

Number of Newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Continued To Increase Through 2016



Note: Numbers for NAS births from 2008-2014 are based on ICD-9-CM-coded data. The number for NAS births in 2016 is based on ICD-10-CM-coded data.

The number of babies born each year with withdrawal symptoms from their mother’s drug dependence, known as neonatal abstinence syndrome, nearly doubled from 2008 to 2014, according to data from AHRQ’s Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project. In 2016, more than 25,000 babies were born with withdrawal symptoms from drug dependence compared with more than 8,500 in 2008. These trends are taken from HCUP’s State Inpatient Databases, which are developed through a Federal-State-Industry partnership sponsored by AHRQ. [Access the data.](#)

