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Pregnancy related deaths have increased over the last decade. The state with the highest number of childbirth deaths is California. Out of 100,000 women, there were 16.9 maternal deaths. The national average is 13.4 maternal deaths. That number is nearly double what it was 10 years ago.

The two most common reasons for the deaths were blot clots and hemorrhaging. For more information click on the link below.

Eleven days after her son Benjamin's birth by C-section, Linda Coale awoke in the middle of the night in pain, one leg badly swollen. Just as her doctor returned her phone call asking what to do, she dropped dead from a blood clot.

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