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Bluegrass Area Development District 2017 Fact Sheets

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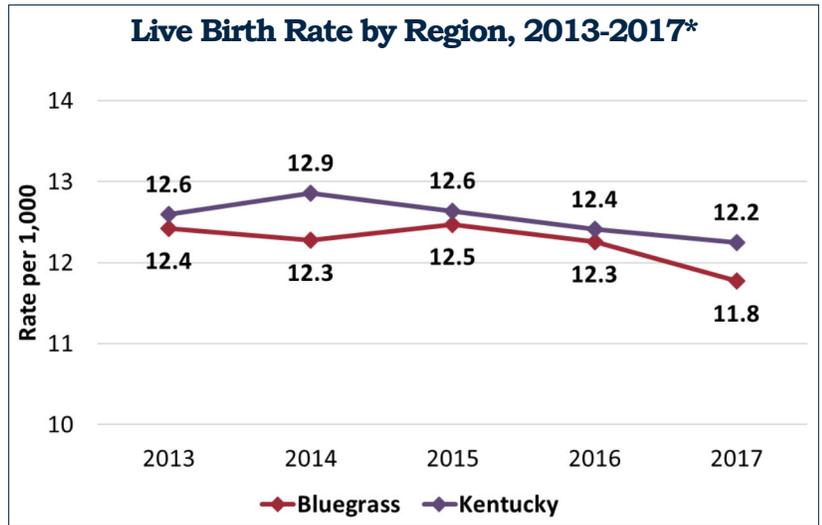


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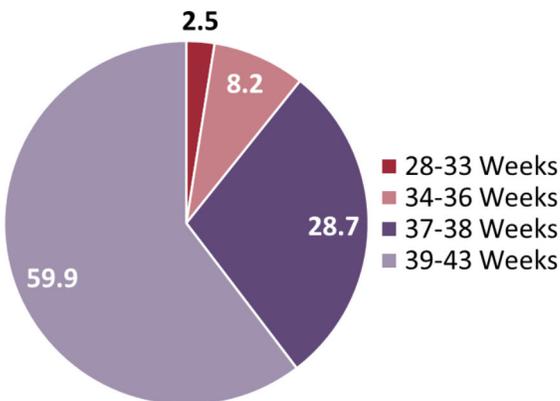
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Live Births in Kentucky

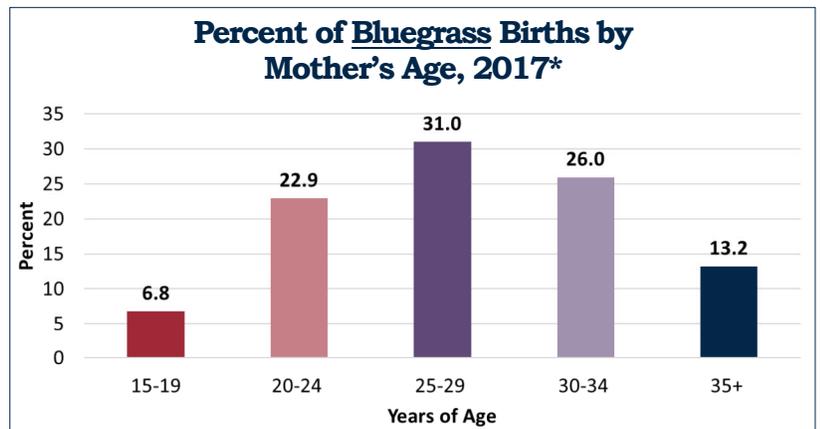
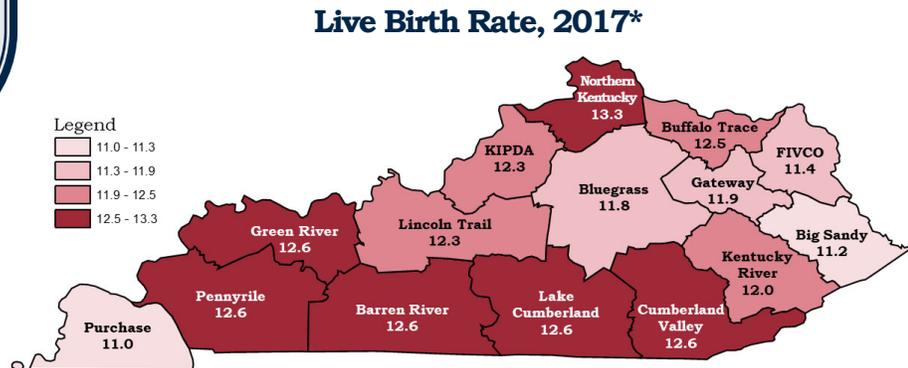
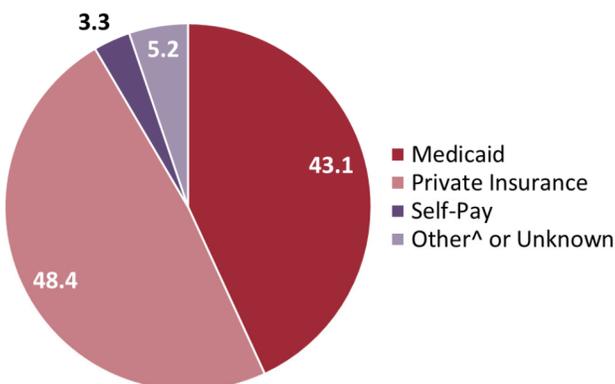
- ◆ A live birth refers to any birth to a living child regardless of length of gestation or the child's weight. This definition does not include stillbirths or voluntary termination.
- ◆ Statewide for 2017, there were over **54,000** live births.
- ◆ Out of all Kentucky live births for 2017, **96.5%** were singletons (one baby) while **3.4%** were multiples (more than one baby).
- ◆ **Thirty-seven percent** of births were to first time mothers while **62.8%** were to women with at least one other child.



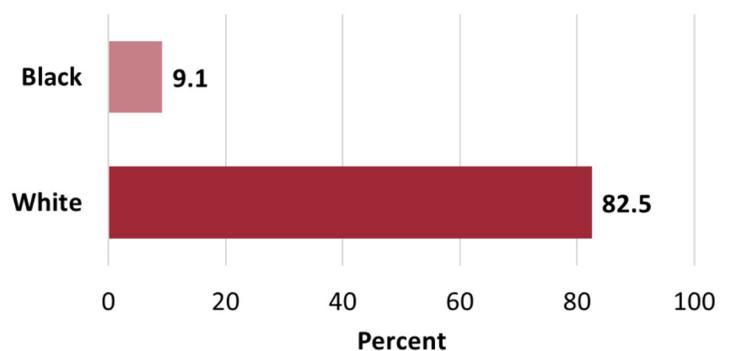
Percent of Bluegrass Births by Gestational Weeks^o, 2017*



Percent of Bluegrass Births by Payer Source, 2017*



Percent of Bluegrass Births by Race, 2017*



*Note: 2017 data are preliminary and are subject to change.
^oBirths before 28 weeks of gestation account for less than or equal to 1 percent of births and have been excluded.

[^]Other Payer Source: Includes insurance for members and family members of the United States armed forces. Kentucky military bases are present within Christian, Hardin and Madison Counties.

