

The Baker County Press Weather

Sept. 22, 2016

**Seven Day Forecast**

**Thursday**  
T-storms Likely  
High: 88 Low: 70

**Friday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 90 Low: 71

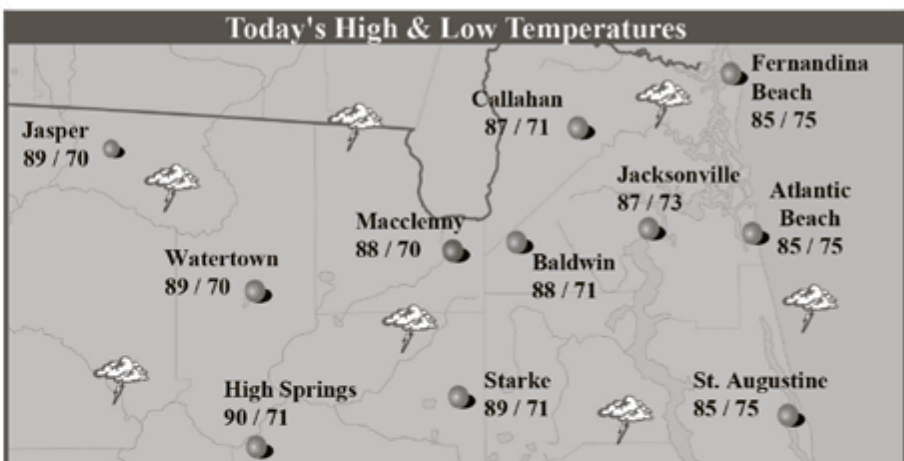
**Saturday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 91 Low: 71

**Sunday**  
Scat'd T-storms  
High: 89 Low: 70

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 67

**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 88 Low: 68

**Wednesday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 86 Low: 68



**Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:17 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Monday	7:19 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
Tuesday	7:20 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	7:16 p.m.

**Last Week's Local Almanac**

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Mon, 9/12	90	70	89/71	0.01"
Tue, 9/13	82	72	89/70	0.16"
Wed, 9/14	88	73	89/70	0.03"
Thu, 9/15	86	70	88/70	0.00"
Fri, 9/16	86	70	88/70	0.00"
Sat, 9/17	88	72	88/70	0.00"
Sun, 9/18	93	72	88/70	0.00"

*Data as reported from Cecil Field Airport*

**St. Mary's River Levels**

Location	Now	Change
Moniac, GA	5.22 ft.	-0.09 ft.
Macleenny	3.99 ft.	-0.27 ft.

**Hunting/Fishing Times**

Day	AM	PM
Thu	2:49-4:49	3:19-5:19
Fri	3:39-5:39	4:09-6:09
Sat	4:30-6:30	5:00-7:00
Sun	5:22-7:22	5:52-7:52
Mon	6:14-8:14	6:44-8:44
Tue	7:06-9:06	7:36-9:36
Wed	7:59-9:59	8:29-10:29

**Weather History**

**Sept. 22, 1987** - Hurricane Emily, the first hurricane to roam the Caribbean in nearly six years, made landfall over the Dominican Republic, packing 125-mph winds. Emily killed three people and caused 30 million dollars in damage.

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# Infant deaths: local rate shoots up again

## Former resident critical

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Baker County's infant mortality rate shot back up last year to 11.9 deaths per 1000 live births, which is roughly twice the state rate and bucked a regional trend downward from 8 deaths per 1000 live births to 7.1 deaths, recently released figures show.

The release came this month during Infant Mortality Awareness Month when public health officials attempt to highlight the issue.

Infant mortality is defined as the death of a child before its first birthday.

