

## Rates of Preterm Birth by State, 1993 and 2003

	Percent of live births		Percent Change		Percent of live births		Percent Change
	1993	2003			1993	2003	
<b>United States</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12%</b>				
Alabama	13.8	15.7	14%	Montana	9.3	11.1	19%
Alaska	9.3	11.1	19%	Nebraska	9.6	12.4	29%
Arizona	11.1	13.1	18%	Nevada	12.1	13.6	12%
Arkansas	12.6	13.0	3%	New Hampshire	7.7	9.2	19%
California	10.0	10.5	5%	New Jersey	11.1	12.1	9%
Colorado	10.2	12.1	19%	New Mexico	11.3	12.7	12%
Connecticut	9.6	9.7	1%	New York	10.7	11.4	7%
Delaware	10.3	13.7	33%	North Carolina	12.9	13.6	5%
District of Columbia	20.3	14.8	-27%	North Dakota	9.1	12.0	32%
Florida	11.7	13.0	11%	Ohio	11.3	12.5	11%
Georgia	12.5	13.1	5%	Oklahoma	10.5	12.7	21%
Hawaii	10.5	12.6	20%	Oregon	8.6	10.1	17%
Idaho	8.1	10.7	32%	Pennsylvania	10.6	11.6	9%
Illinois	11.9	12.8	8%	Rhode Island	9.5	11.6	22%
Indiana	10.7	12.9	21%	South Carolina	12.6	14.5	15%
Iowa	9.4	11.4	21%	South Dakota	8.8	11.2	27%
Kansas	10.1	11.6	15%	Tennessee	13.4	14.1	5%
Kentucky	11.3	14.0	24%	Texas	11.4	13.9	22%
Louisiana	14.2	15.6	10%	Utah	8.9	10.4	17%
Maine	8.1	10.1	25%	Vermont	7.8	9.5	22%
Maryland	12.1	13.1	8%	Virginia	11.6	12.1	4%
Massachusetts	7.8	10.7	37%	Washington	8.4	10.3	23%
Michigan	11.2	11.9	6%	West Virginia	10.7	13.3	24%
Minnesota	8.9	10.2	15%	Wisconsin	9.6	11.3	18%
Mississippi	15.9	17.9	13%	Wyoming	10.8	11.8	9%
Missouri	11.5	13.1	14%				

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, final natality data

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