

**TABLE 2C-3  
NUMBER AND RATE<sup>1</sup> OF INFANT DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP, 1998-2008  
NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS:**

		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
White non-Hispanic	<b>Total</b>	242	196	244	221	229	208	211	245	232	237	215
	<b>Neonatal</b>	154	143	153	156	151	143	155	163	161	161	138
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	88	53	91	65	78	65	56	82	71	76	77
Hispanic or Latino	<b>Total</b>	229	238	213	236	238	274	314	296	297	338	251
	<b>Neonatal</b>	153	151	144	159	165	190	209	205	213	239	175
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	76	87	69	77	73	84	105	91	84	99	76
Black or African American	<b>Total</b>	53	52	49	62	36	48	39	44	65	63	76
	<b>Neonatal</b>	37	31	27	41	16	31	25	19	37	43	51
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	16	21	22	21	20	17	14	25	28	20	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	<b>Total</b>	62	49	54	57	39	44	44	52	41	52	52
	<b>Neonatal</b>	28	29	36	22	20	18	21	27	26	27	29
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	34	20	18	35	19	26	23	25	15	25	23
Asian or Pacific Islander	<b>Total</b>	6	5	8	8	9	11	10	15	7	11	27
	<b>Neonatal</b>	3	3	4	5	7	5	7	9	3	9	22
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	3	2	4	3	2	6	3	6	4	2	5
All groups <sup>2</sup>	<b>Total</b>	592	547	568	587	552	586	622	653	642	701	625
	<b>Neonatal</b>	375	363	364	386	360	388	421	424	440	479	419
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	217	184	204	201	192	198	201	229	202	222	206

**INFANT MORTALITY RATES:**

		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
White non-Hispanic	<b>Total</b>	6.2	5.1	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.4	5.4	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.1
	<b>Neonatal</b>	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.3
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.8
Hispanic or Latino	<b>Total</b>	7.9	7.7	6.3	6.7	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.0	6.6	7.4	5.9
	<b>Neonatal</b>	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.2	4.1
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	2.6	2.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.8
Black or African American	<b>Total</b>	20.2	19.3	17.8	22.7	13.1	15.9	12.1	12.8	16.8	15.1	17.7
	<b>Neonatal</b>	14.1	11.5	9.8	15.0	5.8	10.3	7.8	5.5	9.6	10.3	11.9
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	6.1	7.8	8.0	7.7	7.3	5.6	4.4	7.3	7.2	4.8	5.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	<b>Total</b>	11.4	9.3	9.6	10.7	7.0	7.5	7.2	8.3	6.4	8.1	8.2
	<b>Neonatal</b>	5.1	5.5	6.4	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.4	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.6
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	6.2	3.8	3.2	6.6	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.0	2.4	3.9	3.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	<b>Total</b>	3.4	2.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.8	5.3	2.2	3.2	7.9
	<b>Neonatal</b>	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.1	2.0	2.7	3.2	1.0	2.6	6.4
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	1.7	1.1	2.0	1.4	0.9	2.4	1.1	2.1	1.2	0.6	1.5
All groups <sup>2</sup>	<b>Total</b>	7.6	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.3	6.8	6.3
	<b>Neonatal</b>	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.2
	<b>Postneonatal</b>	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.1

<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 computed by the previous method.

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