

INFANT MORTALITY

Africa and Southeast Asia, 2012

Though Africa and Southeast Asia have the highest infant mortality levels, government expenditure on health in these regions is the lowest. It is crucial that health becomes a greater priority for governments in these regions and that they assume responsibility for reducing infant mortality.

Infant mortality was highest in the WHO Africa region in 2012. Infant mortality in this region, 63 per 1000 live births, was six times greater than infant mortality in the WHO European region. Though numerous causes contribute to infant mortality, the majority of infant deaths in developing countries are a result of low access to health care. WHO reports that most infant deaths in these countries occur at home, where skilled care is absent. Skilled health care workers can greatly increase newborn survival in low-income countries and must be supported in order to reduce infant mortality.

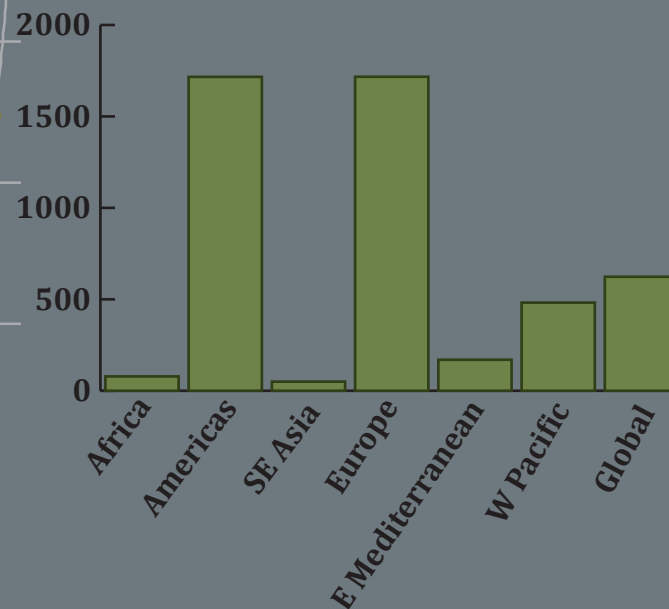
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Number of infant deaths

● 1 Dot = 5000

□ = No data provided or not included

Per capita government expenditure on health (PPP int. \$) by WHO region, 2011



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Data: World Health Organization