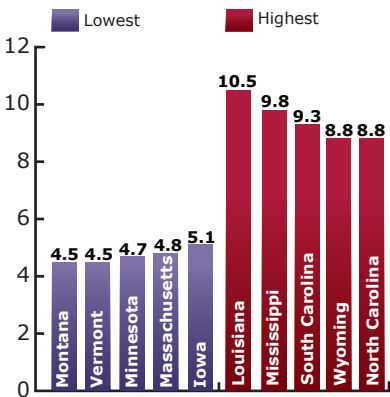


A Sad State of Affairs

Last issue's graph presented data on infant death rates by country; in this issue, we go a step further by examining mortality rates by U.S. state. Combined, the two graphs are a definite reminder of the need for nationwide improvements in health care access and standards.

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)*



*2004 statistical data. To view data for all 50 states, go to www.everychildmatters.org/homelandinsecurity/table-01geo.html.

SOURCE: Report from the Every Child Matters Education Fund. Released April 2, 2008. Data provided by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.