

Infant Mortality Rate

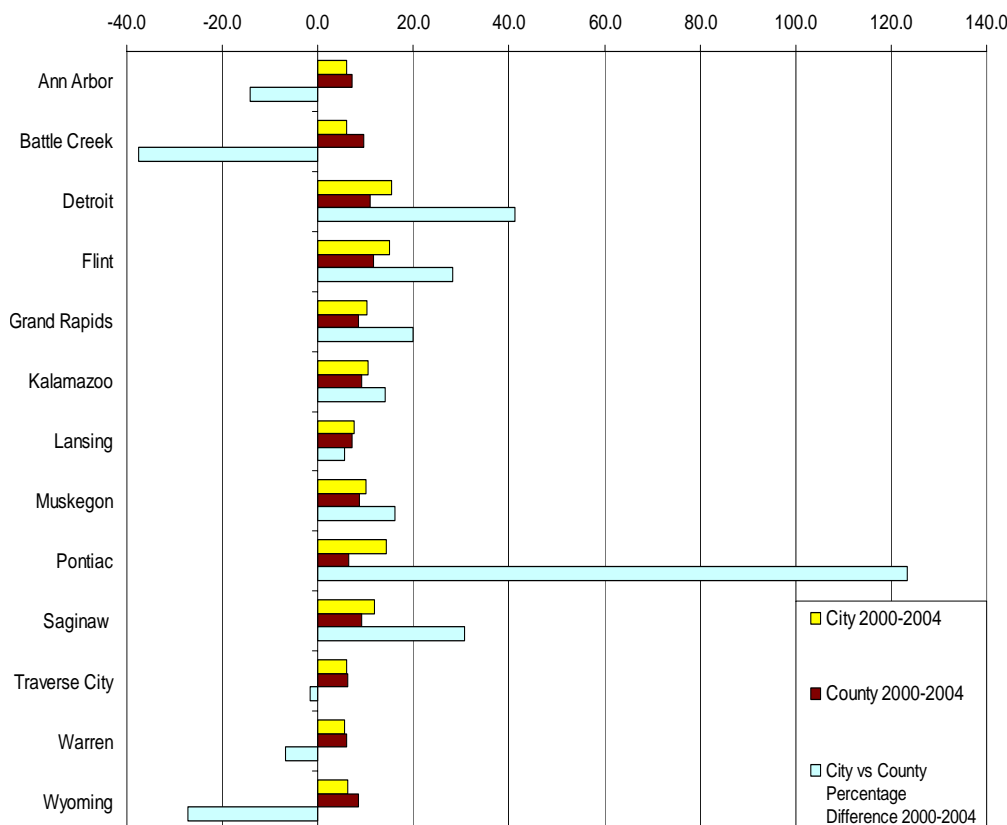
1996-2000 and 2000-2004 (Deaths per 1,000 Live Births)

Pontiac, Detroit, Saginaw and Flint had the highest rates relative to their counties, while Battle Creek, Wyoming, Ann Arbor and Warren outperformed their counties.

	City 1996-2000	City 2000-2004	Percent Change	County 2000-2004	City vs. County Percent Difference 2000-2004
Ann Arbor	6.5	6.1	-6.2	7.1	-14.1
Battle Creek	6.2	6.0	-3.2	9.6	-37.5
Detroit	15.0	15.4	2.7	10.9	41.3
Flint	15.3	15.0	-2.0	11.7	28.2
Grand Rapids	9.6	10.2	6.3	8.5	20
Kalamazoo	7.9	10.5	32.9	9.2	14.1
Lansing	8.5	7.6	-10.6	7.2	5.6
Muskegon	10.1	10.1	0.0	8.7	16.1
Pontiac	15.2	14.3	-5.9	6.4	123.4
Saginaw	11.7	11.9	1.7	9.1	30.8
Traverse City	6.2	6.1	-1.6	6.2	-1.6
Warren	6.0	5.5	-8.3	5.9	-6.8
Wyoming	6.2	6.2	0.0	8.5	-27.1
Average	12.0	12.1	0.8	8.6	29.0
State	8.1	8.1			

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health.

Michigan's top three performing cities-Ann Arbor, Traverse City and Wyoming-had the lowest infant mortality rates.



Infant mortality rates are a general measure of health care and neo-natal accessibility for city residents.

Infant mortality rates climbed marginally in cities and remained stable at the State level from the 1996-2000 to 2000-2004 period.



MICHIGAN HIGHER EDUCATION LAND POLICY CONSORTIUM