Baker County's infant mortality rate typically fluctuates widely because a relatively small change in the number of deaths — like the

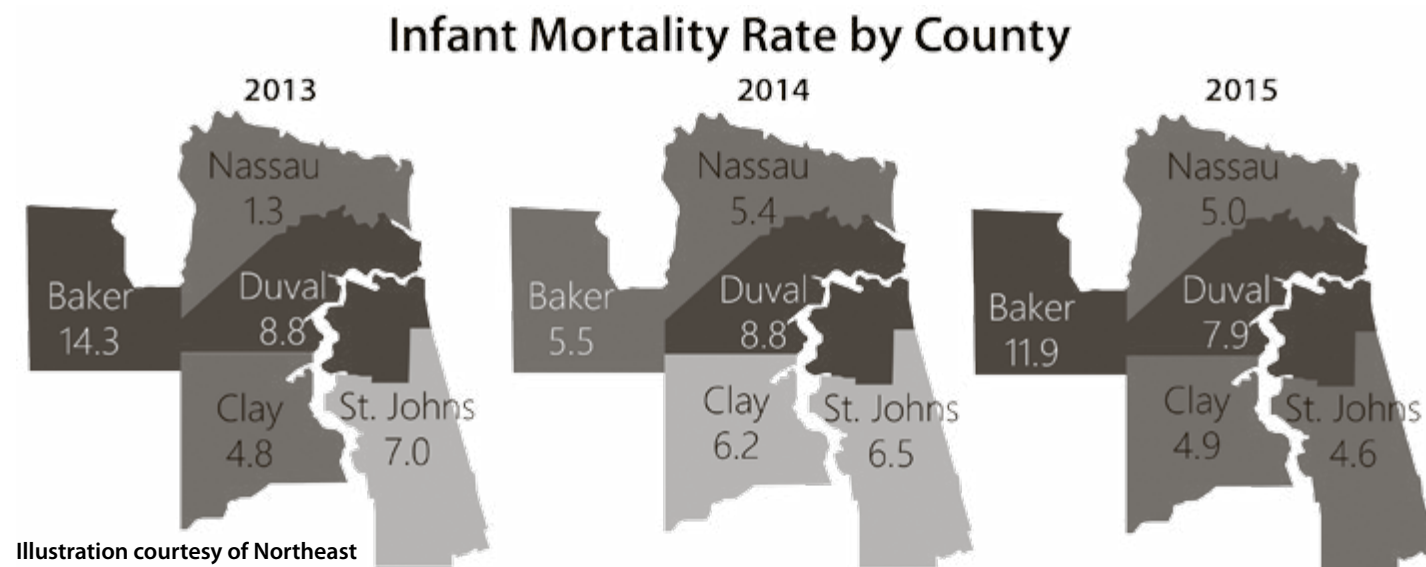


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four deaths last year compared to two the previous year — will impact the rates of smaller counties more so than larger ones like Duval or Clay counties, according to the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition's website.

"Duval County, the population center of the region, continues to drive the region's rate with 7.9 deaths per 1000 live births. From 2013-2015, Baker County had significant fluctuations, while Clay and St. Johns counties had sizeable decreases," the site's recent blog post on the issue states.

Even while progress was made in reducing the regional infant mortality rate, the coalition reports that racial disparities remain.

"Black mothers are twice as likely to experience a fetal death (10.2 deaths per 1000 live births, compared to 5.4 deaths for white moms) and almost three times as likely to experience an infant death (13.7 deaths compared to 4.9 deaths for white moms)," the post reads, adding that the trend

has been consistent for the past five years.

The gap in Baker County is similar.

The infant mortality rate for white moms last year was 10.5 deaths per 1000 live births versus 23.3 deaths for black moms. Statewide the rate for black moms is 11.4 compared to 4.4 for white moms.

On a positive note, however, Baker County had no fetal deaths, also known as stillbirths, last year, after decades of having at least a few each year, state data shows.

The statewide rate for fetal deaths, which are deaths after 20 weeks of gestation,

is about 6 per 1000 deliveries.

The county's Infant Mortality Task Force, a collaboration between the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition and the county health department, meets monthly on the second Monday of the month about 1 p.m. following the Healthy Baker meeting at the health department, which begins at 11:45 a.m. the same day.

Anyone interested in community health issues is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions.

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rests on offenses from domestic battery to shooting in an occupied building and possession of cocaine. Most of the cases were dropped by prosecutors, but he has multiple felony convictions as well.

One of those convictions was for sale of controlled drugs near a school. Mr. Shaw failed to show up for an earlier trial date in April.

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