

DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL RATES

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WHAT IS MATERNAL MORTALITY?

The death of a women during pregnancy, childbirth, or postpartum period.

Historical Overview

Past

Historical factors have created a healthcare system where marginalized women face higher risk of death.

Key Points

- Slavery & Medical Experimentation
- Jim Crow
- Discrimination In Health Care
- Environment & Social Deterrents
- Institutional Racism & Policy



UNDERSTANDING DISPARITIES

Racial & Ethnic Disparities

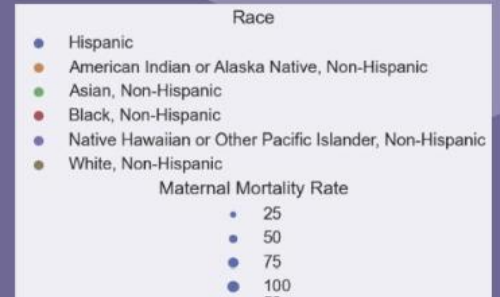
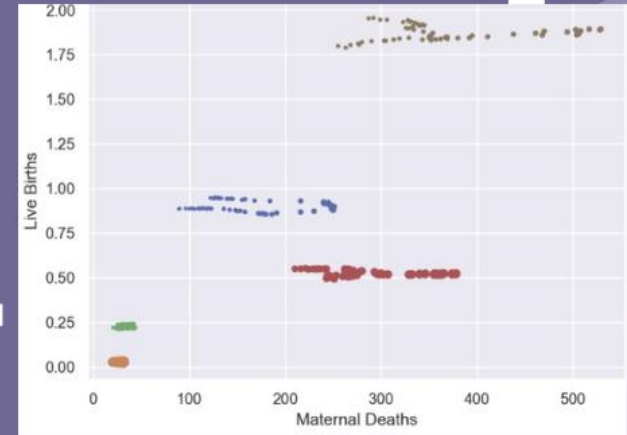
The rates among the different race groups are drastic.

Socioeconomic Factors

Income, education, and access to healthcare contribute to these disparities.

Geographical Disparities

Maternal mortality rates vary by region, with rural areas often having higher rates due to limited access to quality healthcare.



Healthcare Access

Access to quality prenatal & postnatal care

Systemic Racism

Systematic racism affects the standard of care given to women

Chronic Conditions

Chronic health conditions disproportionately affect certain populations and increase the risk of maternal mortality.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS




COMMUNITY LEVEL FACTORS & RACIAL INEQUALITIES IN DELIVERY HOSPITALIZATION INVOLVING SEVERE MATERNAL MORBIDITY IN THE U.S, 2016-2019

Purpose of Study

This study highlight that black women experience significantly higher rates of SMM compared to other groups

What is SMM

Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM). is a outcome measure that indicates serious potentially life threatening maternal health problems. 

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SHALON IRVING

Profession

CDC epidemiologist focused on health disparities

Tragic Death

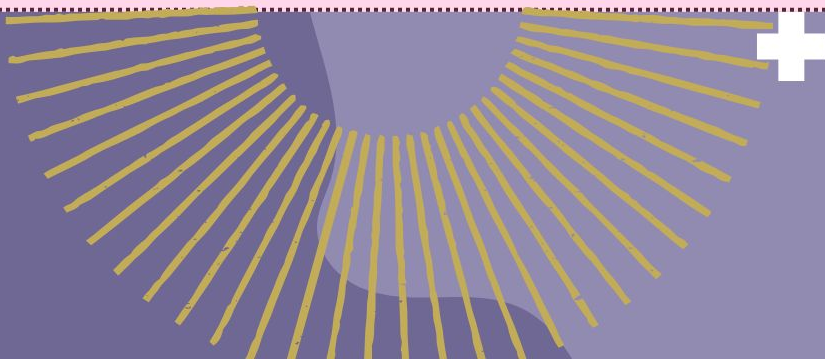
Passed away in 2017, three weeks after giving birth

Legacy

Inspired national awareness & advocacy for better maternal care. & equity in healthcare

Significance

Her death highlighted racial disparities in maternal mortality rates, even among highly educated Black women





Policy Initiatives

- Expanding Medicaid in all states
- Telehealth
- Coverage for Doulas & Midwifery
- Guaranteed paid leave

Community-Based Interventions

- Community Health Care workers doing home visits
- Mobile Clinics
- Transportation assistance
- Pressure congress to enact the entirety of Black Maternal Momnibus Act

Recommendations

- Improve healthcare access
- training patient care providers on basis and to become culturally competent



CURRENT EFFORTS & SOLUTIONS





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In January 2019, Black, Non-Hispanic women were more than **2.5 times** more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes compared to their White, Non-Hispanic counterparts

Addressing disparities in maternal health isn't just about saving lives—it's about ensuring every mother has the dignity, respect, and care she deserves, no matter her race or background.



**WHAT SPOKE OUT
TO YOU ?**





CONCLUSION

Understanding the realities of labor and delivery in the U.S. highlights the serious disparities in maternal mortality and explores key factors and solutions to address them.





**THANK
YOU**



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