

**TABLE 2C-3**  
**NUMBER AND RATE<sup>1</sup> OF INFANT DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, 1996-2006**  
**NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS:**

|                                  |                     | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White non-Hispanic               | <b>Total</b>        | 245  | 230  | 242  | 196  | 244  | 221  | 229  | 208  | 211  | 245  | 232  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 164  | 141  | 154  | 143  | 153  | 156  | 151  | 143  | 155  | 163  | 161  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 81   | 89   | 88   | 53   | 91   | 65   | 78   | 65   | 56   | 82   | 71   |
| Hispanic or Latino               | <b>Total</b>        | 225  | 224  | 229  | 238  | 213  | 236  | 238  | 274  | 314  | 296  | 297  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 152  | 153  | 153  | 151  | 144  | 159  | 165  | 190  | 209  | 205  | 213  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 73   | 71   | 76   | 87   | 69   | 77   | 73   | 84   | 105  | 91   | 84   |
| Black or African American        | <b>Total</b>        | 48   | 36   | 53   | 52   | 49   | 62   | 36   | 48   | 39   | 44   | 65   |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 30   | 24   | 37   | 31   | 27   | 41   | 16   | 31   | 25   | 19   | 37   |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 18   | 12   | 16   | 21   | 22   | 21   | 20   | 17   | 14   | 25   | 28   |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | <b>Total</b>        | 50   | 44   | 62   | 49   | 54   | 57   | 39   | 44   | 44   | 52   | 41   |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 24   | 18   | 28   | 29   | 36   | 22   | 20   | 18   | 21   | 27   | 26   |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 26   | 26   | 34   | 20   | 18   | 35   | 19   | 26   | 23   | 25   | 15   |
| Asian or Pacific Islander        | <b>Total</b>        | 5    | 6    | 6    | 5    | 8    | 8    | 9    | 11   | 10   | 15   | 7    |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 4    | 5    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 7    | 5    | 7    | 9    | 3    |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 1    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 4    | 3    | 2    | 6    | 3    | 6    | 4    |
| All groups <sup>2</sup>          | <b>Total</b>        | 576  | 542  | 592  | 547  | 568  | 587  | 552  | 586  | 622  | 653  | 642  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 377  | 342  | 375  | 363  | 364  | 386  | 360  | 388  | 421  | 424  | 440  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 199  | 200  | 217  | 184  | 204  | 201  | 192  | 198  | 201  | 229  | 202  |

**INFANT MORTALITY RATES:**

|                                  |                     | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White non-Hispanic               | <b>Total</b>        | 6.4  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 5.1  | 6.1  | 5.7  | 5.9  | 5.4  | 5.4  | 6.2  | 5.4  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 4.3  | 3.7  | 4.0  | 3.7  | 3.8  | 4.0  | 3.9  | 3.7  | 3.9  | 4.1  | 3.7  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 2.1  | 2.4  | 2.3  | 1.4  | 2.3  | 1.7  | 2.0  | 1.7  | 1.4  | 2.1  | 1.7  |
| Hispanic or Latino               | <b>Total</b>        | 8.2  | 8.0  | 7.9  | 7.7  | 6.3  | 6.7  | 6.6  | 7.0  | 7.7  | 7.0  | 6.6  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 5.5  | 5.5  | 5.3  | 4.9  | 4.2  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 4.9  | 4.7  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 2.7  | 2.5  | 2.6  | 2.8  | 2.0  | 2.2  | 2.0  | 2.1  | 2.6  | 2.1  | 1.9  |
| Black or African American        | <b>Total</b>        | 20.5 | 14.5 | 20.2 | 19.3 | 17.8 | 22.7 | 13.1 | 15.9 | 12.1 | 12.8 | 16.8 |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 12.8 | 9.7  | 14.1 | 11.5 | 9.8  | 15.0 | 5.8  | 10.3 | 7.8  | 5.5  | 9.6  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 7.7  | 4.8  | 6.1  | 7.8  | 8.0  | 7.7  | 7.3  | 5.6  | 4.4  | 7.3  | 7.2  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | <b>Total</b>        | 9.4  | 8.3  | 11.4 | 9.3  | 9.6  | 10.7 | 7.0  | 7.5  | 7.2  | 8.3  | 6.4  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 4.5  | 3.4  | 5.1  | 5.5  | 6.4  | 4.1  | 3.6  | 3.1  | 3.4  | 4.3  | 4.0  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 4.9  | 4.9  | 6.2  | 3.8  | 3.2  | 6.6  | 3.4  | 4.4  | 3.8  | 4.0  | 2.4  |
| Asian or Pacific Islander        | <b>Total</b>        | 3.5  | 3.7  | 3.4  | 2.7  | 3.9  | 3.8  | 4.0  | 4.4  | 3.8  | 5.3  | 2.2  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 2.8  | 3.1  | 1.7  | 1.6  | 2.0  | 2.4  | 3.1  | 2.0  | 2.7  | 3.2  | 1.0  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 0.7  | 0.6  | 1.7  | 1.1  | 2.0  | 1.4  | 0.9  | 2.4  | 1.1  | 2.1  | 1.2  |
| All groups <sup>2</sup>          | <b>Total</b>        | 7.7  | 7.2  | 7.6  | 6.8  | 6.7  | 6.9  | 6.3  | 6.5  | 6.7  | 6.8  | 6.3  |
|                                  | <b>Neonatal</b>     | 5.0  | 4.5  | 4.8  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.5  | 4.1  | 4.3  | 4.5  | 4.4  | 4.3  |
|                                  | <b>Postneonatal</b> | 2.7  | 2.7  | 2.8  | 2.3  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.2  | 2.2  | 2.2  | 2.4  | 2.0  |

<sup>1</sup>Number 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

<sup>2</sup>Includes records with other and unknown ethnic group.