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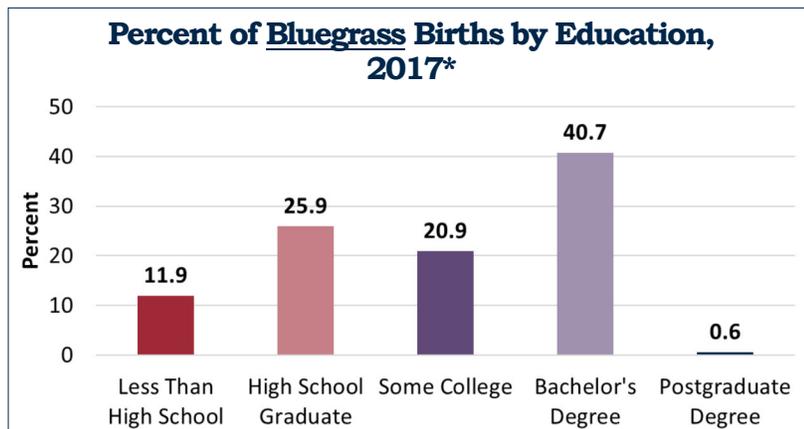
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- ◆ **Eighty-three percent** of births statewide were to white mothers while only **9.1%** were to black mothers.
- ◆ KIPDA had the highest percentage of births to black mothers at **21.2%**
- ◆ Of all Kentucky live births for of 2017, **64.6%** were delivered vaginally and **35.4%** were delivered through cesarean.
- ◆ Purchase had the highest percentage of cesarean deliveries at **40.7%**.



Prenatal Outcomes, 2017*

Broken down by percent of all births in the respective region.

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Breastfeeding Fact Sheet, 2017



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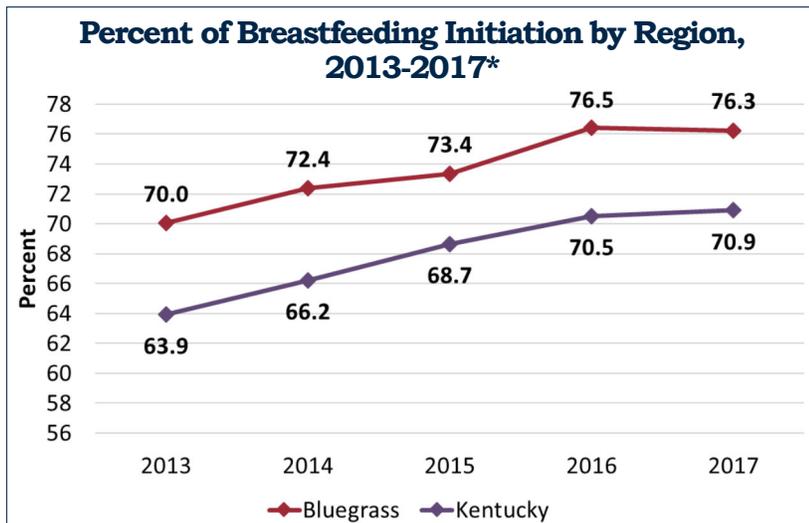
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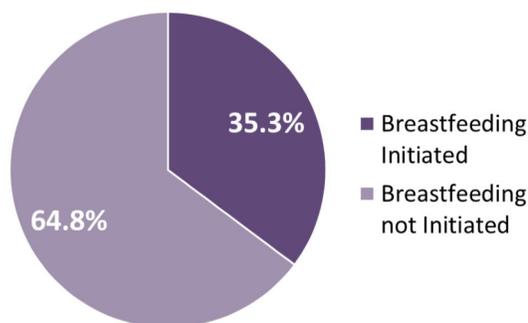
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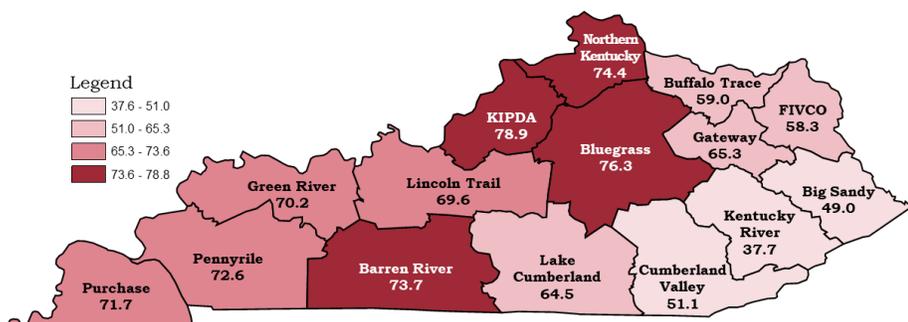
- ◆ Breastfeeding helps protect mother and baby against a variety of long- and short-term health conditions.
- ◆ Kentucky consistently ranks among the states with the **lowest percentage** of breastfeeding initiation and duration.
- ◆ Breastfeeding is considered a protective factor against SUID (sudden unexplained infant death). For 2017, SUID cases were **3 times more likely** to have a mother who did not plan to breastfeed[^].



Bluegrass Medicaid Enrolled Women who Initiated Breastfeeding, 2017*

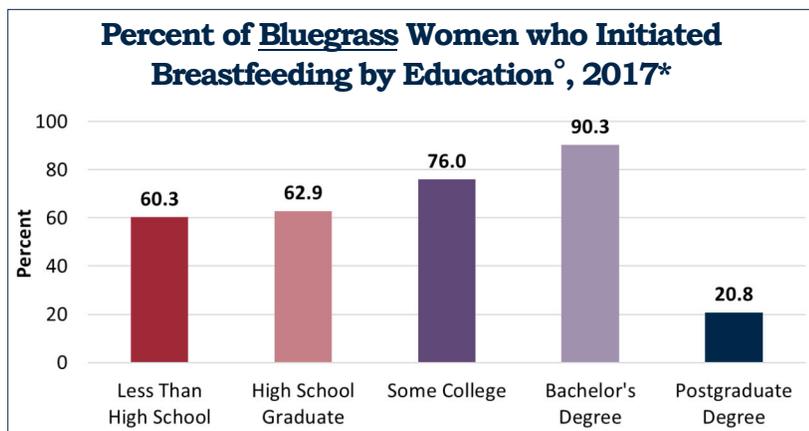


Percent of Breastfeeding Initiation, 2017*

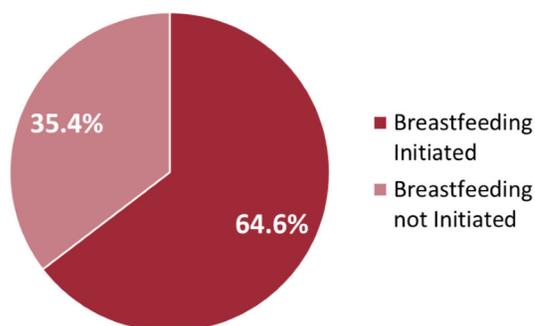


Breastfeeding in Kentucky

- ◆ Statewide, **42%** of all mothers who initiated breastfeeding had a bachelor's degree.
- ◆ Women with one or more children, living or deceased, were **10% less likely** to initiate breastfeeding than women with no other children.
- ◆ Statewide, only **39.3%** of Medicaid enrolled mothers and **58.2%** of WIC enrolled mothers initiated breastfeeding.



Bluegrass WIC Enrolled Women who Initiated Breastfeeding, 2017*



^o Education: Percent of women who initiated breastfeeding divided by live births to women in each respective education category.

Breastfeeding Initiation: Self reported variable from birth certificate vitals data that can only be used to assess breastfeeding initiation during hospitalization after birth. No inferences can be made regarding breastfeeding duration.

