

MATERNAL MORTALITY

→ Prevention Program

→ WHAT IS THE MATERNAL MORTALITY PREVENTION PROGRAM?

The **Maternal Mortality Prevention (MMP) Program** examines deaths of Colorado women during pregnancy and up to one year postpartum to identify public health and clinical interventions that improve the health and safety of women of reproductive age.

The **MMP Program** is **charged with**:

- Overseeing the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.
- Abstracting, analyzing and presenting data.
- Acting as a catalyst to improve the health and safety of women of reproductive age.

Maternal death:

The death of a woman while pregnant or within one calendar year of pregnancy.

Colorado ranks **29TH**
in the United States for
maternal mortality rates*

*number of maternal deaths per 100,000 births

Source: <http://hrc.nwlc.org/status-indicators/maternal-mortality-rate-100000>

→ WHAT IS THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE?

The **Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)** is a multi-disciplinary committee focused on reviewing causes of maternal death in Colorado. Representation includes obstetrics/gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, nursing, midwifery, anesthesiology, forensic pathology, psychology, psychiatry, behavioral health and public health.

The MMP program collects relevant health records and abstracts them into de-identified case summaries. These summaries are reviewed by the Committee in order to:

The Maternal Mortality
Prevention Program
identifies and reviews
**20-40 MATERNAL DEATHS
IN COLORADO EACH YEAR.**

Source: Colorado birth and death certificate data

- Determine the annual **number** of **maternal deaths** and the relationship to pregnancy.
- Discuss **preventability**.
- Identify **trends** and **risk factors**.
- Develop actionable **strategies** to **reduce** and **eliminate** future deaths.



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→ LEADING CAUSES OF MATERNAL DEATHS (Colorado, 2004-2012)

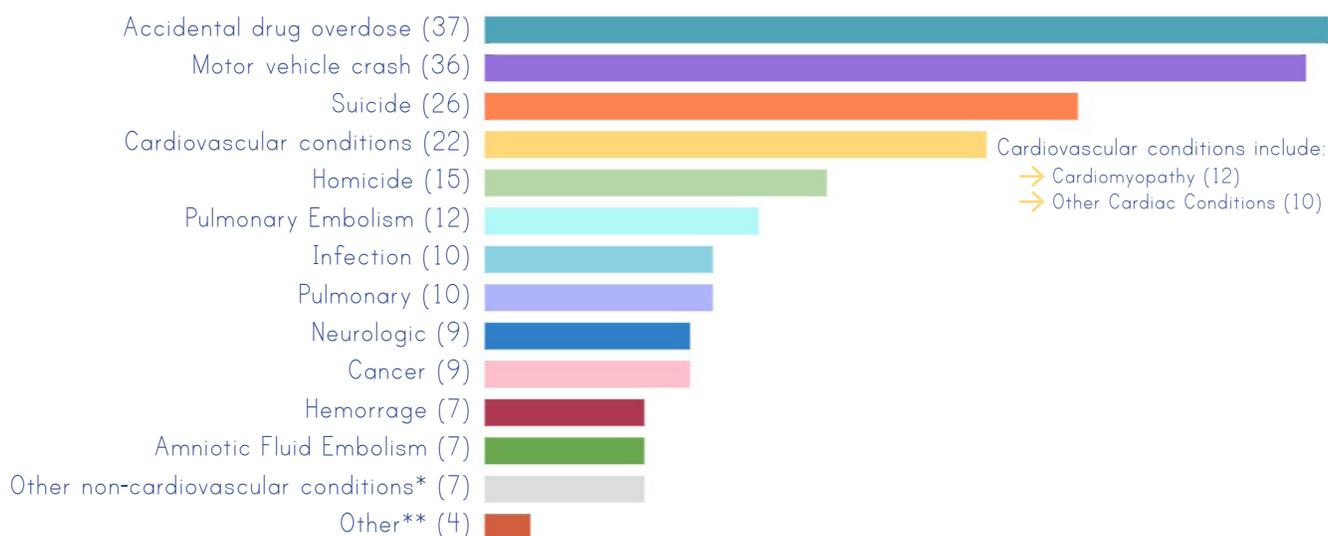
Leading causes of maternal deaths up to one year post delivery.

1. Accidental drug overdose
2. Motor vehicle crash
3. Suicide

Leading causes of maternal deaths during pregnancy up through the first 6 weeks.

1. Accidental drug overdose
2. Pulmonary embolism
3. Motor vehicle crash

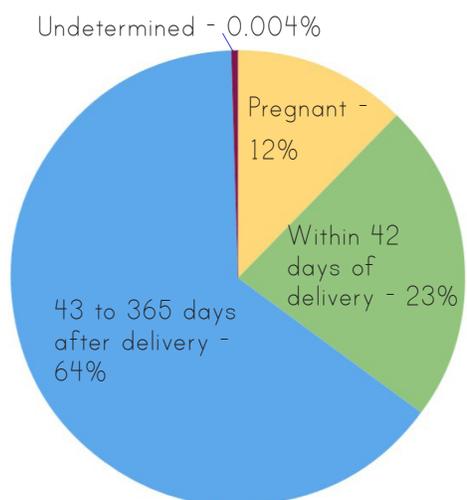
CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG COLORADO MATERNAL DEATHS, PREGNANT UP TO ONE YEAR POST DELIVERY, 2004-2012, N=211



*Other non-cardiovascular conditions include renal, hematologic and gastrointestinal conditions.
 **Data suppressed due to low numbers.

Source: Colorado Death Certificate Data, May 2014

PREGNANCY STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH AMONG COLORADO MATERNAL DEATHS, 2004-2012, N=211



Counts

- 43 to 365 days after delivery (136)
- Within 42 days of delivery (48)
- Pregnant (26)
- Undetermined (1)

Source: Colorado Birth and Death Certificate Data, May 2014