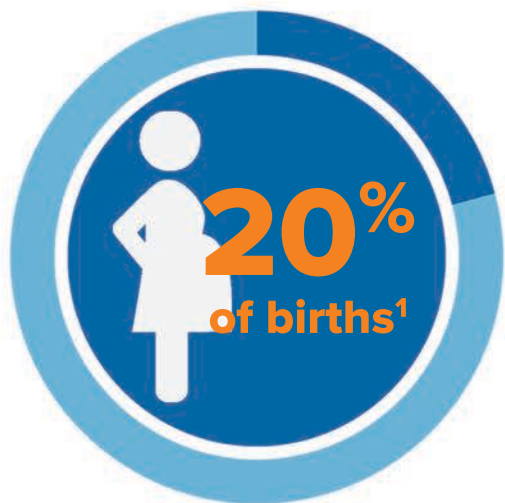


# Protect Pregnant Mothers and Their Babies

## By Helping Pregnant Women to Quit Smoking



Kentucky has the second highest rate in the nation of births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy.<sup>1</sup>

Kentucky has the opportunity to help pregnant mothers and give their kids a healthy start.

Increasing the tobacco tax by at least \$1 would reduce smoking among pregnant women. With this targeted solution we can help more Kentucky babies be born healthy.

Learn more at [smokefreetomorrow.org](http://smokefreetomorrow.org) and [kyyouth.org](http://kyyouth.org)



Smoking during pregnancy is the single most important known cause of low birth weight and increases the risk of preterm birth and Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome. Kentucky is:



In Preterm Births<sup>2</sup>



In Low-Birthweight Babies<sup>2</sup>



In SUIDS-Related Deaths Among 39 States Reporting<sup>3</sup>