



Maternal Health

- Rural women face higher maternal mortality rates (29.4 maternal deaths per 100,000) in comparison to urban women (18.2 maternal deaths per 100,000).¹³
- An estimated 42.3% of all births in the U.S relied on Medicaid in 2018.¹⁴
- Women over the age of 35 have 1.2 times the risk of developing pre-eclampsia.¹⁵ Women aged 40 or older are 30 times more at risk of heart-disease related maternal death compared to women younger than 20 years.⁵
- Incarcerated pregnant women are more likely to face barriers to access to regular and immediate quality care, as there is a lack of standardization and requirements for OB/GYN services. The 2015 National Health Survey of Prisoners and Inmates (NHSP) found that 70% of pregnant women in prison reported difficulty accessing prenatal care, and 59% reported difficulty accessing labor and delivery services. The 2015 National Health Survey of Prisoners and Inmates (NHSP) found that 70% of pregnant women in prison reported difficulty accessing prenatal care, and 59% reported difficulty accessing labor and delivery services. The 2015 National Health Survey of Prisoners and Inmates (NHSP) found that 70% of pregnant women in prison reported difficulty accessing prenatal care, and 59% reported difficulty accessing labor and delivery services.