

Rates of Preterm Birth by State, 1992 and 2002

	Percent of live births		Percent Change		Percent of live births		Percent Change
	1992	2002			1992	2002	
United States	10.7	12.1	13				
Alabama	13.2	15.8	20	Montana	8.7	11.3	30
Alaska	9.3	9.8	5	Nebraska	8.8	11.8	34
Arizona	10.6	12.6	19	Nevada	11.6	13.0	12
Arkansas	12.2	12.7	4	New Hampshire	7.3	9.5	30
California	9.7	10.2	5	New Jersey	10.8	12.0	11
Colorado	10.3	12.0	17	New Mexico	10.6	12.6	19
Connecticut	9.1	10.1	11	New York	10.6	11.4	8
Delaware	10.8	13.6	26	North Carolina	12.5	13.3	6
District of Columbia	18.7	14.6	-22	North Dakota	9.0	11.3	26
Florida	11.5	13.0	13	Ohio	10.7	12.2	14
Georgia	12.5	12.6	1	Oklahoma	10.0	12.6	26
Hawaii	10.3	13.7	33	Oregon	8.2	9.7	18
Idaho	8.6	10.4	21	Pennsylvania	10.3	11.4	11
Illinois	11.8	12.6	7	Rhode Island	9.6	11.3	18
Indiana	10.2	12.5	23	South Carolina	12.8	14.2	11
Iowa	9.2	11.6	26	South Dakota	9.0	11.3	26
Kansas	9.6	11.0	15	Tennessee	12.6	13.8	10
Kentucky	10.6	13.6	28	Texas	11.0	13.3	21
Louisiana	14.3	15.1	6	Utah	8.5	10.5	24
Maine	7.5	10.1	35	Vermont	8.0	9.0	13
Maryland	11.5	12.9	12	Virginia	11.4	11.8	4
Massachusetts	7.7	10.6	38	Washington	8.3	9.6	16
Michigan	10.8	11.9	10	West Virginia	10.3	13.4	30
Minnesota	8.5	9.8	15	Wisconsin	9.2	10.9	18
Mississippi	15.4	17.2	12	Wyoming	9.9	11.7	18
Missouri	11.2	13.0	16				

Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

Percent change is calculated based on one decimal and has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2002 final natality data

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