

WV Birth Defects, 2017-2021



- Among West Virginia residents over the span of 2017-2021, the percentage of birth defects remained consistent.
- There was a 0.5% increased incidence of one or more birth defects among West Virginia residents with maternal smoking versus no maternal smoking.
- West Virginia residents who were obese compared to those who were not saw an increased incidence of one or more birth defects of 0.3%.
- Residents within West Virginia had 0.6% higher incidence of birth defects if diabetes was present.
- The largest difference between risk factors was among West Virginia residents with and without reported drug use. There was a 1.2% increase in birth defects with maternal drug use.
- West Virginia residents had an increased incidence of birth defects among younger mothers (aged 15-19) and older mothers (aged 35-44) between 2017-2021.

