



The Tallahassee-Leon County
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Quality of Life / Sustainability Segment:
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Title: Infant Mortality

Infant Mortality

Indicator:

Number of infants, per 1,000 live births, who died before their first birthday – by race.

Commentary:

In the late 1990's and early 2000's, infant mortality rates in Leon County had been consistently higher than Florida's, with the only decline affecting Whites. Since then, there have been fluctuations for both Blacks and Whites, although Black still represents the higher rates in both the county and the state.

In 2009, mortality rates for Leon County Blacks reached a remarkable low with almost three less deaths per 1,000 births than Florida's rate. The same year, however, Whites in Leon County experienced an unusually high mortality rate.

In both Leon County and Florida, there continues to be a major disparity between Black and White infant mortality rates. 2005 and 2010 held some of the largest gaps in over a decade.

Source(s):

Infant Mortality Query System

<http://www.floridacharts.com/FLQUERY/InfantMortality/InfantMortalityRpt.aspx>

Chart 1: Infant Mortality – Leon vs. Florida

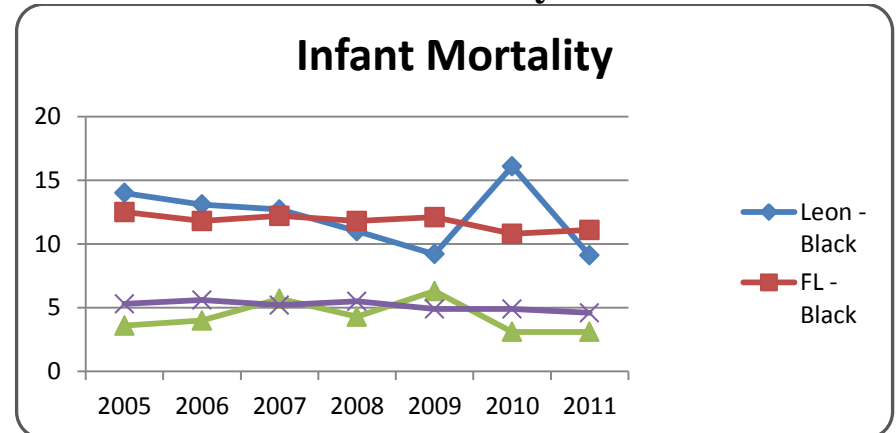


Chart 2: Infant Mortality Gap Analysis

| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Leon Black | 14 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 11 | 9.2 | 16.1 | 9.1 |
| Florida Black | 12.5 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 11.1 |
| Leon White | 3.6 | 4 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Florida White | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| Leon County Gap* | 10.4 | 9.1 | 7 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 13 | 6 |
| Florida Gap* | 7.2 | 6.2 | 7 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.5 |

*Not shown on graph. The gap is the rate for Blacks minus the rate for Whites.