THE U.S. IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD TO DELIVER A BABY.

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Maternal mortality rises in U.S. as it decreases globally

Approximately 700 women die annually in the U.S. from pregnancy-related complications.

About...

- 3 in 5 could be prevented
- 1 in 3 pregnancy-related deaths happened during pregnancy
- 1 in 3 happened at delivery or in the week after
- 1 in 3 happened 1 week to 1 year postpartum

Black women are 3-4X more likely to die of pregnancy-related causes than White women.

Deaths per 100,000 live births

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Putting U.S. SMM in perspective

• Each year **more than 50,000 women have severe pregnancy complications** (e.g., hemorrhage), also known as severe maternal morbidity (SMM).

• SMM has been steadily increasing in recent years and the rate **more than doubled** from 2000 to 2010.

• Chronic conditions, such as **high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity**, may put women at higher risk of pregnancy complications.

www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/aag/maternal.htm