

# Infant Mortality in Alaska

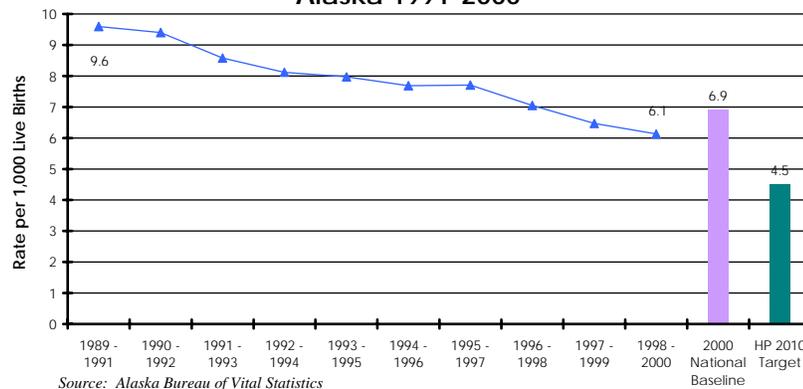
## A Decade of Data

Data are from Alaska's  
Bureau of Vital Statistics and Maternal & Child Health Indicator Surveillance Project

Infant mortality, a leading indicator of maternal and infant health status, is also a valuable indicator of the quality and accessibility of primary health care available to pregnant women and infants. In Alaska, infant mortality rates have significantly declined over the last decade.

- Infant mortality in Alaska declined by approximately 36% over the last decade.
- Alaska's infant mortality rate is 12% lower than the national rate, but has not met the Healthy People 2010 (HP2010) target.

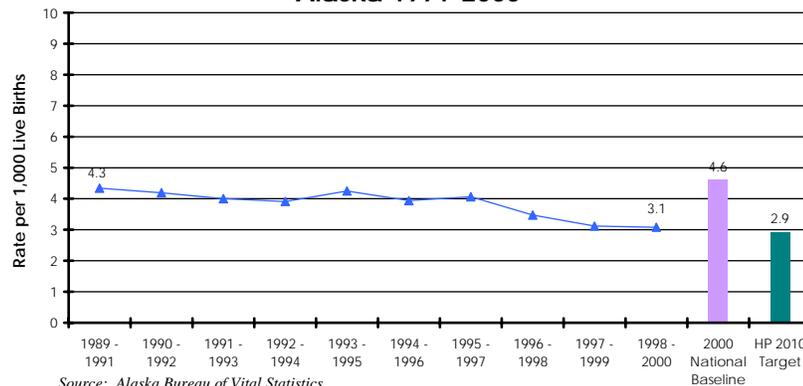
Infant Mortality, Three-Year Moving Average  
Alaska 1991-2000



Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics

- Neonatal mortality in Alaska has declined significantly over the last decade (28%).
- Alaska's neonatal mortality rate has been consistently lower than the national baseline — by the end of the decade it was the lowest in the nation.

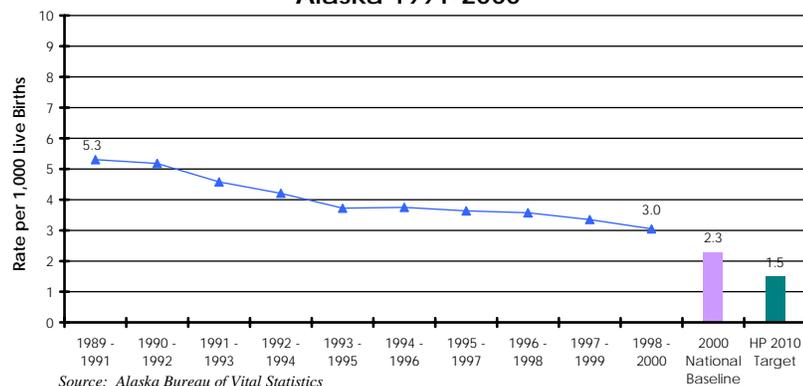
Neonatal Mortality, Three-Year Moving Average  
Alaska 1991-2000



Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics

- Post-neonatal mortality in Alaska declined by 43% over the last decade.
- During 1998-2000, the rate of death to Alaskan post-neonates was 30% higher than the national rate in 2000 and twice as high as the HP2010 target.

Post-neonatal Mortality, Three-Year Moving Average  
Alaska 1991-2000



Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics

Infancy is defined as the time period from birth up to 1 year of age. Infant mortality is the sum of neonatal and post-neonatal mortality. Neonatal is defined as the time period from birth up to 28 days. Post-neonatal is defined as the time period from 28 days up to 1 year of age.

For further information on this topic, please contact the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Epidemiology, MCH Epidemiology Unit at 907-269-8073 or visit our web site at <http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/mchept>

