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The United States
Total Caesarean Deliveries

Percent of Live Births

- **WHO Recommendation**: 5-15%
- **U.S. 2008**: 32%

Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality Ratio in New York City

Maternal Deaths per 100,000 Live Births

- **White, Non-Hispanic:** 9
- **Asian, Pacific Islander:** 18
- **Hispanic:** 19
- **Black, Non-Hispanic:** 61

Source: New York City Maternal Mortality Review Project Team
Bureau of Maternal, Infant, and Reproductive Health (BMIRH)
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