**Making Strides**

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.

11.0*
Infant Mortality Rate in Libya in 2016

5.0*\(^\wedge\)
Infant Mortality Rate for Vanderburgh County in 2015

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Natality Quick Facts

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

- **80%**
  - In 2015, over 86% of women in VC were breastfeeding at discharge, versus 80% in 2013.\(^3\)

- **20.7%**
  - In 2015, only 17.4% of women in VC smoked while they were pregnant, versus 20.7% in 2013.\(^3\)

- **74%**
  - In 2015, 76.8% of women in VC started prenatal care before the end of their first trimester, versus 74% in 2013.\(^3\)

- **86.5%**
  - In 2015, over 86% of women in VC were breastfeeding at discharge, versus 80% in 2013.\(^3\)

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\(^*\)Infant Mortality Rate is the number of infant deaths/1,000 live births

\(^\wedge\)Rates are unstable because numerator is less than 20

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