

Rates of Preterm Birth by State, 1990 and 2006

	Percent of live births		Percent Change		Percent of live births		Percent Change
	1990	2006			1990	2006	
United States	10.6	12.8	21%				
Alabama	13.1	17.1	31%	Montana	8.5	11.9	40%
Alaska	9.0	11.2	24%	Nebraska	8.5	12.5	47%
Arizona	10.2	13.2	29%	Nevada	11.1	14.4	30%
Arkansas	12.5	13.7	10%	New Hampshire	6.8	10.4	53%
California	9.8	10.7	9%	New Jersey	10.7	12.9	21%
Colorado	9.6	12.2	27%	New Mexico	11.0	14.1	28%
Connecticut	8.9	10.4	17%	New York	10.7	12.4	16%
Delaware	11.1	13.7	23%	North Carolina	12.5	13.6	9%
District of Columbia	20.7	16.0	-23%	North Dakota	8.3	12.1	46%
Florida	11.6	13.8	19%	Ohio	10.6	13.3	25%
Georgia	12.8	14.1	10%	Oklahoma	10.1	13.9	38%
Hawaii	10.0	12.1	21%	Oregon	8.0	10.3	29%
Idaho	8.7	11.6	33%	Pennsylvania	10.3	11.8	15%
Illinois	11.4	13.3	17%	Rhode Island	9.6	12.6	31%
Indiana	9.9	13.2	33%	South Carolina	12.3	15.4	25%
Iowa	8.7	11.6	33%	South Dakota	8.9	12.7	43%
Kansas	9.5	11.8	24%	Tennessee	12.6	14.8	17%
Kentucky	10.5	15.1	44%	Texas	11.2	13.7	22%
Louisiana	13.9	16.4	18%	Utah	8.7	11.5	32%
Maine	7.6	11.1	46%	Vermont	7.1	9.6	35%
Maryland	11.2	13.5	21%	Virginia	11.0	12.0	9%
Massachusetts	7.7	11.3	47%	Washington	8.4	11.0	31%
Michigan	10.7	12.5	17%	West Virginia	9.9	14.0	41%
Minnesota	8.1	10.5	30%	Wisconsin	9.2	11.4	24%
Mississippi	15.1	18.8	25%	Wyoming	10.3	12.8	24%
Missouri	10.7	12.8	20%				

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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