More Babies Born Dependent on Opioids

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Rates Per 1,000 Births

Chart — Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Rates Per 1,000 Births (y-axis 0 to 8):
- 2008: 2.2
- 2009: 2.8
- 2010: 3.4
- 2011: 4.0
- 2012: 4.7
- 2013: 5.5
- 2014: 6.1
- 2015 (Q1-Q3): 6.4
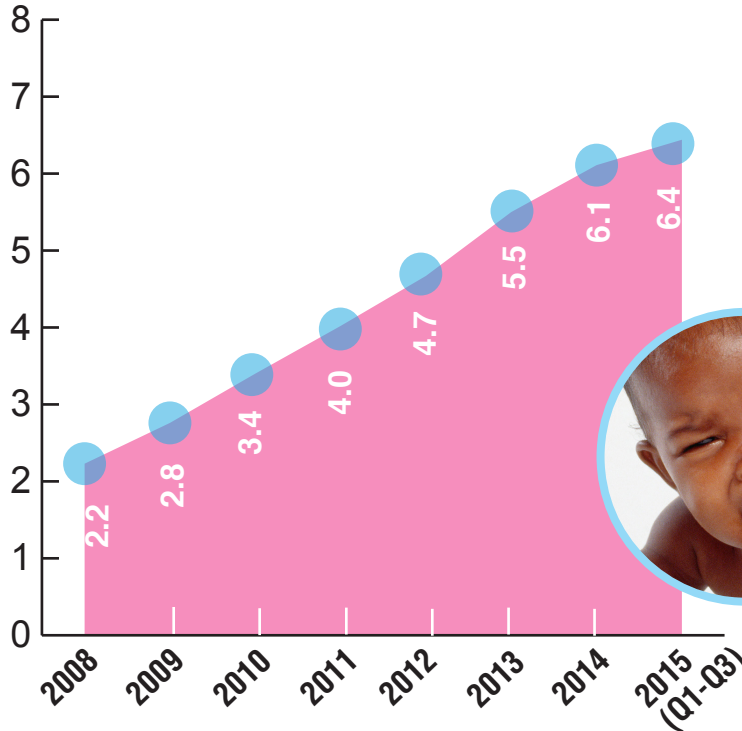
AHRQ and HHS are working to address the opioids crisis by making data available to better understand the problem.

The national rate of neonatal abstinence syndrome nearly tripled between 2008 and 2015 (Q1-Q3), according to data from AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project.

Source: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, State Inpatient Databases, 43-47 States, 2008-2015 (Q1-Q3).
Note: For 2015 calendar year, only the 1st three quarters of data were used.