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[^]Kentucky SUID case registry, 2017

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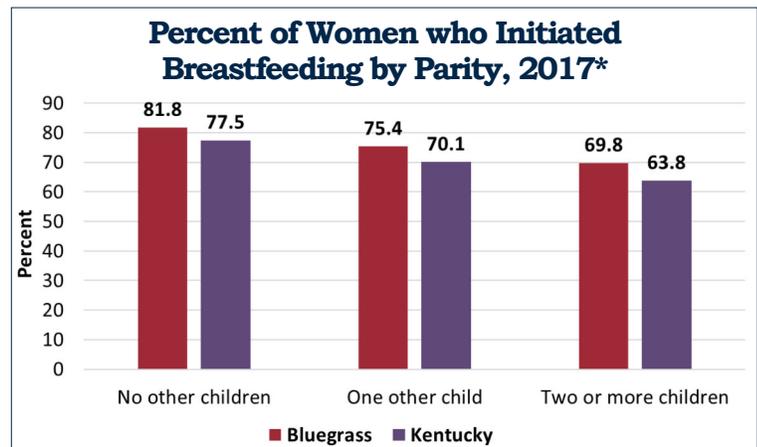
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- ◆ Bluegrass had the **second highest percent statewide** of women who initiated breastfeeding.
- ◆ First time mothers in Bluegrass were **12% more likely** to initiate breastfeeding than mothers with 2 or more children.
- ◆ Breastfeeding initiation in Bluegrass has increased **6.3%** since 2013.



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Infant Mortality Fact Sheet, 2017



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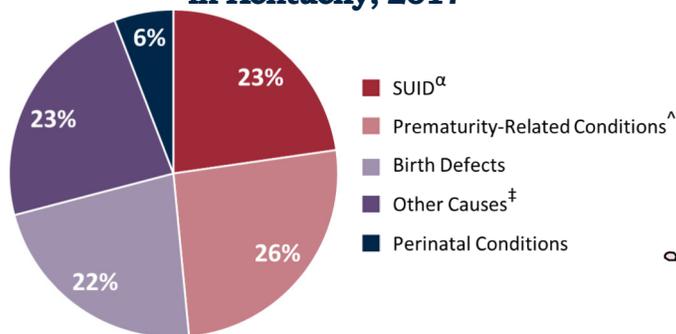
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Infant Mortality

- ◆ Infant mortality refers to the death of a child within their **first year of life**.
- ◆ **Infant mortality rate° (IMR)** is the number of occurrences of infant mortality within a specified region, divided by all live births for that year.
- ◆ Kentucky had greater than **350** infant deaths in 2017.
- ◆ For 2017, infant deaths accounted for **64%** of all deaths to Kentucky children (17 years and younger).

Causes of Infant Mortality in Kentucky, 2017*

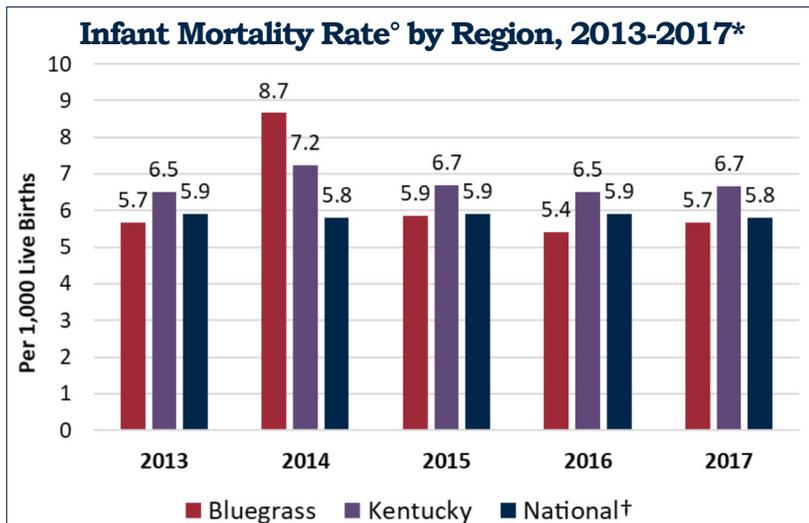


Safe Sleep Kentucky

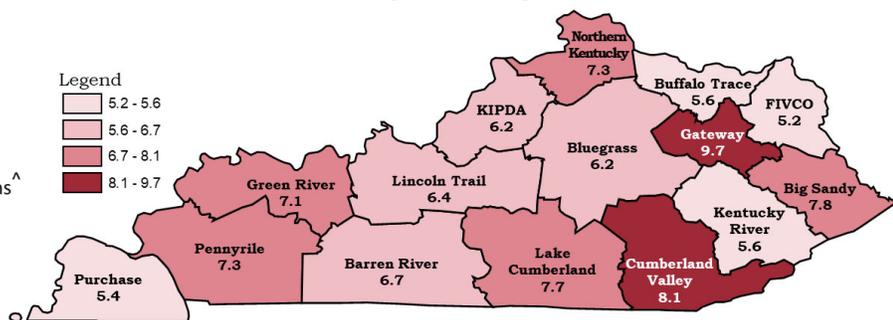
- ◆ Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) accounted for **23%** of all infant deaths in 2017. This comes out to roughly **7 infants every month** that die of SUID.
- ◆ Unsafe sleep practices are a significant contributing factor for SUID cases.

For more information on safe sleep practices and to find educational materials, please visit:

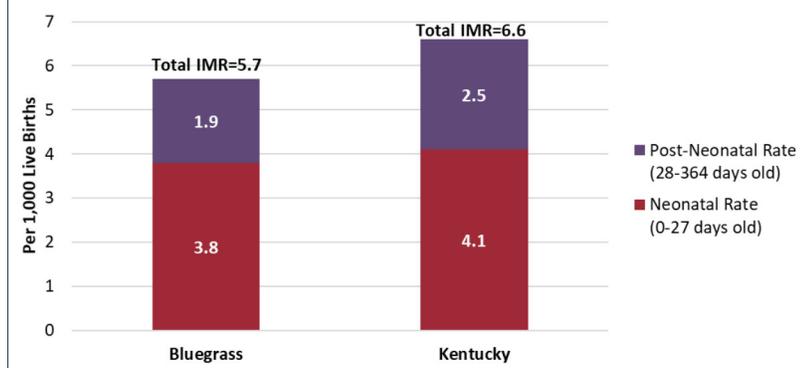
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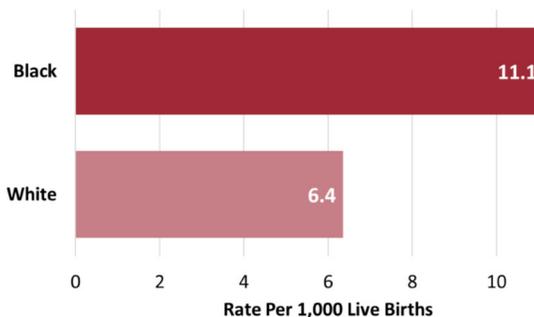
Infant Mortality Rate° by ADD, 2013-2017*



Infant Mortality Rate° by Age at Death, 2017*



Kentucky Infant Mortality Rate° by Race, 2017*



In 2017, black infants died at nearly double the rate of white infants.

^α **SUID:** Includes SIDS (ICD-10 R95), accidental suffocation in bed (CD-10 W75), undetermined causes (ICD-10 R99), other specified threats to breathing (ICD-10 W83), and unspecified threat to breathing (ICD-10 W84).

[^] **Prematurity-Related Conditions:** Gestation <37 weeks and ICD-10 codes: P000, P010, P011, P015, P020, P021, P027, P070-73, P102, P220-29, P250-79, P280, P281, P360-369, P520-23, P77, and K550.

