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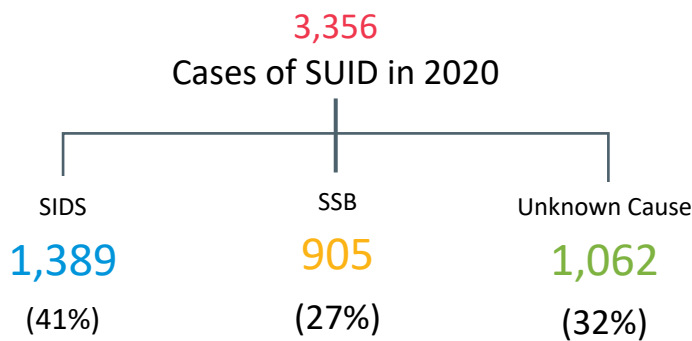
Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) in 2020



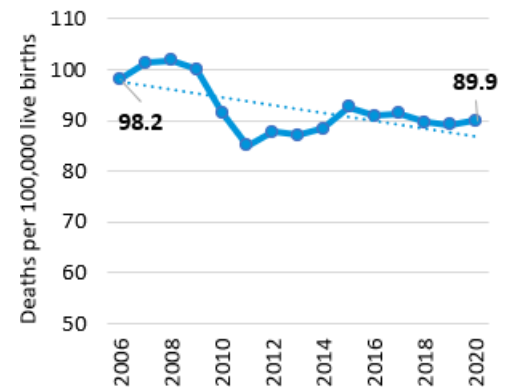
This Fast Facts focuses on cases of SUID in the U.S. in 2020. SUID is a term for the sudden and unexpected death of an infant (<1 year of age) in which the cause was not obvious before investigation. The three types of SUID covered in this Fast Facts are sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), suffocation and strangulation in bed (SSB), and other deaths from unknown causes (unknown cause).

Magnitude of SUID¹

On average, 9 infants died as a result of SUID every day in 2020.

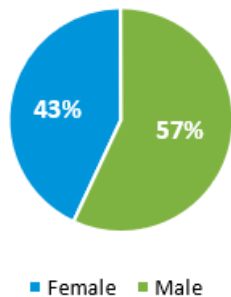


The rate of SUID in the U.S. decreased by 8 percent from 2006–2020.



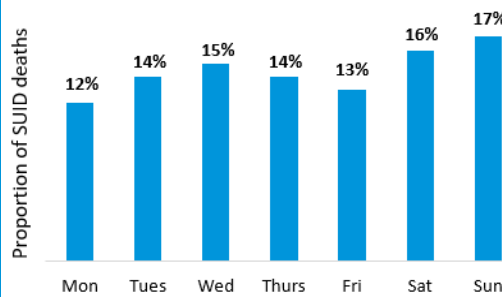
SUID Cases by Sex, 2020¹

Male infants accounted for nearly 6 in 10 SUID cases.



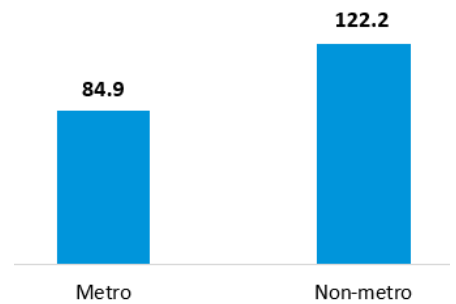
SUID Cases by Weekday, 2020¹

Slightly more cases of SUID occurred on Saturdays and Sundays.



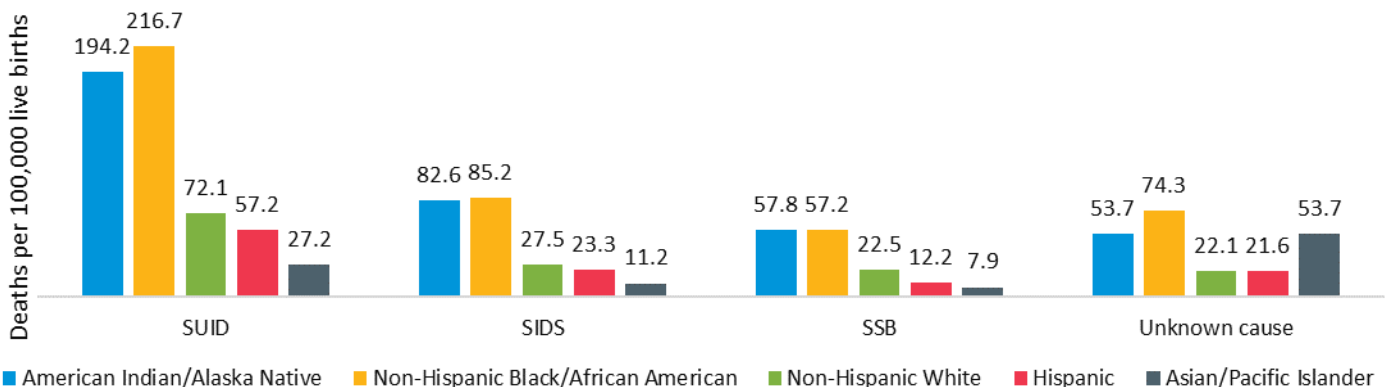
SUID Cases by Geographic Area, 2020¹

The SUID rate was higher among infants living in non-metro areas.



