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Alabama  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Premature birth rate 15.4%

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Anchorage, Alaska  
Premature birth rate 10.0%

Arizona  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
Premature birth rate 12.0%

Arkansas  
Little Rock, Ark.  
Premature birth rate 13.1%

Northern California  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Premature birth rate 10.2%\*

Southern California  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Premature birth rate 10.2%\*

Colorado  
Denver, Colo.  
Premature birth rate 11.6%

Connecticut  
East Hartford, Conn.  
Premature birth rate 9.8%

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Newport, Del.  
Premature birth rate 12.8%

Florida  
Tampa, Fla.  
Premature birth rate 12.7%

Georgia  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Premature birth rate 12.6%

Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Premature birth rate 12.8%

Idaho  
Boise, Idaho  
Premature birth rate 10.2%

Illinois Chicago, Ill. Premature birth rate 12.5%	Nebraska Lincoln, Neb. Premature birth rate 11.4%	Rhode Island Providence, R.I. Premature birth rate 11.0%	<b>National 2001 Premature Birth Rate — 11.9% of live births</b>
Indiana Indianapolis, Ind. Premature birth rate 12.2%	Nevada Las Vegas, Nev. Premature birth rate 13.0%	South Carolina Columbia, S.C. Premature birth rate 13.9%	<b>Healthy People 2010 Objective — 7.6% of live births</b>
Iowa Cedar Rapids, Iowa Premature birth rate 10.9%	New Hampshire Concord, N.H. Premature birth rate 9.1%	South Dakota Sioux Falls, S.D. Premature birth rate 11.3%	<b>March of Dimes 2007 Objective — 10.1% of live births</b>
Greater Kentucky Louisville, Ky. Premature birth rate 13.3%	New Jersey Cranbury, N.J. Premature birth rate 12.0%	Tennessee Nashville, Tenn. Premature birth rate 14.0%	Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2001 final natality data
Louisiana Baton Rouge, La. Premature birth rate 15.2%	New Mexico Albuquerque, N.M. Premature birth rate 12.4%	Texas Dallas, Texas Premature birth rate 13.0%	Prepared by the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, 2003
Maine Falmouth, Maine Premature birth rate 9.9%	Greater New York New York, N.Y. Premature birth rate 11.3%*	Utah Salt Lake City, Utah Premature birth rate 10.6%	<b>PHOTO CREDITS</b>
Maryland Baltimore, Md. Premature birth rate 12.9%	Upstate New York Buffalo, N.Y. Premature birth rate 11.3%*	Vermont Barre, Vt. Premature birth rate 8.2%	Covers/front and back: March of Dimes Photographer Jennifer Coate
Massachusetts Norwood, Mass. Premature birth rate 10.4%	North Carolina Raleigh, N.C. Premature birth rate 13.5%	National Capital Area Arlington, Va. Premature birth rate 16.0%	Baby story collages: March of Dimes Photographer Jennifer Coate
Michigan Southfield, Mich. Premature birth rate 11.8%	North Dakota Bismarck, N.D. Premature birth rate 10.4%	Virginia Richmond, Va. Premature birth rate 11.7%	Page 6: March of Dimes
Minnesota Edina, Minn. Premature birth rate 9.8%	Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Premature birth rate 12.1%	Washington Seattle, Wash. Premature birth rate 10.0%	Page 7: Masterfile
Mississippi Jackson, Miss. Premature birth rate 17.0%	Oklahoma Oklahoma City, Okla. Premature birth rate 12.7%	West Virginia St. Albans, W.Va. Premature birth rate 13.2%	Color photos, pages 8, 9: PhotoDisc
Greater Kansas Kansas City, Mo. Premature birth rate (Kansas) 11.0%	Greater Oregon Portland, Ore. Premature birth rate 9.4%	Wisconsin West Allis, Wis. Premature birth rate 11.0%	Page 13: Corbis
Premature birth rate (Missouri) 12.7%	Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pa. Premature birth rate 11.2%	Wyoming Casper, Wyo. Premature birth rate 12.1%	Page 14: Cendrowski
Greater Missouri Brentwood, Mo. Premature birth rate 12.7%	Puerto Rico San Juan, Puerto Rico Premature birth rate 16.2%		
Montana Billings, Mont. Premature birth rate 11.0%			

\*Rate is for entire state

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Planned Giving is an investment in the future. In addition to being an important source of funds for the March of Dimes, planned giving helps donors achieve their personal philanthropic and financial goals.

Contributors have many giving choices. Making a bequest is the most frequently used method of perpetuating the work of the March of Dimes. There are three types of bequests: a specific bequest, a percentage bequest and a residual bequest.

For a specific or a percentage bequest, the following language can be used:

“I give to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_ (dollars) or \_\_\_\_ % (percent) of my estate.”

The residual bequest is made after all family and other bequests are complete and the following language can be used:

“All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise, and bequest to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.”

Before deciding on a planned gift, potential contributors should consult an attorney or financial planner. March of Dimes representatives are also available to provide reliable information about wills and other options, such as charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and pooled income fund programs. They will, of course, hold all discussions in the strictest confidence. An inquiry does not obligate a prospective donor in any way. For more information, contact your local March of Dimes office.

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