**Natality Quick Facts**

Vanderburgh County (VC) has seen a number of improvements in measures focused around natality over the past several years.

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- **20.7%**
  In 2015, only 17.4% of women in VC smoked while they were pregnant, versus 20.7% in 2013.³

- **17.4%**

- **74%**  
  In 2015, 76.8% of women in VC started prenatal care before the end of their first trimester, versus 74% in 2013.³

- **76.8%**

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**Making Strides**

- **11.04***
  Infant Mortality Rate in Vanderburgh County in 2013²,³

- **11.0***
  Infant Mortality Rate in Libya in 2016¹

- **4.5***^  
  Infant Mortality Rate for Vanderburgh County in 2015²,³

In 2013, Vanderburgh County had an IMR similar to present day Libya, an African country torn apart by civil war.

In 2 years, Vanderburgh County cut its IMR in half. VC has now surpassed the Health People 2020 IMR goal of 6.0/1000 live births and is better than the United States IMR of 5.9/1000 live births.³

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² Data gathered from Deaconess Women's Hospital and St. Vincent-Evansville Hospital for Women and Children.

³ Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Mortality Report, State and County Data 2015. Published December 2016