

INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION

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DIALOGUE ON INFANT MORTALITY

Possibility was born the day you were born...



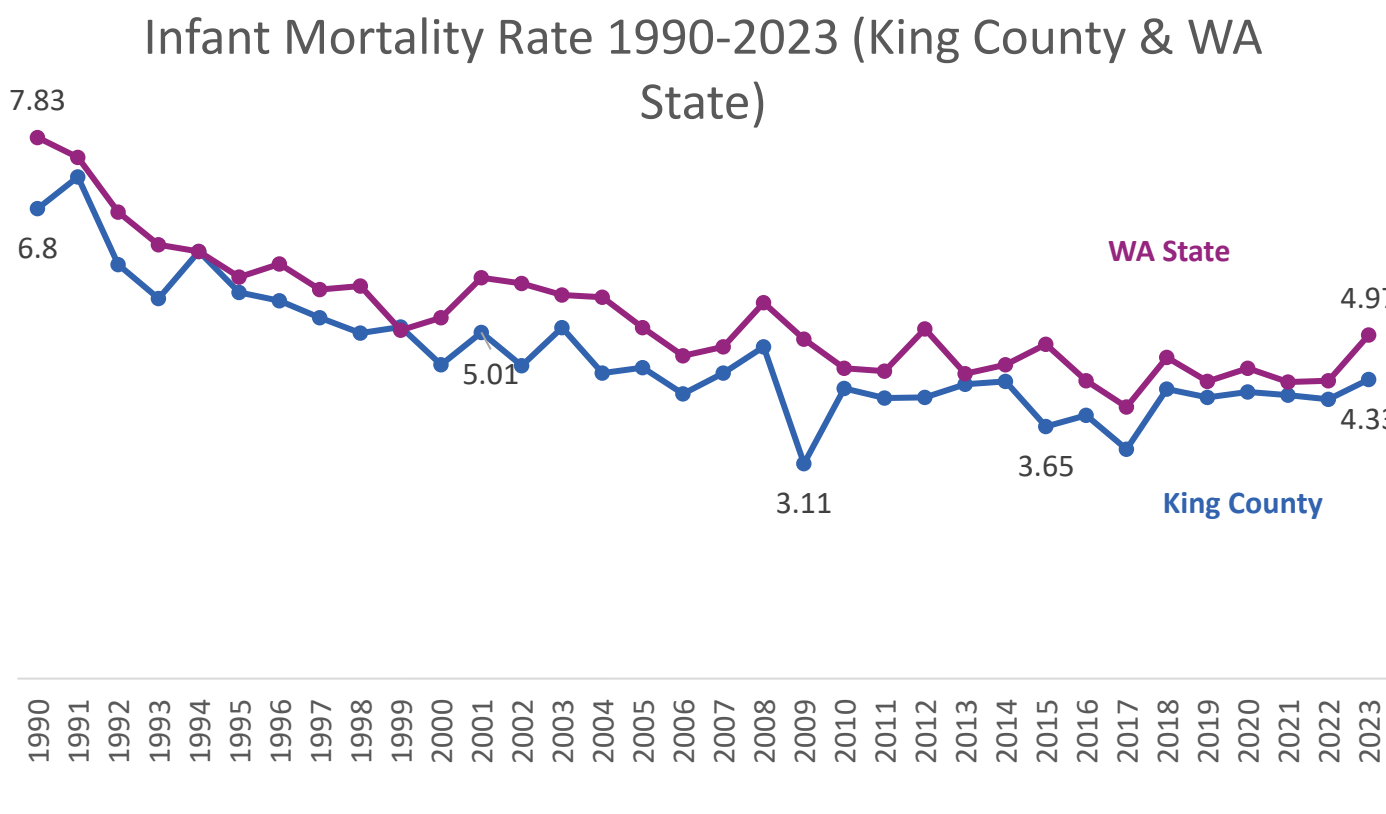
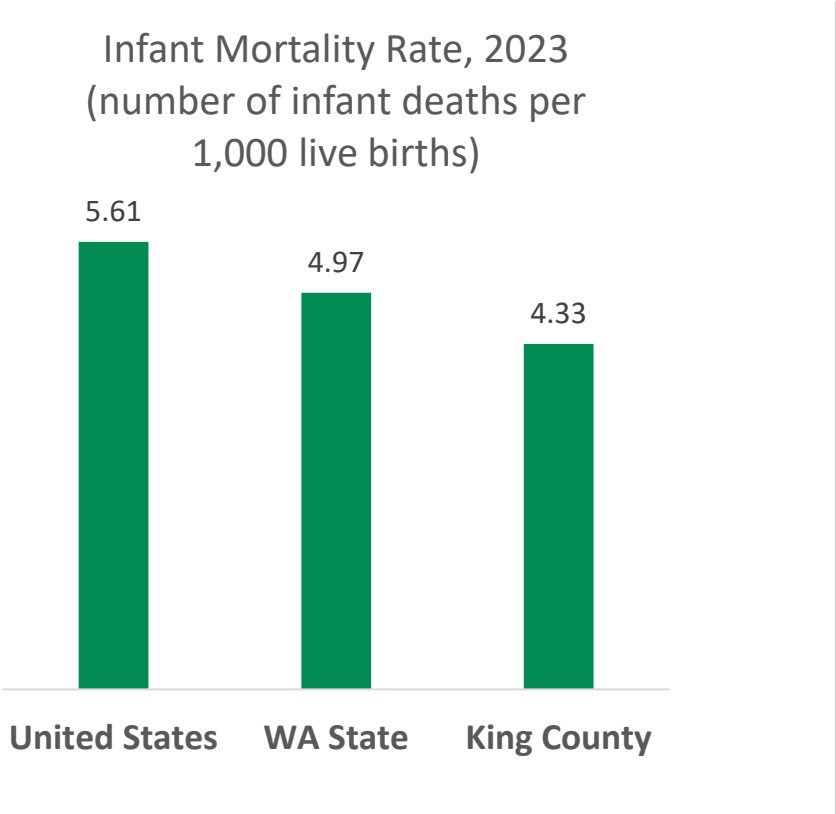
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● INFANT MORTALITY DATA

