

## The Big Picture: Maternal Mortality in the U.S.



[HRSA Maternal Mortality Summit](#): The HRSA Maternal Mortality Summit held June 19-21, 2018 examined challenges and sought innovative solutions to reduce maternal mortality in the United States and globally. Experts from Brazil, Canada, Finland, India, Rwanda, United Kingdom, and the United States participated.



[Lost Mothers: Maternal Care and Preventable Deaths](#), ProPublica, 2017-2018: This series delves into why the U.S. has the highest rate of deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth in the developed world. It also highlights ways to improve maternal health care with a specific focus on what can be done to avoid preventable deaths.



[Why America's Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis](#), NY Times, 2018



[For Serena Williams, Childbirth Was a Harrowing Ordeal. She's Not Alone](#), NY Times, 2018



[Maternal Mortality Rate in U.S. Rises, Defying Global Trend, Study Finds](#), NY Times, 2016



[The quiet crisis among African Americans: Pregnancy and childbirth are killing women at inexplicable rates](#), LA Times, 2017



[Why U.S. Women Still Die During Childbirth](#), Time Health, 2016



[Giving Birth in America](#), CNN: This is a series of eight short documentary videos produced by Every Mother Counts that present the surprising journeys of women giving birth in America.



[US Maternal Mortality the Highest of Any Developed Country. Are there any solutions?](#) Matter of Fact, 2018: Soledad O'Brien talks with maternal health advocate Christy Turlington Burns and OB/GYN Dr. Lisa Gittens-Williams about the scope of this crisis of maternal mortality in the U.S. and what Congress can do to fix it.



[Deadly deliveries: Women share their near-death pregnancy experiences](#), USA Today, 2018: Every year, thousands of women suffer life-altering injuries or die during childbirth because hospitals and medical workers skip safety practices known to head off disaster. In these videos, several women recount their near-death pregnancy experiences.



[I am one of the 50,000](#), USA Today, 2018: Every year, 50,000 women in the U.S. suffer injuries or severe complications related to childbirth. Many are lucky to survive. In these videos, several women recount their near-death pregnancy experiences.



[Ask The Expert: Maternal Mortality and Healthy Start](#), 2017, Healthy Start EPIC Center: This webinar provides background for the connection between maternal mortality and infant mortality. Resources and examples for looking at preventability are discussed.

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