

# Know the Facts:

## Infant Mortality

- African-American infants are more than twice as likely to die before their first birthday than white infants.<sup>1</sup>
- African-American infant mortalities are increasing.<sup>2</sup>
- American Indian and Alaskan Natives have an infant death rate almost double that for Whites.<sup>3</sup>
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander infant mortality rates are 31 percent greater than that of Whites.<sup>4</sup>
- Though Asians have a lower infant mortality rate than Whites, they have the highest rate of infant deaths from birth defects.<sup>4</sup>

1 March of Dimes 2003 Data Book for Policy Makers, "Maternal, Infant, and Child Health in the United States."  
2 <http://raceandhealth.hhs.gov/3rdpgblue/infant/red.htm>  
3 "Healthy People 2010: An Overview," [www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov)  
4 <http://www.wpi.umn.edu/let/infantmort.html>



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