Rates and Causes

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

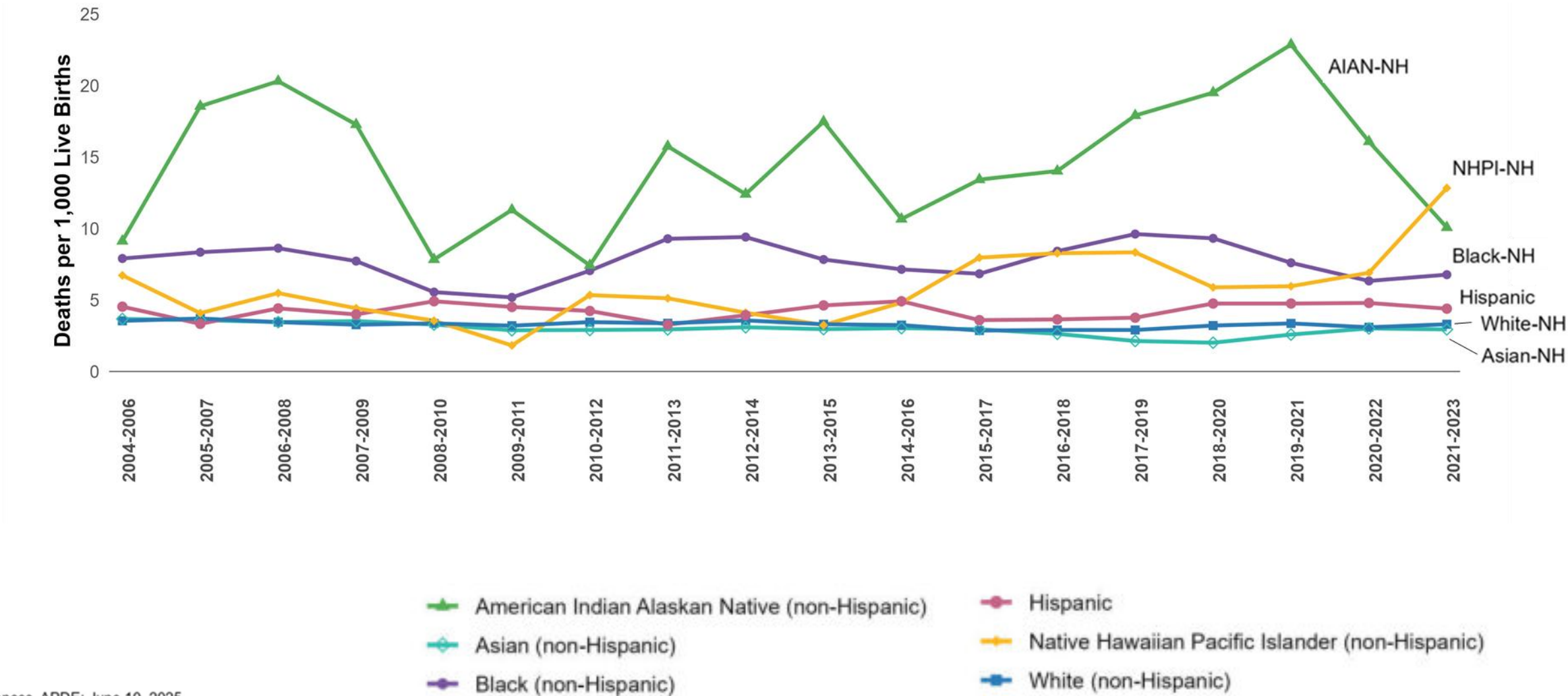
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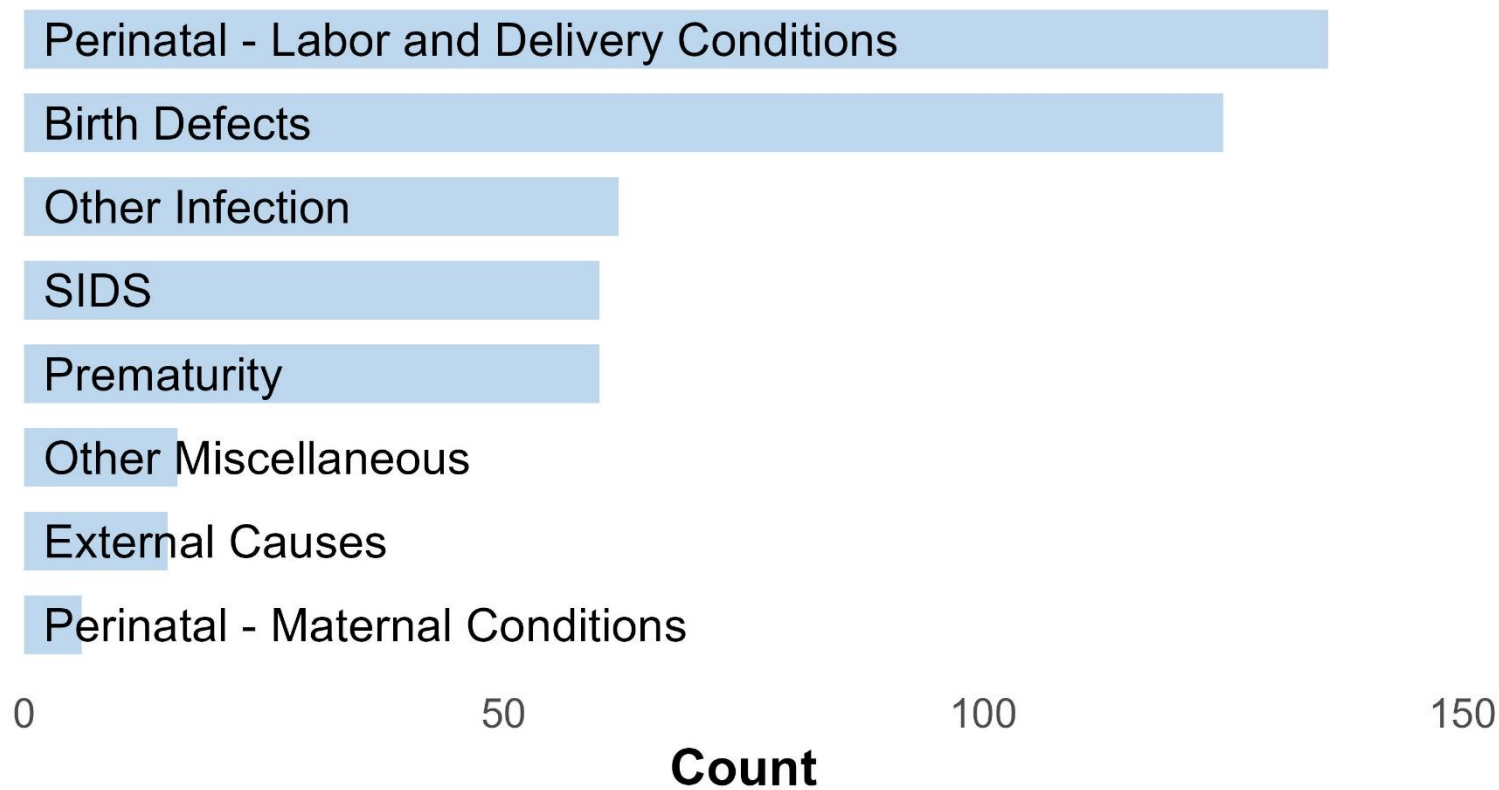
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Disparities by Race/Ethnicity