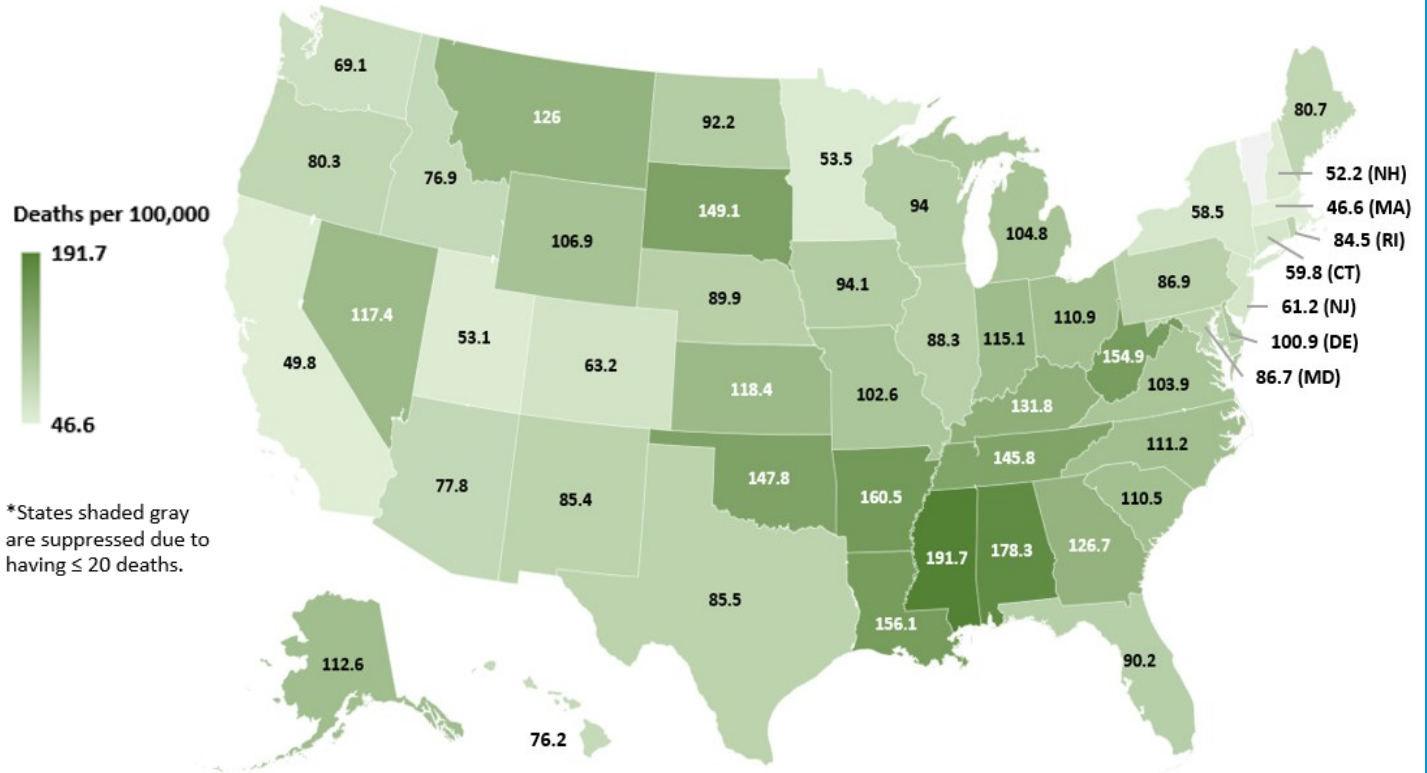
SUID Cases by Race and Ethnicity, 2019–2020¹

The rates of SUID overall and SUID due to unknown causes are higher among non-Hispanic Black/African American infants.



SUID Rates by State, 2016–2020¹

SUID rates are highest in Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas.



Notes and References

¹Data on SUID were retrieved from the CDC Wide-ranging ONline Data for Epidemiologic Research (CDC WONDER) Underlying Cause of Death, 1999–2020 database. ICD-10 codes used for data retrieval were SSB (E913.0; W75), SIDS (798.0; R95), and unknown cause, (799.9; R99). The SUID rate was retrieved by combining SSB, SIDS and unknown cause deaths. Date accessed: April 15, 2022. Accessed from: <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html>

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