

Maternal Mortality in Tennessee 2017 - 2019

Maternal mortality is the death of a woman during pregnancy or within a year of pregnancy.

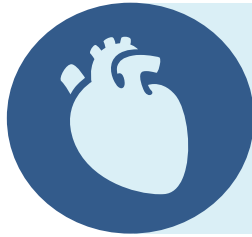
TOTAL DEATHS

222
DEATHS



PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS

67
DEATHS



Leading Cause:
Heart Conditions

Black women were
almost four times as
likely as white women
to die from pregnancy-
related causes

4x

NOT-RELATED TO PREGNANCY DEATHS

135
DEATHS



Leading Cause:
Acute Overdose

34%
Had substance use
disorder as a
contributing factor

52%
Occurred in rural
counties

REDUCING PREVENTABLE MATERNAL DEATHS

WHAT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CAN DO

- Ensure high-risk patients are managed with a multidisciplinary team.
- Educate patients about cardiac conditions in pregnancy and the warning signs of worsening hypertension in pregnancy.
- Educate staff on trauma-informed care in marginalized populations

79%

OF DEATHS

were determined to be preventable with **32%** having a good chance and **47%** having some chance of being prevented



*Total of pregnancy-related and not-related deaths does not add up to the total deaths because relatedness could not be determined in some cases.



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