King County, 2004-2023



CAUSES OF INFANT MORTALITY



● THE INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION NETWORK

The Network

Best Starts for Kids: Funding 6 organizations

- Atlantic Street Center
- Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services
- Open Arms Perinatal Services
- Pacific Islander Health Board
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Somali Health Board

● THE INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION NETWORK

The Work of the Network

Providing culturally relevant, culturally versatile, community designed infant mortality prevention strategies.

Examples:

- Perinatal case management
- Doula services
- Centering Motherhood

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COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**



Hummingbird
INDIGENOUS FAMILY SERVICES

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



<https://nawdim.org/>

Native American Women's Dialog on Infant Mortality (2000)



● THE INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION NETWORK



Hummingbird

INDIGENOUS FAMILY SERVICES

Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services launched in 2019 with the mission of healthy Indigenous babies being born into healthy Indigenous families being supported by healthy Indigenous communities. Hummingbird is the first and only Indigenous agency in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties to exclusively serve Indigenous babies and families from zero to three.

PILIMAKUA FAMILY CONNECTIONS DEPT



Hummingbird

INDIGENOUS FAMILY SERVICES

PILIMAKUA FAMILY CONNECTIONS

PILIMAKUA HOME VISTING PROGRAM



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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...And it will live as long as you live.—Marcus
Solero

