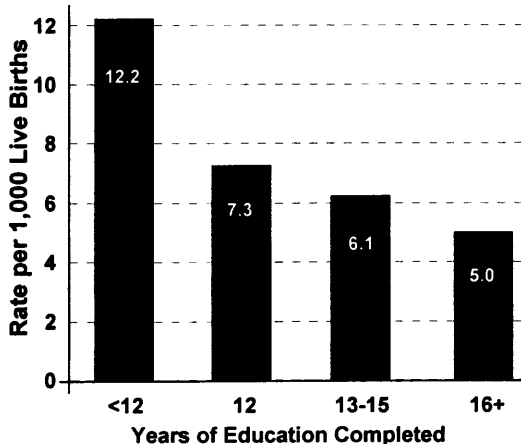


INFANT MORTALITY*: Maternal Characteristics

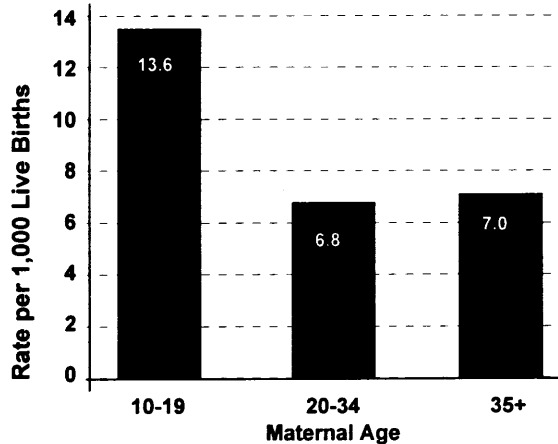
Maine Residents: 1985 - 1991

- The mortality rate for infants born to unmarried women during 1985-1991 (11.2 deaths for every 1,000 live births) was 70% higher than that for infants born to married women (6.6).
- Infants of college-educated women had a mortality rate half that of infants of women who had not completed high school. Infants of teen women had an infant mortality rate higher than that in any other age group.

Infant Mortality Rate by Maternal Education
Maine, 1985 - 1991

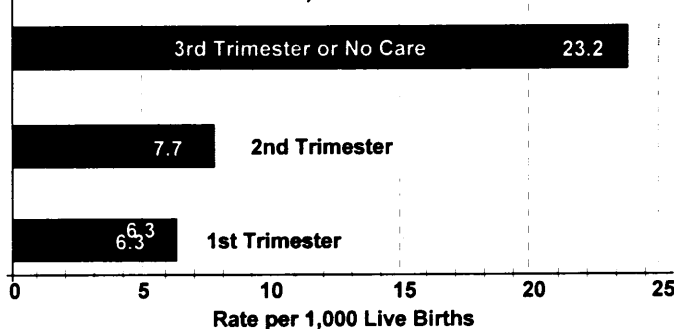


Infant Mortality Rate by Maternal Age
Maine, 1985 - 1991



- Infants born to women who waited until the seventh month or later to start prenatal care or who received no care were nearly four times as likely to die as infants of women who started care in the first trimester.

Infant Mortality Rate by Trimester Prenatal Care Began
Maine, 1985 - 1991



- During this seven year period, none of Maine's 16 counties had an infant mortality rate significantly greater than the state's average rate of 7.6 per 1,000 live births.

Note: Actual numbers of vital events were obtained from the Maine Vital Statistics system. A full citation is available upon request.

**All mortality rates given are per 1,000 resident live births occurring in 1985-1991. Such rates are estimated rather than actual, because some births relating to 1985 infant deaths occurred in 1984 and some deaths relating to 1991 births occurred in 1992.*

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