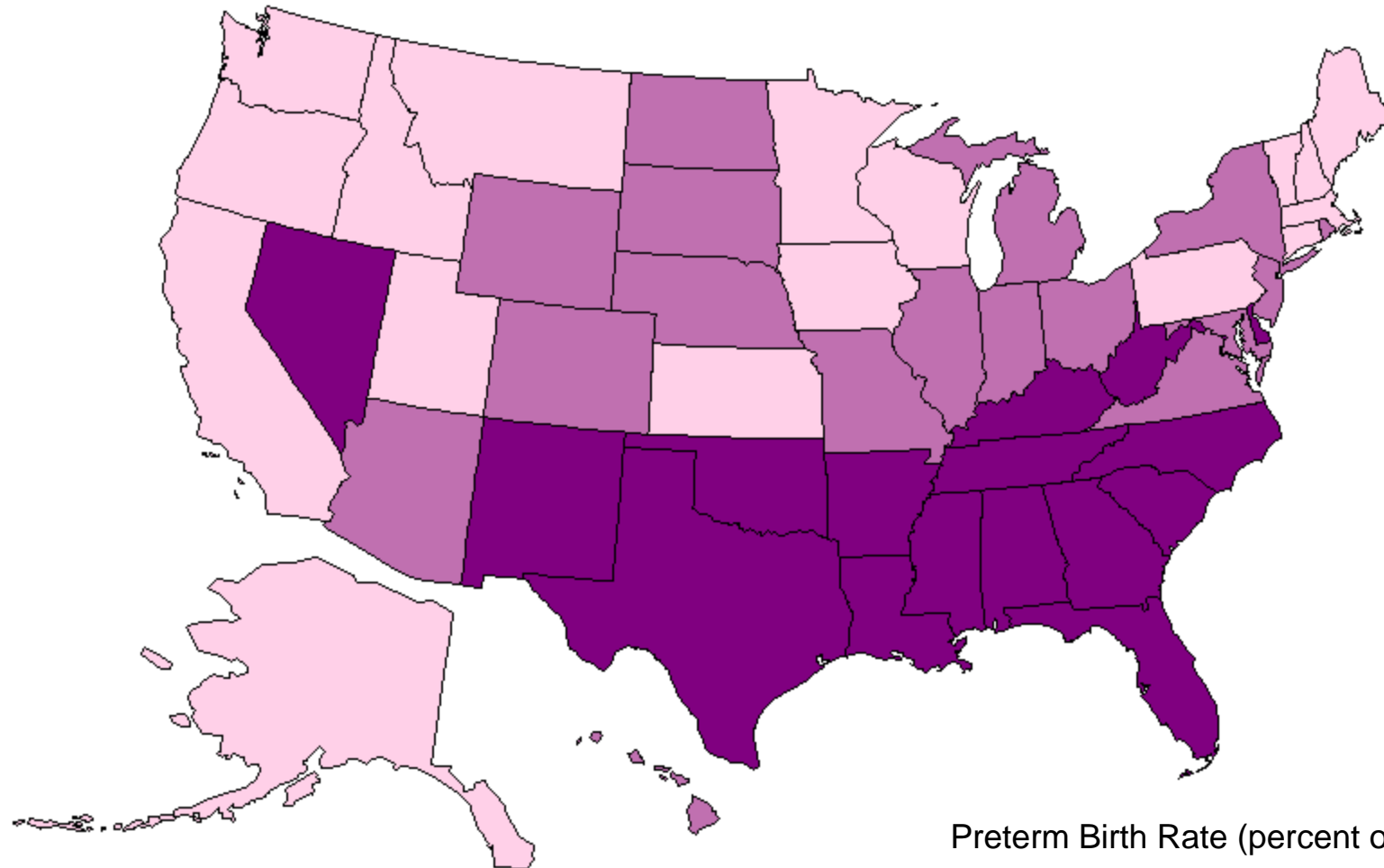


# Preterm Birth Rates by State, 2006



**U.S. Total = 12.8%**

Preterm Birth Rate (percent of live births)

- 13.6 to 18.8 (17)
- 12.0 to 13.5 (17)
- 9.6 to 11.9 (17)

Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation

Notes: Value in ( ) = number of states (includes District of Columbia)

Value ranges are based on an equal number of items in each range

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2006 final natality data

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