

**TABLE 2C-3
NUMBER AND RATE¹ OF INFANT DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, 1995-2005
NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS:**

		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
White non-Hispanic	Total	277	245	230	242	196	244	221	229	208	211	245
	Neonatal	180	164	141	154	143	153	156	151	143	155	163
	Postneonatal	97	81	89	88	53	91	65	78	65	56	82
Hispanic or Latino	Total	181	225	224	229	238	213	236	238	274	314	296
	Neonatal	128	152	153	153	151	144	159	165	190	209	205
	Postneonatal	53	73	71	76	87	69	77	73	84	105	91
Black or African American	Total	38	48	36	53	52	49	62	36	48	39	44
	Neonatal	20	30	24	37	31	27	41	16	31	25	19
	Postneonatal	18	18	12	16	21	22	21	20	17	14	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	Total	49	50	44	62	49	54	57	39	44	44	52
	Neonatal	19	24	18	28	29	36	22	20	18	21	27
	Postneonatal	30	26	26	34	20	18	35	19	26	23	25
Asian or Pacific Islander	Total	3	5	6	6	5	8	8	9	11	10	15
	Neonatal	2	4	5	3	3	4	5	7	5	7	9
	Postneonatal	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	2	6	3	6
All groups ²	Total	549	576	542	592	547	568	587	552	586	622	653
	Neonatal	350	377	342	375	363	364	386	360	388	421	424
	Postneonatal	199	199	200	217	184	204	201	192	198	201	229

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
White non-Hispanic	Total	7.2	6.4	6.1	6.2	5.1	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.4	6.2
	Neonatal	4.7	4.3	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.1
	Postneonatal	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.4	2.1
Hispanic or Latino	Total	7.2	8.2	8.0	7.9	7.7	6.3	6.7	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.0
	Neonatal	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.9
	Postneonatal	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.1
Black or African American	Total	17.0	20.5	14.5	20.2	19.3	17.8	22.7	13.1	15.9	12.1	12.8
	Neonatal	9.0	12.8	9.7	14.1	11.5	9.8	15.0	5.8	10.3	7.8	5.5
	Postneonatal	8.1	7.7	4.8	6.1	7.8	8.0	7.7	7.3	5.6	4.4	7.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	Total	9.6	9.4	8.3	11.4	9.3	9.6	10.7	7.0	7.5	7.2	8.3
	Neonatal	3.7	4.5	3.4	5.1	5.5	6.4	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.4	4.3
	Postneonatal	5.9	4.9	4.9	6.2	3.8	3.2	6.6	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	Total	2.2	3.5	3.7	3.4	2.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.8	5.3
	Neonatal	1.5	2.8	3.1	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.1	2.0	2.7	3.2
	Postneonatal	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.7	1.1	2.0	1.4	0.9	2.4	1.1	2.1
All groups ²	Total	7.6	7.7	7.2	7.6	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.8
	Neonatal	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4
	Postneonatal	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4

¹Number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births in specified ethnic/gender group. Infant deaths are by the race/ethnicity of the decedent. For consistency with the national data, the denominators used to calculate infant mortality rates were changed from race/ethnicity of parents to race/ethnicity of mother as stated on the birth certificate. The change in the basis for calculating infant mortality rates results in lower rates for white infants and higher rates for most minority infants than when they are computed by the previous method.

²Includes records with other and unknown ethnic group.