[‡] **Other Causes:** Includes other natural and injury deaths as well as unspecified causes and out of state deaths with insufficient data.

[°] Rate per 1,000 live births.

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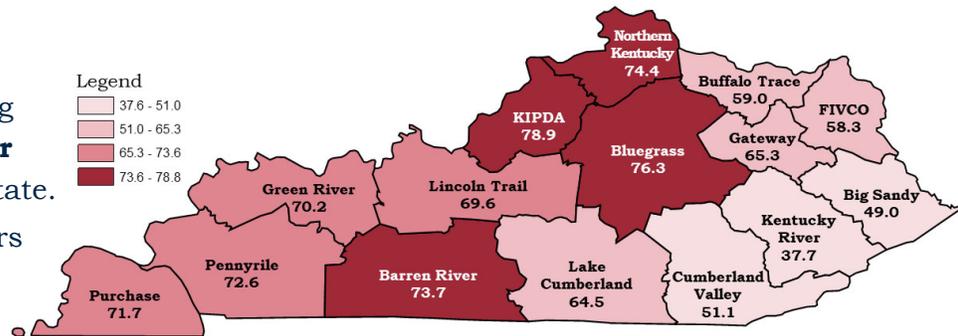
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- ◆ Bluegrass had the **second highest percentage** statewide of women who initiated breastfeeding for 2017 which exceeded the state percentage by **5%**.
- ◆ Births to women who reported smoking during pregnancy was nearly **3% lower in Bluegrass** than for the rest of the state.
- ◆ All included infant mortality risk factors for Bluegrass were on par with state and national percentages.

Percent of Women who Initiated Breastfeeding, 2017*



Infant Mortality Risk Factors by Percent, 2017*

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Low Birth Weight Fact Sheet, 2017



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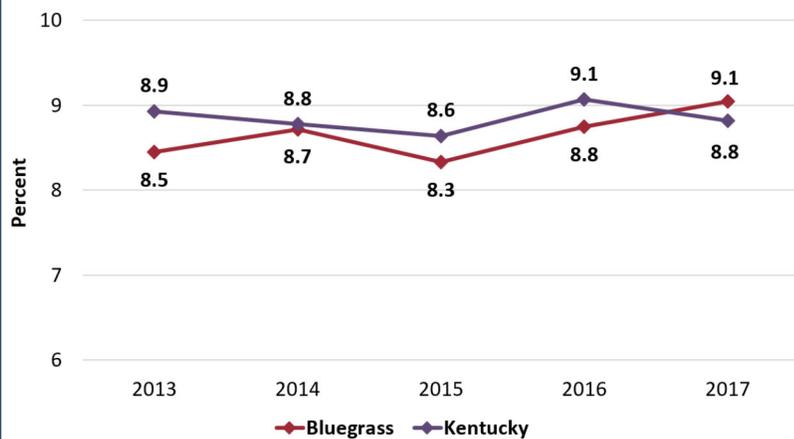
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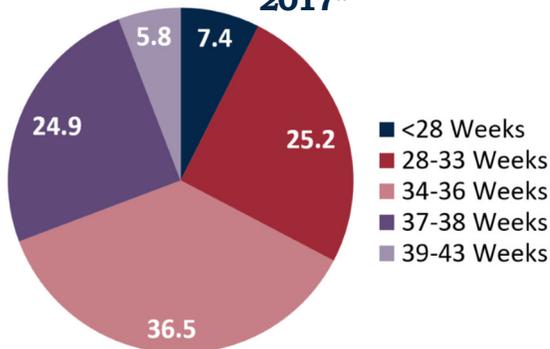
Low Birth Weight

- ◆ A low birth weight is any newborn weight less than **2,500 grams** (5.5lbs).
- ◆ Low birth weight can be the result of a baby being born **too small, too early** or both.
- ◆ Infants with a low birth weight may be more at risk for various health problems both long- and short-term.
- ◆ Risk factors[^] for low birth weight include:
 - ◇ Smoking during pregnancy
 - ◇ Maternal age less than 15 years or greater than 35 years
 - ◇ Previous preterm births

Percent of Births Less than 2,500 grams by Region, 2017*



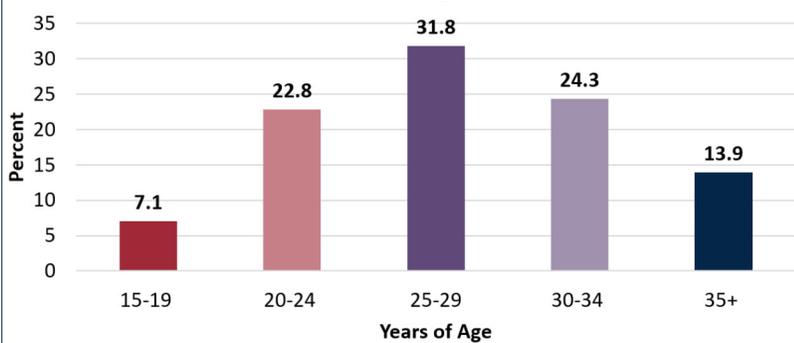
Percent of Bluegrass Births Less Than 2,500 Grams by Gestational Weeks, 2017*



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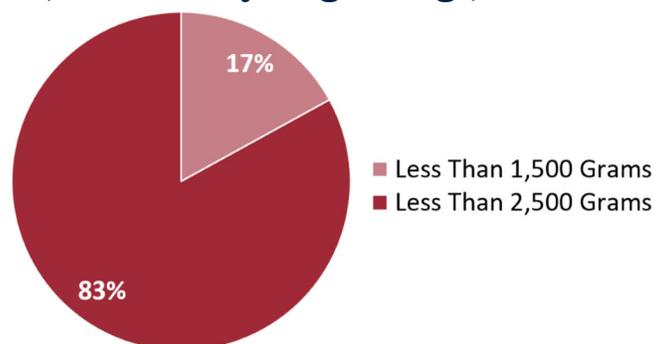
Percent of Bluegrass Births Less Than 2,500 Grams by Mother's Age, 2017*



Low Birth Weight in Kentucky

- ◆ Statewide for 2017, **61.8%** of all births less than 2,500 grams were to women with at least 1 other child.
- ◆ For 2017, **76.8%** of Kentucky births less than 2,500 grams were for singleton births (one baby) while **23.3%** were for multiples.
- ◆ Statewide, **17%** of births with a low birth weight were below **1,500 grams** (3.3lbs).
- ◆ Of all Kentucky births less than 2,500 grams, **9.8%** were to women who previously had a preterm birth.

Percent of Bluegrass Births Less Than 2,500 Grams by Weight Range, 2017*



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[^]Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2019

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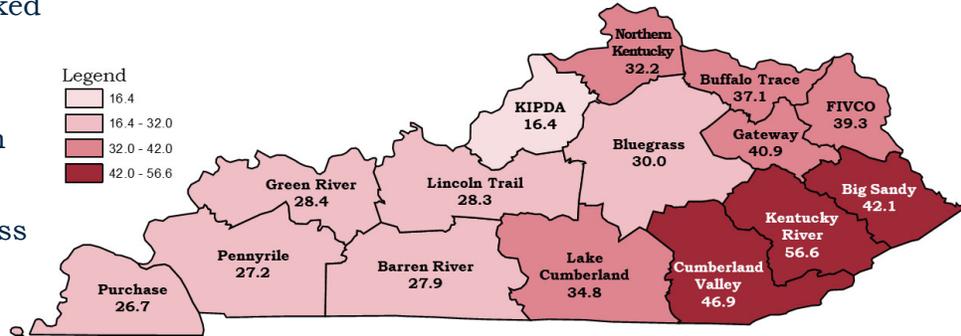
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- ◆ Bluegrass had the **seventh lowest percentage statewide** of births less than 2,500 grams to women who smoked during pregnancy.
- ◆ Of all Kentucky births less than 2,500 grams for 2017, **29.5%** were to women who smoked during pregnancy.
- ◆ Statewide for 2017, **70.2%** of births less than 2,500 grams were considered preterm (before 37 weeks gestation).

