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On my way home from work one day I heard a story on the radio that forever changed my thinking. A Black women had lost her baby and nearly died herself. Pregnant again three years later, she was terrified of coming home empty-handed once again.

In the United States Black infants are more than twice as likely to die than White infants; Black women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than White women. These statistics hold true across economic and educational categories.

Kent County is no exception. In 2016-18 the infant mortality rate for Black infants was 9.7% in comparison to 4.4% for White infants. If YOU were an expectant Black parent or grandparent, aunt, or uncle, how would these facts make you feel? Can you empathize?

For a deeper dive listen to the podcast at

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/why-are-black-mothers-and-infants-far-more-likely-to-die-in-u-s-from-pregnancy-related-causes>