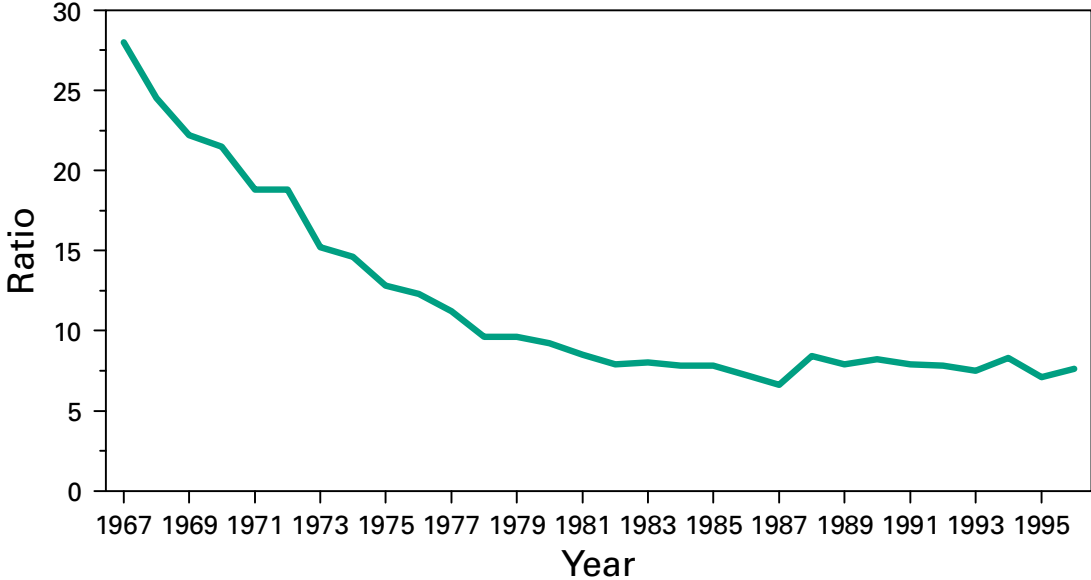


FIGURE 1. Maternal mortality ratio*, by year — United States, 1967–1996



* Number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births The term “ratio” is used instead of rate because the numerator includes some maternal deaths that were not related to live births and thus were not included in the denominator.