

Losing Ground in Health: Infant Mortality

We are losing ground among industrialized countries with respect to important health indicators:
Our ranking for infant mortality (IMR) has slipped from 18th in 1980 to 25th in 2002.

1980	Rank	2002
IMR = 6.9 Sweden	1	Iceland IMR = 2.3
Japan	2	Finland
Finland	3	Japan
Iceland	4	Sweden
Norway	5	Norway
Denmark	6	Austria
Netherlands	7	Czech Republic
Switzerland	8	France
France	9	Spain
Canada	10	Germany
Australia	11	Belgium
Ireland	12	Denmark
Luxembourg	13	Italy
Belgium	14	Australia
United Kingdom	15	Netherlands
Spain	16	Portugal
Germany	17	Switzerland
IMR = 12.6 United States	18	Greece
New Zealand	19	Ireland
Austria	20	Luxembourg
Italy	21	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	22	Korea
Korea	23	Canada
Greece	24	New Zealand
Slovak Republic	25	United States IMR = 7.0
Hungary	26	Hungary
Portugal	27	Poland
Poland	28	Slovak Republic
Mexico	29	Mexico
Turkey	30	Turkey

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