Percent of Births Less Than 2,500 Grams to Women who Smoked During Pregnancy, 2017*



Prenatal Outcomes, 2017*

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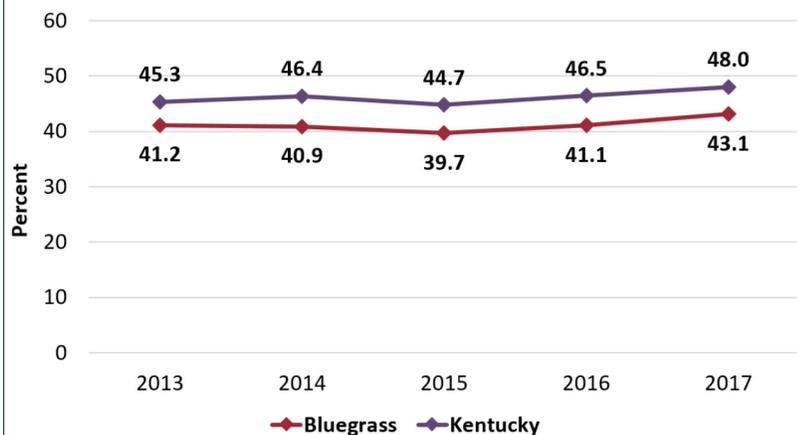
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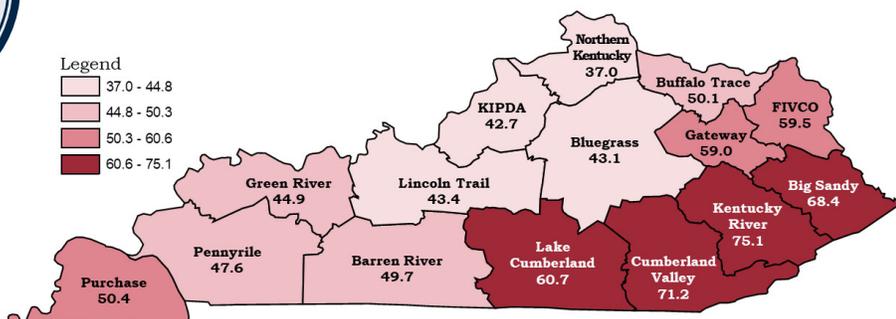
Medicaid-Enrolled Births

- ◆ For 2017, **30%** of Medicaid-enrolled women smoked during pregnancy. While **17.9%** of Kentucky women, regardless of payer source, smoked during pregnancy.
- ◆ **Twenty-eight percent** of Medicaid-enrolled women in Kentucky received late (initiated during the 3rd trimester) or no prenatal care for 2017.
- ◆ Statewide for 2017, **34.9%** of Medicaid-enrolled births were to women between 20 and 24 years of age and **12%** were to women between 15 and 19 years of age.

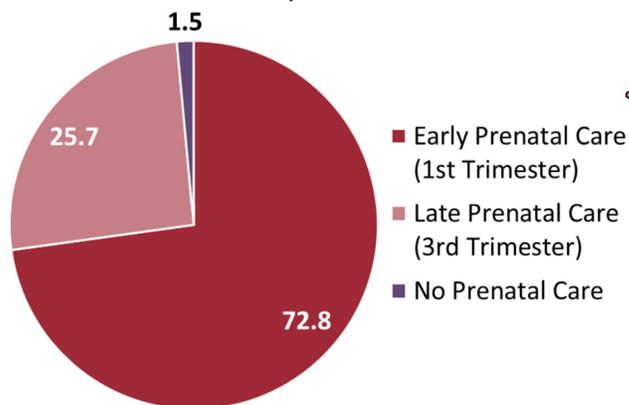
Percent of Medicaid-Enrolled Births by Region, 2013-2017*



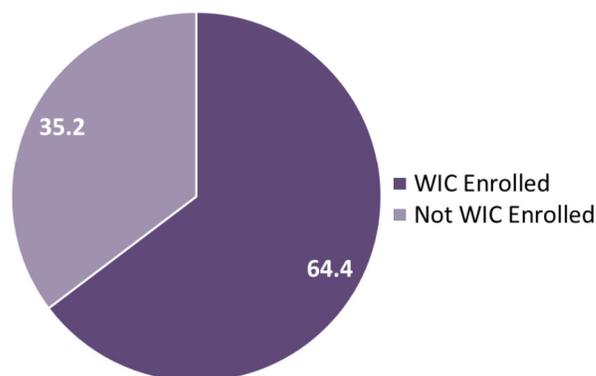
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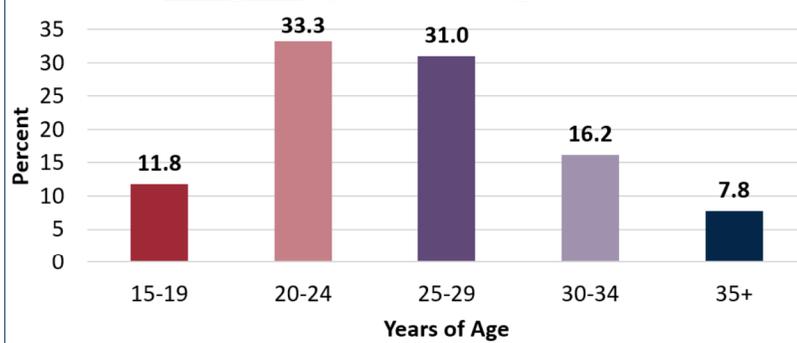
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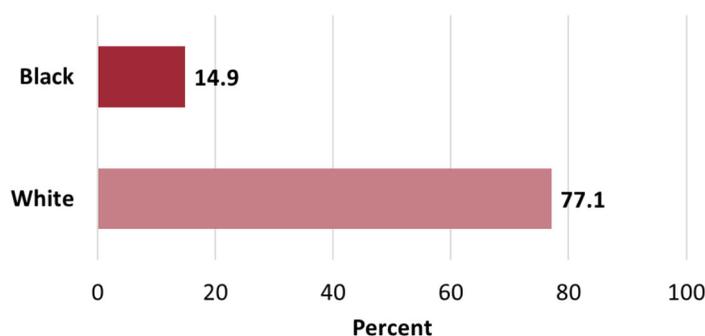
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Percent of Medicaid-Enrolled Births in Bluegrass by Mother's Age, 2017*



Percent of Medicaid-Enrolled Births in Bluegrass by Race, 2017*



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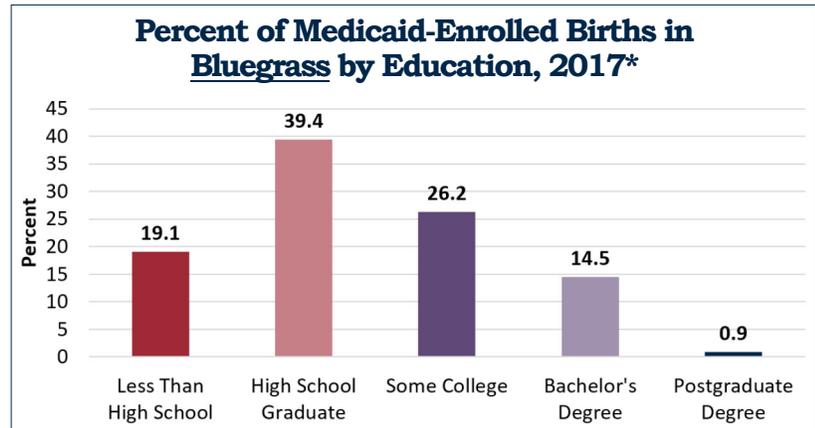
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- ◆ Bluegrass had the **third lowest percentage statewide** of Medicaid-enrolled births at **43.1%** for 2017.
- ◆ Of Kentucky births to Medicaid-enrolled women for 2017, **67.9%** were also enrolled in WIC (Women, Infants, and Children).
- ◆ Statewide for 2017, **41.5%** of Medicaid-enrolled births were to women with only a high school diploma.



