

Maternal Mortality

Maternal mortality in the United States is on the rise with an average 18.6 deaths per 100,00 live births per year. American women are three times as likely to die as Canadian women. Six times as likely as Scandinavian women.

Maternal mortality is more common among low income and rural areas.

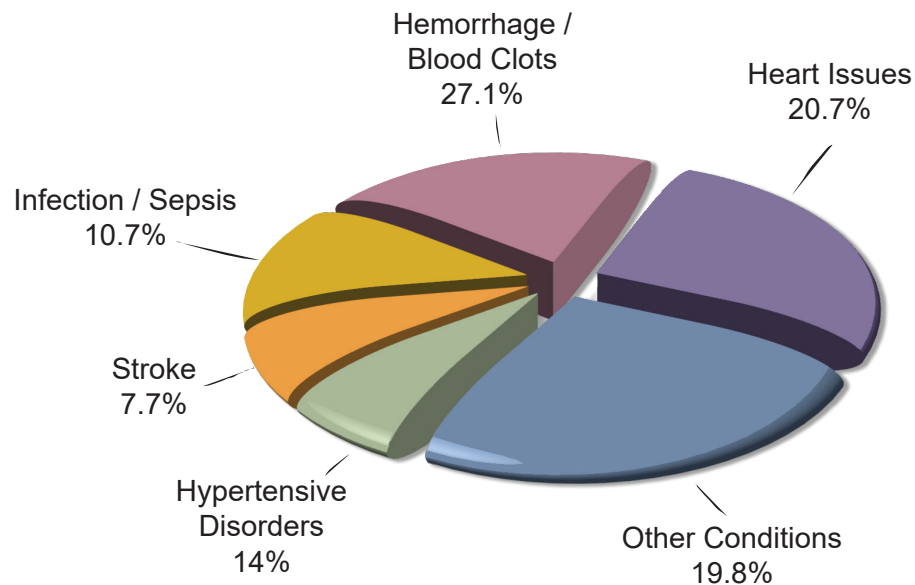
Pre-existing and/or chronic health issues

Non-standardized hospital protocols

Complex medical histories

Discharge instructions do not inform of medical complications

Focus has shifted away from mother to the newborn



More than half of maternal deaths occur within the first **42** days after giving birth.