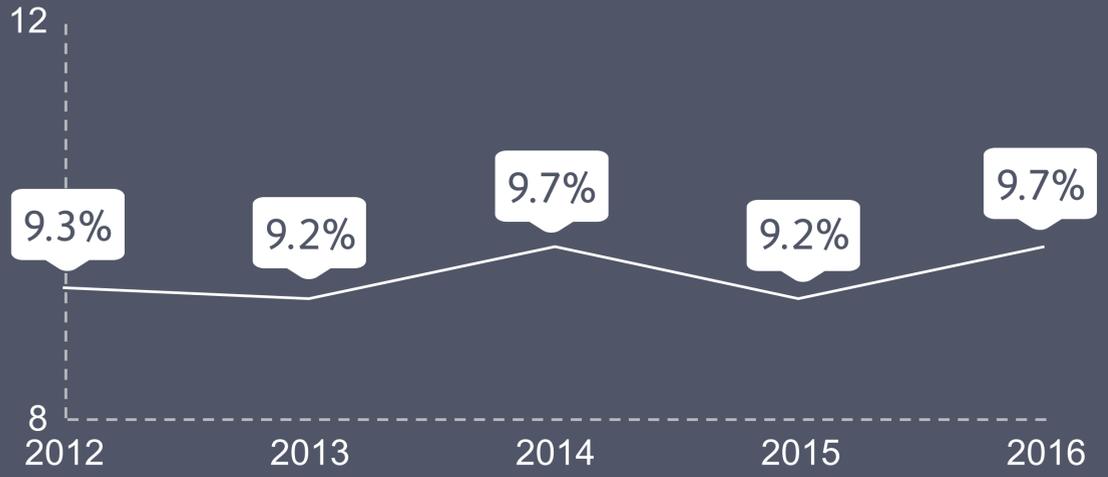


PRETERM BIRTHS HOWARD COUNTY, 2012-2016

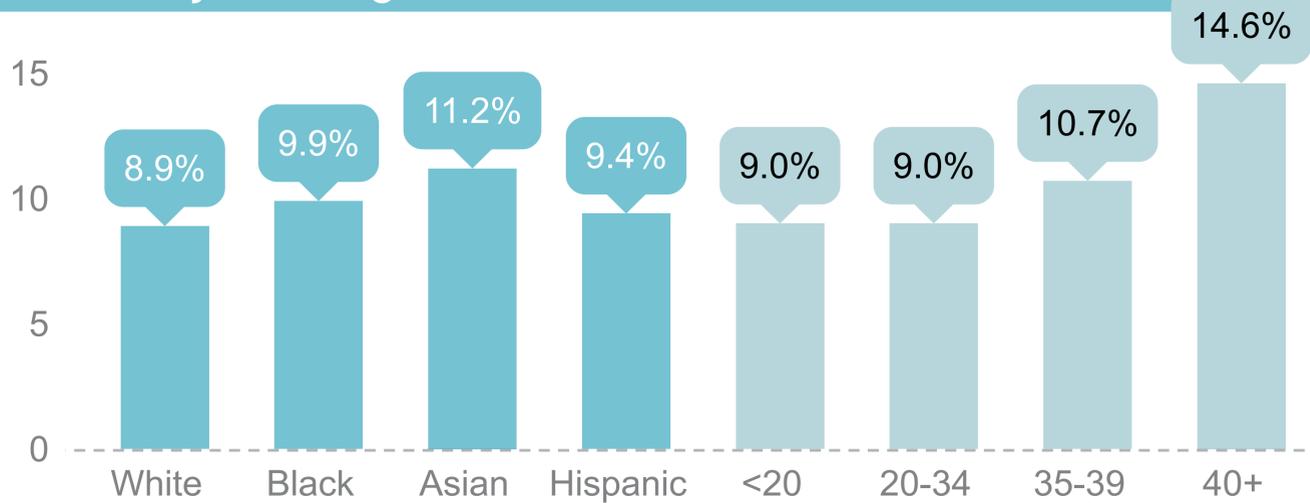
Preterm Birth: Babies born before 37 weeks

- #1 cause of death within the first year of life for infants
- On average, 329 babies are born early each year in Howard County
- Preterm birth rate for Howard County women 9.7% vs 10.1% for Maryland



Who is affected by preterm birth?

2016 by Race, Ethnicity, and Age of Mother



Highest preterm birth rate in Howard County (2016) was among Asian women age 35+

What Increases Risk?



Being aware of causes/risks and taking action can increase chances of positive outcomes.

What Can We Do Together?

The EMPOWER (EliMinating Premature Outcomes With Education & Resources) Initiative aims to build partnerships within the community to reduce preterm birth rates in Howard County by:

1. Increasing Awareness
2. Generating Urgency
3. Closing the Disparity Gap

