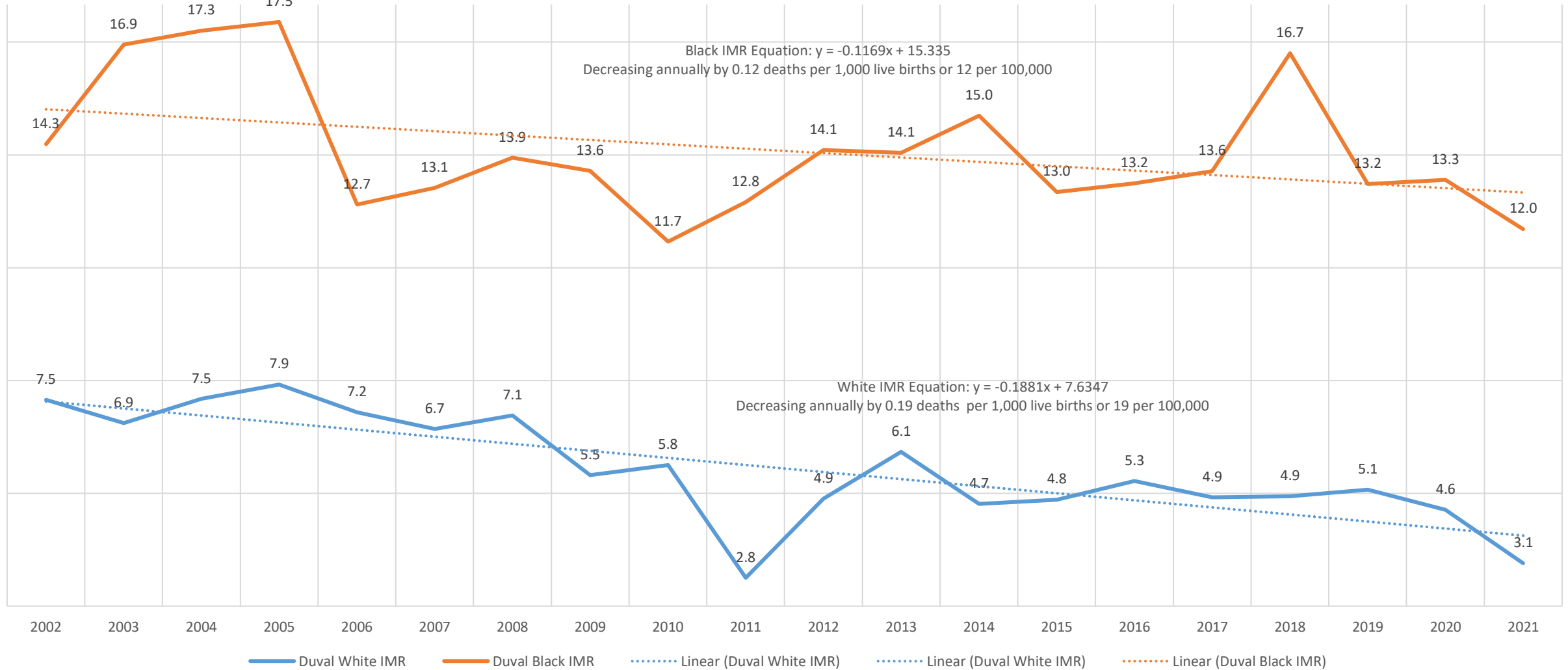


# Longitudinal Trends and Disparities in Infant Mortality Rate in Duval County, Florida by Race



Infant mortality did NOT increase in the COVID-19 era. Although the most recently available data (CY 2021) show that the Black IMR was four times higher than the White IMR, both groups show progressively small declines in infant death rates over time. The challenge is to address maternal toxic stress associated with the social determinants of health, which contribute to preterm birth, a leading cause of infant mortality.