Prenatal Outcomes, 2017*

Broken down by percent of all births in the respective region.

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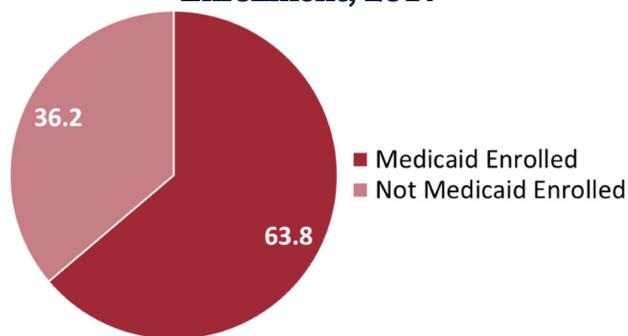
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Prenatal Care

- ◆ Prenatal care refers to medical care received during pregnancy which should be initiated during the first trimester.
- ◆ Prenatal care initiation is broken down into three categories:
 - ◇ **Early**– Prenatal care initiated during the first trimester.
 - ◇ **Late**– Prenatal care initiated during the third trimester.
 - ◇ **None**– Prenatal care not initiated.
- ◆ Seeking early prenatal care can reduce the risk of complications for mother and baby through prompt identification of adverse pregnancy outcomes[^].

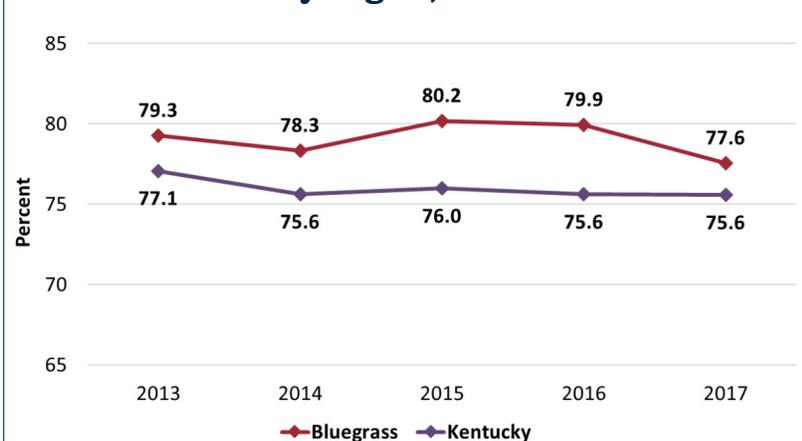
Percent of Bluegrass Births Receiving Early Prenatal Care by Medicaid Enrollment, 2017*



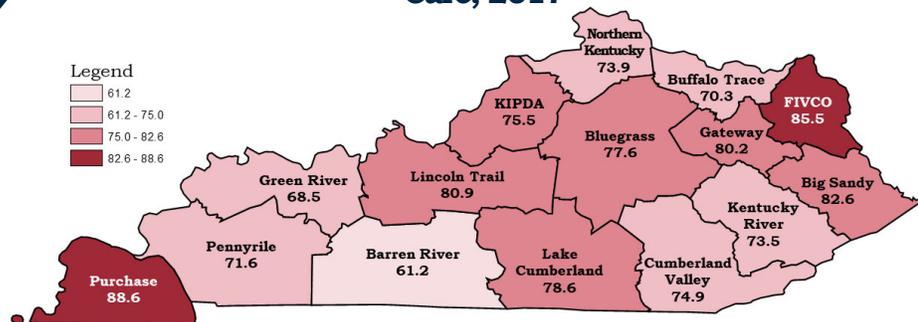
Prenatal Care in Kentucky

- ◆ **Twenty-six percent** of Kentucky women who went on to have a preterm birth did not receive early prenatal care for 2017.
- ◆ Of Kentucky women who did not receive early prenatal care in 2017, **32%** smoked during pregnancy.
- ◆ **Fifty-five percent** of uninsured Kentucky women received late or no prenatal care for 2017.
- ◆ Of Kentucky mothers with a singleton pregnancy (one baby), **24.5%** received late or no prenatal care. Multiples (two or more babies) were only slightly lower at **23%**.

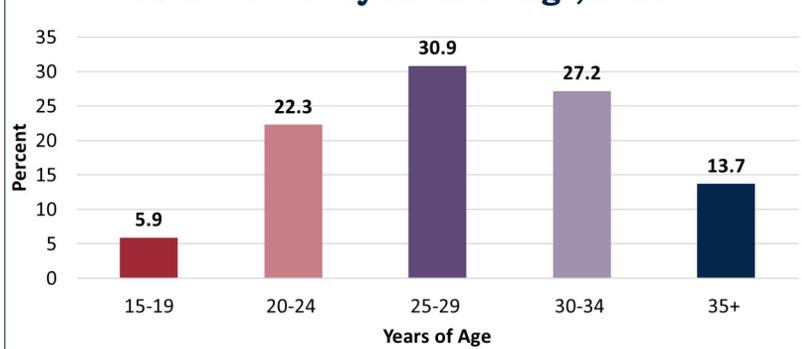
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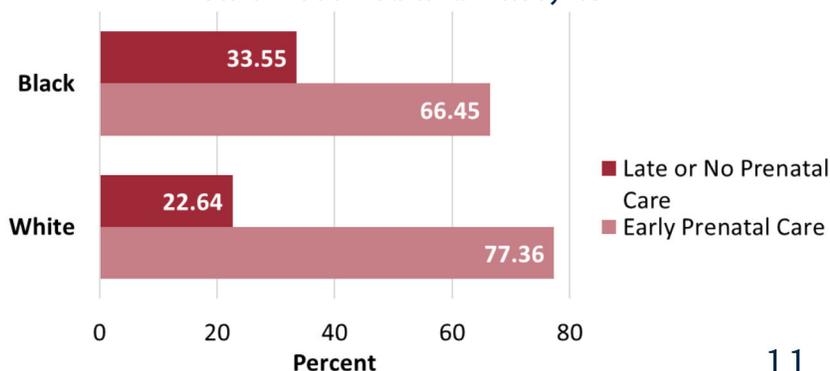
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Percent of Bluegrass Births Receiving Early Prenatal Care by Mother's Age, 2017*



