

Pregnancy-Associated Mortality in Alaska

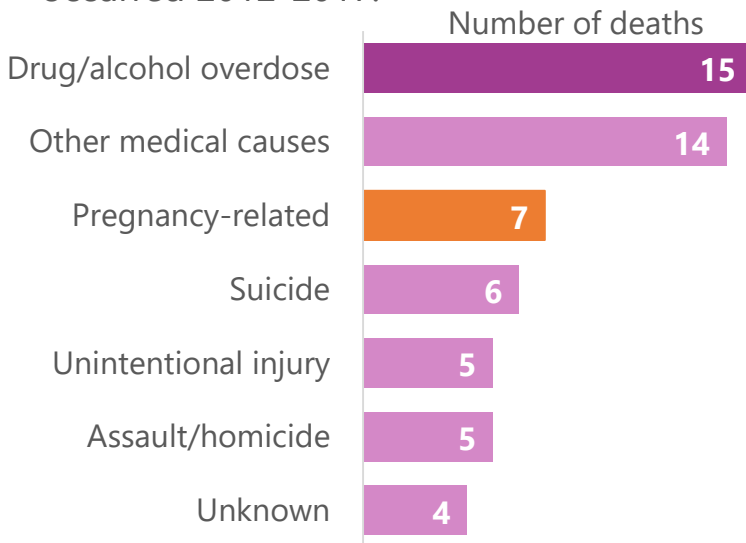
The Alaska Maternal Child Death Review (MCDR) Committee reviews all deaths of women while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy, due to any cause.

Number of pregnancy-associated deaths (most recent 10 years)

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
7	15	5	8	10	6	9	11	12	8

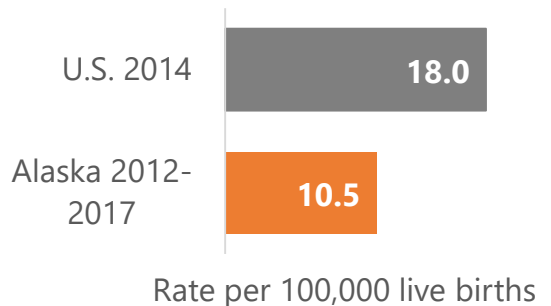
2012-2017 Update

Drug or alcohol overdose was the most common cause (27%) of the 56 Alaskan pregnancy-associated deaths that occurred 2012-2017.



Pregnancy-related deaths were 13% of all Alaskan pregnancy-associated deaths.

Alaska's 2012-2017 **pregnancy-related mortality rate** is lower than the most recent U.S. rate.



Additional MCDR Committee Findings

Among 54 pregnancy-associated deaths reviewed:

- **85%** (n=46) were **potentially preventable**.
- Mental health conditions contributed to **30%**.
- Drug or alcohol abuse or substance use disorders contributed to **52%**.

The Alaska Perinatal Quality Collaborative was launched in January 2019 to enable birthing facilities and partners to work together to prevent maternal mortality and serious pregnancy-related illness. Find out more at <https://www.ashnha.com/alaska-perinatal-quality-collaborative/>