

# Death

**One of the biggest worldwide public health triumphs in recent years has been maternal mortality.**

**Global death rates fell by more than a third from 2000 to 2015.**

**The United States, however, is one of the few countries in the world that have gone against the grain, new data show.**

**Its maternal mortality rate has risen despite improvements in health care and an overwhelming global trend in the other direction.**

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