Percent of Kentucky Births by Prenatal Care Received and Race, 2017*



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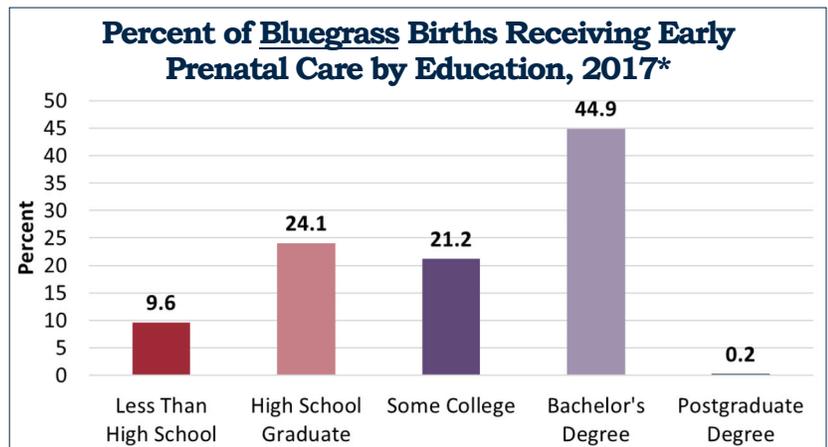
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- ◆ Bluegrass had the **seventh highest percentage statewide** of births receiving early prenatal care.
- ◆ Statewide, only **10.4%** of women with less than a high school degree received early prenatal care.
- ◆ Of Kentucky women who had a previous preterm birth (prior to 37 weeks gestation), **73.7%** received early prenatal care for a 2017 birth.



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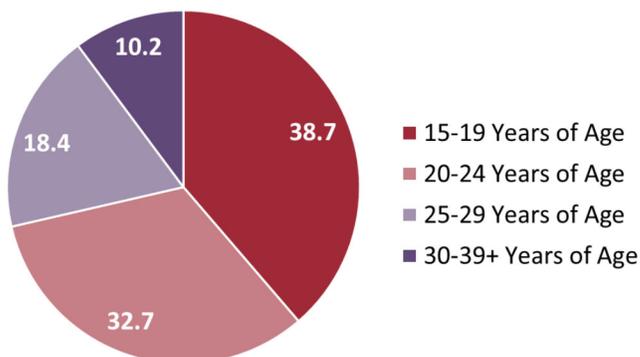
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Smoking During Pregnancy

- Smoking during pregnancy has been linked to a **variety of negative infant and child outcomes** including preterm delivery, low birth weight and birth defects of the mouth and lips.^o
- For 2017, **one in four Kentucky** babies with a low birth weight was born to a woman who smoked during pregnancy.
- Of Kentucky women who smoked during pregnancy, **58%** were enrolled in Medicaid at the time of delivery.

Percent of Kentucky Women who Smoked During Pregnancy by Age, 2017*



Smoke-Free Motherhood

- Kentucky ranks among the states with the **highest prevalence** of smoking during pregnancy nationwide.^o
- Women aged 15-24 years accounted for **71.4%** of Kentucky women who smoked during pregnancy.
- Ninety-two percent** of Kentucky women who smoked during pregnancy continued to smoke through the **first, second and third trimesters**.

For additional resources to help at-risk women stop smoking, please visit:

www.women.smokefree.gov

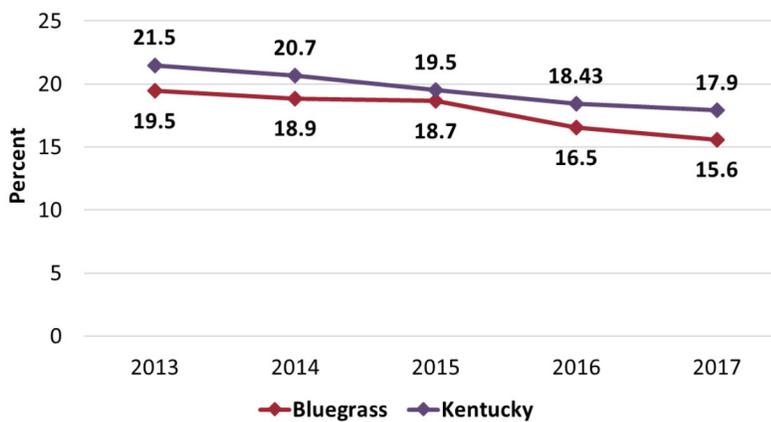
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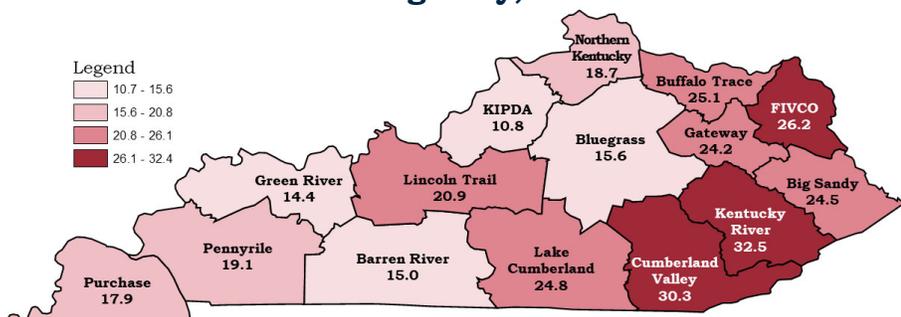
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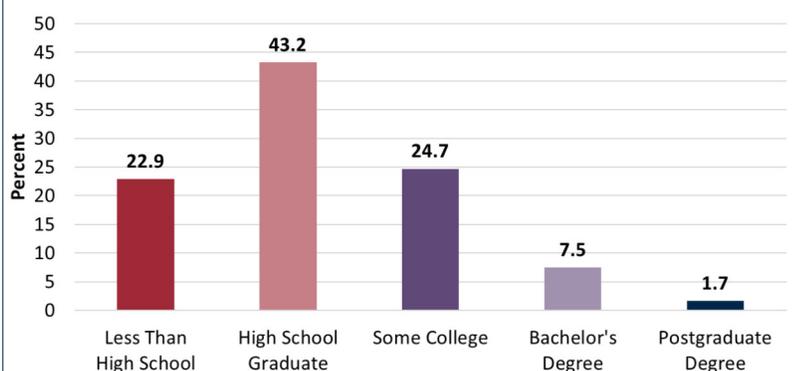
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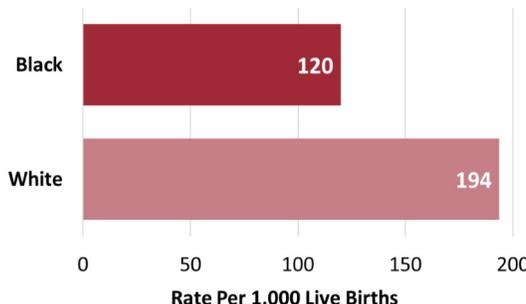
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Percent of Bluegrass Women who Smoked During Pregnancy by Education, 2017*



Rate of Kentucky Women who Smoked During Pregnancy by Race, 2017*



In 2017, white women were nearly twice as likely to smoke during pregnancy as black women.

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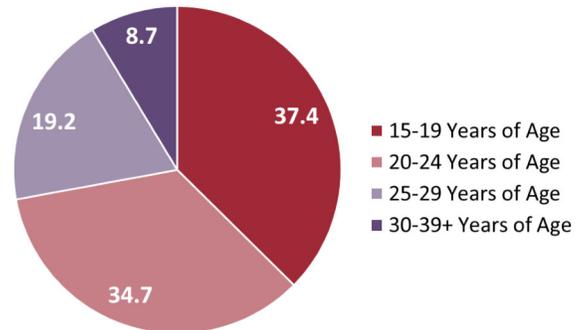
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- ◆ Births to women who reported smoking during pregnancy were nearly **3% lower in Bluegrass** than for the rest of the state.
- ◆ Of the women who smoked during pregnancy in Bluegrass for 2017, **72.1%** were between the ages of 15 and 24 years and **56.4%** were to women enrolled in Medicaid.
- ◆ Statewide, **22.5%** of preterm births were to women who smoked during pregnancy.

