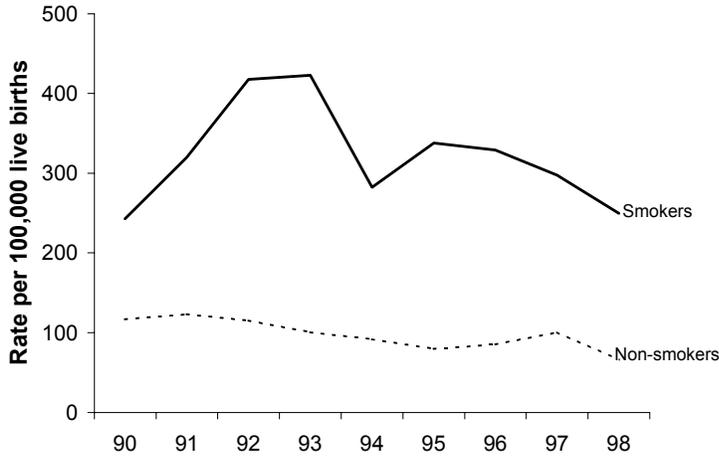


tobacco use and SIDS...

SIDS Rates by Maternal Smoking During Pregnancy Tennessee, 1990-1998



Smoking During Pregnancy

The SIDS rate for mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy was more than three times that of mothers who reported that they did not smoke.

- Smoking is one of the most important *preventable* risk factors for SIDS.
- Mothers who smoke prenatally usually continue to smoke in the postnatal period.¹⁷
- “Public health interventions that focus on smoking cessation among pregnant women, and more particularly on primary smoking prevention efforts among teenage girls, may lead to a substantial decrease in SIDS. . . .”¹⁸

Good News

The average percent of mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy decreased from 22% in 1990 to 17% in 1998.

Trend in Maternal Smoking During Pregnancy, Tennessee, 1990-1998

