

PeriStats® User Tips



The PeriStats Web site, developed by the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, provides free access to maternal and infant health-related data at the US, state, county and city level. The site was developed to ensure that health professionals, researchers, medical librarians, policy-makers, students, and the media have easy access to this information. Be sure to visit PeriStats at www.marchofdimes.com/peristats!

Home Page

The PeriStats home page provides easy access to graphs, maps, and tables.

To quickly see what's available for your state or the US, try the '**Easy Start**' menu. The Web page that returns provides a complete list of data available for your region of interest, categorized by topic.

If you want to jump right into data, use the top two **Data Viewers** to create a **Graph** or **Map**. Just pick a state and a health indicator, and click 'submit'.

If you are looking for **Quick Facts** or brief **Summaries** of information, try one of the bottom two Data Viewers.

To find answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**, click on one of questions at the bottom of the home page.

Once there, if you look to the left side of the screen, you'll find information on **Calculations**, perinatal **Resources**, an **Overview** of the Web site, and more...

Be sure to sign-up for data and Web site updates under the **What's New** section of the home page - above in light blue!

Main Data Page

Below is the main data page on PeriStats. The example shown is the result of creating a graph from the home page or clicking a link from 'Easy Start'.

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United States

Preterm Birth

Preterm: US, 1992-2002

Percent of live births

Year	Percent of live births
1992	10.7
1993	11.0
1994	11.0
1995	11.0
1996	11.0
1997	11.4
1998	11.6
1999	11.8
2000	11.6
2001	11.9
2002	12.1

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In 2002, 1 in 8 babies (12.1% of live births) was born preterm in the United States.

In 2002, there were 480,812 preterm births in the United States, representing 12.1% of live births.

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Use the tabs at the top - **View All Data, Graphs & Maps** - to find out what data is available for the current region.

Use the right toolbar to choose a **printer-friendly** screen, **email** a page to a colleague, or **copy** a graph, map, or table into a presentation.

Under **Display Options**, try clicking on **View Table** to get the rate and the counts (if available) for health indicators. Use the **Compare** menu to compare to another region, and use **Change Years** to further customize your data.

Below each graph are brief **summary statements** for the current health indicator.

Notice the **d** link in the right corner of each graph section. **d** is for 'descriptive text', and provides a textual description of the graph for users with visual disabilities.

The navigation options on the left side of the screen have multiple uses.

Use the top dark blue section to **change to another state**. Or, if data is available within a state, use the second menu to **select a city or county**. Use the same menu in the US to see data for the Midwest, Northeast, South, and West.

Be sure to try the light blue **Subtopics Section**. Here you'll find additional health indicators for the existing topic. **Highlighted items** with an arrow (>) indicate the current selection.

Finally, try clicking on a topic under **Topic Areas**. It's a good starting point for finding **Quick Facts** about health indicators, and for making additional graphs, maps, and tables.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions about PeriStats, including questions regarding calculations, data sources, or suggestions for augmenting the data currently available, please contact the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center at:

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