Percent of **Bluegrass Women who Smoked During Pregnancy by Age, 2017***



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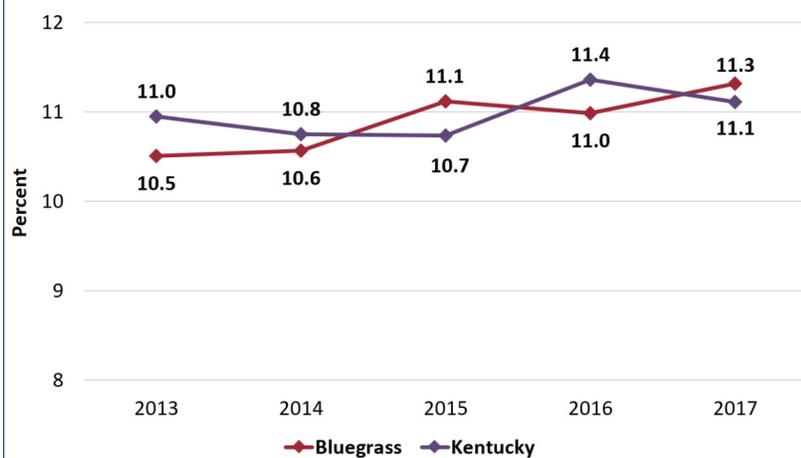
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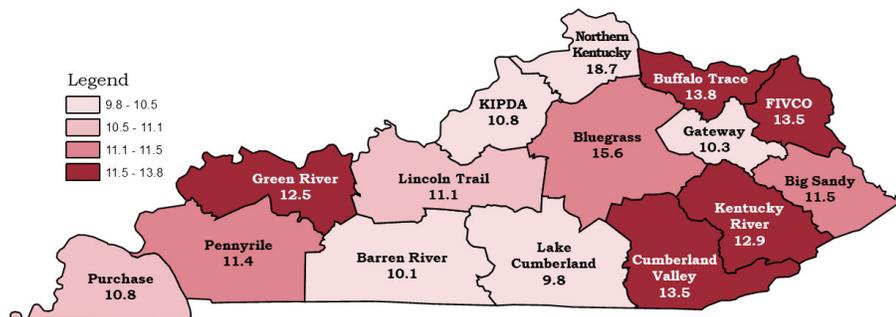
Preterm Birth

- ◆ A birth is considered preterm if it occurs **prior to 37 weeks** gestation.
- ◆ Babies born too early have higher rates of **death and disability** such as breathing problems, feeding difficulties and developmental delays[^].
- ◆ Factors that contribute to a preterm birth include:
 - ◇ Women with low income
 - ◇ Tobacco use during pregnancy
 - ◇ Women with a prior preterm birth
 - ◇ Increased maternal age
 - ◇ Carrying more than one baby

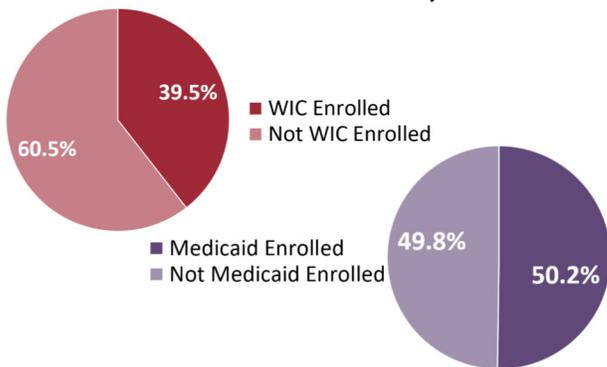
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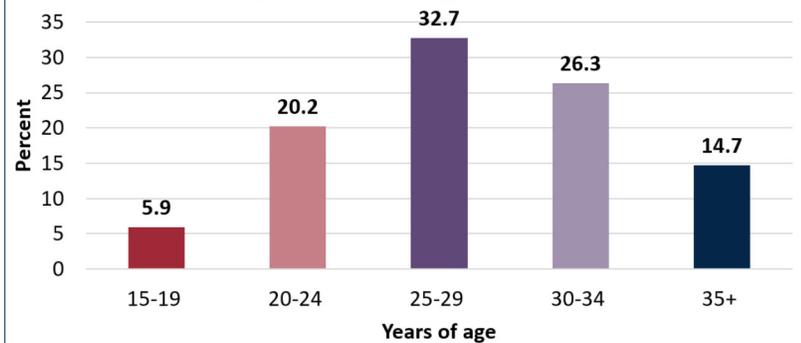
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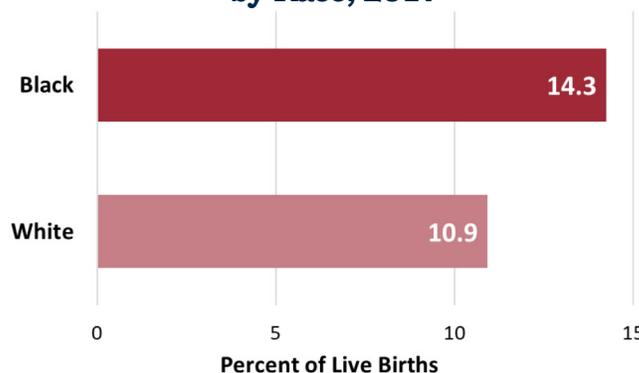
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Percent of Kentucky Preterm Births by Race, 2017*



Preterm Birth in Kentucky

- ◆ Statewide for 2017, **11.3%** of preterm births were to women who previously had a preterm birth.
- ◆ Singleton pregnancies (only one baby) accounted for **79.7%** of preterm births while multiples (more than one baby) accounted for **20.3%**.
- ◆ Statewide, **52.9%** of all preterm births for 2017 were delivered via cesarean section while **47.1%** were delivered vaginally.
- ◆ Women 35 years or older accounted for **13.1%** of all preterm births in Kentucky.

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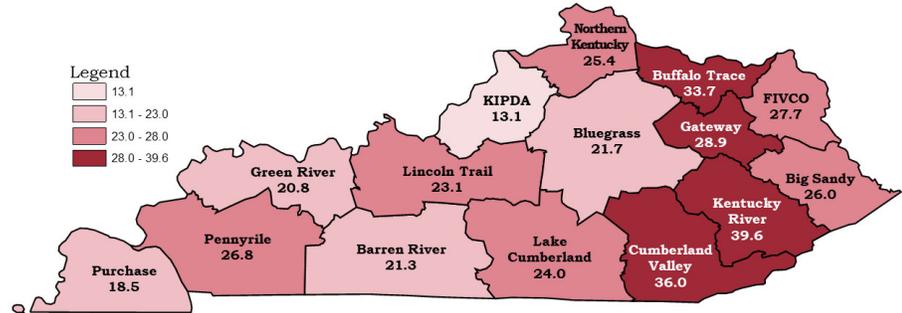
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Percent of Preterm Births to Women who Smoked During Pregnancy, 2017*

- Bluegrass had the **eighth lowest percentage statewide** of preterm births for 2017.
- In Kentucky for 2017, **22.5%** of preterm births were to women who smoked during pregnancy.
- Statewide in 2017, **8.4%** of all preterm births were to women diagnosed with gestational diabetes.



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