

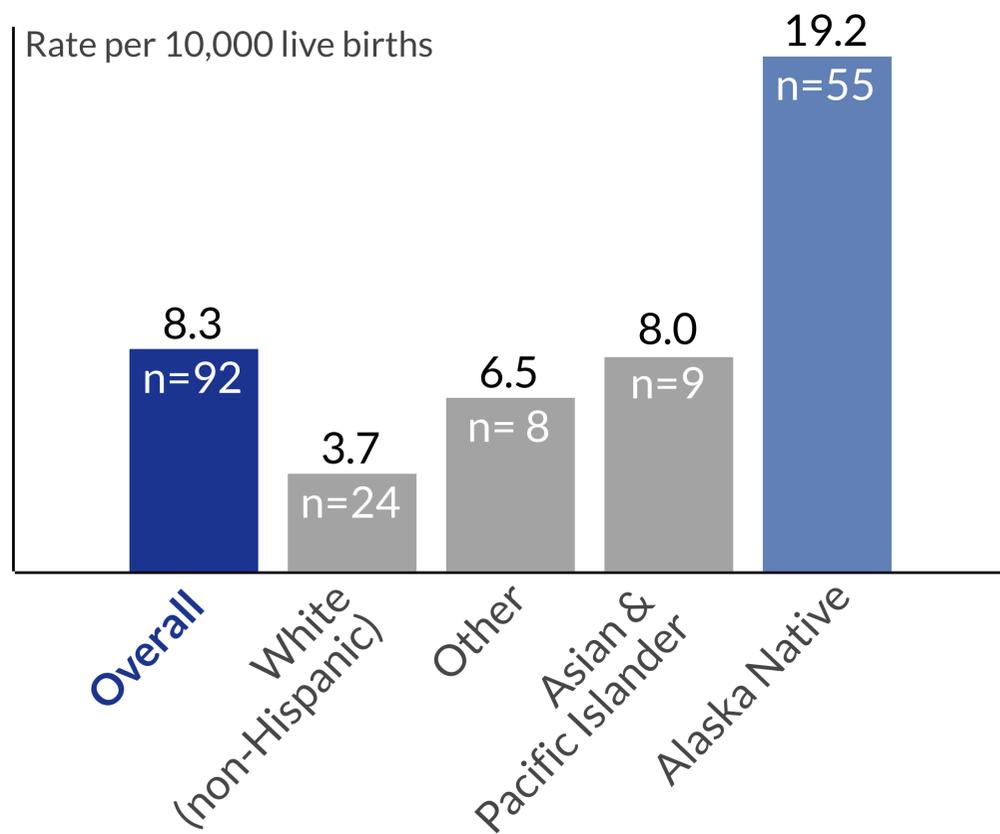
Pregnancy-Associated Mortality in Alaska

Pregnancy-associated mortality includes all deaths of women while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy, due to any cause. This factsheet reflects findings from the Alaska Maternal and Child Death Review (MCDR) committees.

Number of pregnancy-associated deaths in most recent 10 years

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
15	5	8	10	6	9	11	12	8	8

2009-2018 Mortality Rates



Alaska Native women had the highest pregnancy-associated rate.

All suicides (n=11) occurred among Alaska Native women, accounting for **20%** of deaths of Alaska Native women.

The Alaska Maternal Child Death Review (MCDR) program works to reduce maternal mortality by understanding the causes and contributing factors of each death through a multidisciplinary committee review process.

The MCDR program is using funding from a CDC grant to improve dissemination of committee recommendations and data related to maternal deaths.



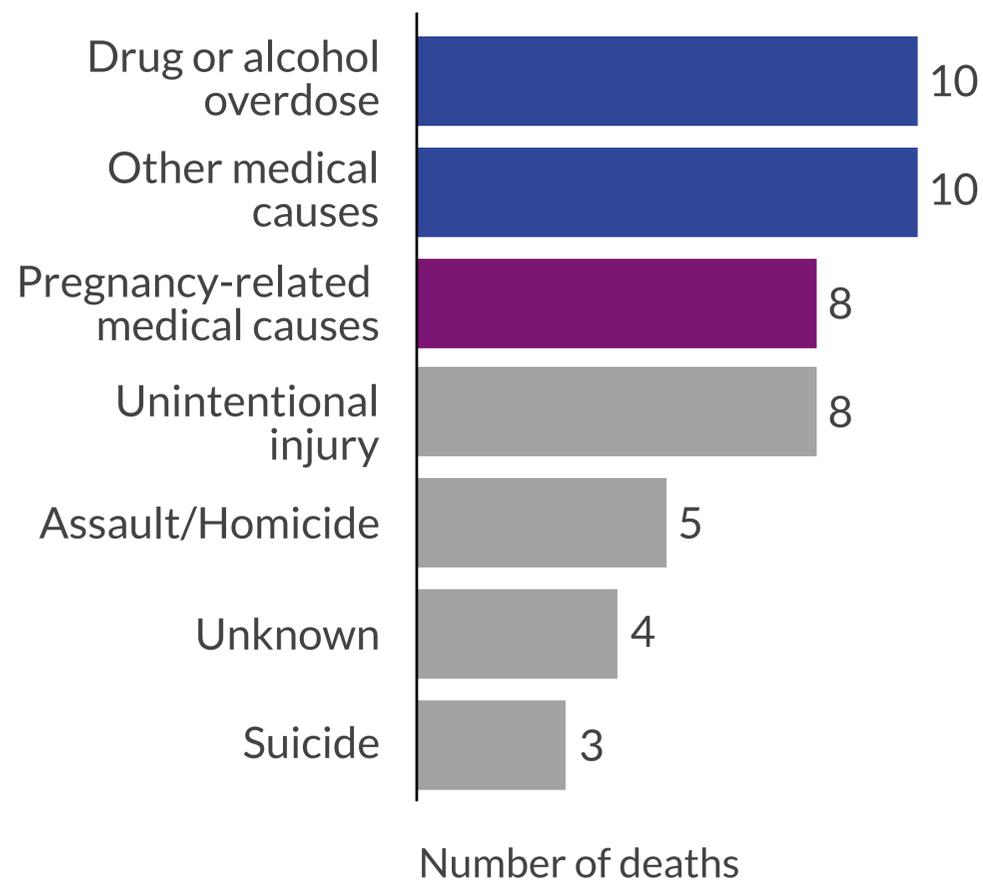
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2014-2018 Update

Among the 48 pregnancy-associated deaths that occurred:

Drug or alcohol overdose and **other medical causes** were the most common causes of death.

16.7% (n=8) were due to **pregnancy-related** medical causes.



85% (n=41) were **potentially preventable**.

Drug or alcohol abuse or substance use disorders **contributed to 63%** of deaths.

Mental health conditions **contributed to 31%** of deaths.

