Texas & U.S. Maternal Mortality Rates

PREGNANCY RELATED DEATHS [WITHIN 1 YEAR OF DELIVERY/ABORTION] PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS

SO-CALLED “MODEST INCREASE”
Maternal mortality rates in Texas tripled from 2002 to 2009 [from 9.1 MMR to 28.9 MMR]

long before Planned Parenthood was denied state taxpayer funds or any other “family planning” budget changes went into effect starting September 2011.

DDoubling?
MMR rates did not double in this period.

Texas Data Sources: Texas Department of State Health Services Mortality Narratives 2000-2013, DSHS Email Correspondence for 2014 data

Age is a factor. The CDC reported* in 2005 that maternal mortality was 5 times higher for women over 35 years old [38 per 100,000 live births] than for women 20 and younger [7.4 per 100,000 live births]. In 1987, the U.S. MMR rate was 7.2. It has more than doubled since then despite the fact that Planned Parenthood’s taxpayer funding increased 5.7x from $97 million to $553.7 million in 2014.


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Adjusted maternal mortality rates for Texas show only a modest increase from 2000 to 2010, from a rate of 17.7 in 2000 to 18.6 in 2010. However, after 2010, the reported maternal mortality rate for Texas doubled within a 2-year period to levels not seen in other U.S. states.

--Marian MacDorm, "Recent Increases In Maternal Mortality Rate", Obstetrics & Gynecology [page 6]

TRUE

From 2000 to 2010 the MMR more than doubled from 10.5 to 24.6. That’s not a modest increase.

MMR did not double after 2010. Even if you were to take the rate in 2010 (24.6) and compare it to 2013 (39.5), that’s an increase of 61%.

Causes of maternal deaths in Texas were found to be: Cardiac events [20.6%], Drug overdose [11.6%], Hypertension/eclampsia [11.1%], Hemorrhage [9%], Sepsis [9%], Homicide [7.4%], and Suicide [5.3%]


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