

# March of Dimes 2016 Premature Birth Report Card

Preterm Birth Rates (PTB) by Obstetric Estimate (OE) and Report Card Grades, U.S., states, DC and PR

Area	2015 PTB Rate (OE)	2016 Report Card Grade	Grade Better/Worse than Previous Year
United States	9.6	C	
Alabama	11.7	F	
Alaska	8.9	B	
Arizona	9.0	B	
Arkansas	10.8	D	Worse
California	8.5	B	
Colorado	8.7	B	
Connecticut	9.4	C	Worse
Delaware	9.9	C	
District of Columbia	10.3	C	
Florida	10.0	C	
Georgia	10.8	D	
Hawaii	10.1	C	
Idaho	8.2	B	Worse
Illinois	10.2	C	
Indiana	9.6	C	
Iowa	9.0	B	Better
Kansas	8.8	B	
Kentucky	10.8	D	
Louisiana	12.3	F	
Maine	8.5	B	
Maryland	10.0	C	
Massachusetts	8.4	B	
Michigan	9.9	C	
Minnesota	8.5	B	
Mississippi	13.0	F	
Missouri	10.0	C	
Montana	8.4	B	Better
Nebraska	9.9	C	Worse
Nevada	9.9	C	
New Hampshire	7.9	A	Better
New Jersey	9.8	C	
New Mexico	9.5	C	Worse
New York	8.7	B	
North Carolina	10.2	C	
North Dakota	8.4	B	
Ohio	10.3	C	
Oklahoma	10.3	C	
Oregon	7.6	A	
Pennsylvania	9.4	C	
Puerto Rico	11.4	D	Better
Rhode Island	8.6	B	
South Carolina	11.1	D	
South Dakota	8.5	B	
Tennessee	11.0	D	
Texas	10.2	C	
Utah	9.3	C	Worse
Vermont	7.3	A	
Virginia	9.2	B	
Washington	8.1	A	
West Virginia	11.3	D	
Wisconsin	9.4	C	Worse
Wyoming	9.8	C	Better

2014 Final PTB Rate (OE)	2015 Final Report Card Grade
9.6	C
11.7	F
8.5	B
9.0	B
10.0	C
8.3	B
8.4	B
9.2	B
9.3	C
9.6	C
9.9	C
10.8	D
10.0	C
8.1	A
10.1	C
9.7	C
9.3	C
8.7	B
10.7	D
12.3	F
8.4	B
10.1	C
8.6	B
9.8	C
8.7	B
12.9	F
9.8	C
9.3	C
9.1	B
10.1	C
8.2	B
9.6	C
9.2	B
8.9	B
9.7	C
8.4	B
10.3	C
10.3	C
7.7	A
9.4	C
11.8	F
8.6	B
10.8	D
8.5	B
10.8	D
10.3	C
9.1	B
7.9	A
9.2	B
8.1	A
10.8	D
9.2	B
11.2	D

2016 Grade and Range	Number of Areas*
<b>A</b> 8.1 or less	4
<b>B</b> 8.2 - 9.2	16
<b>C</b> 9.3 - 10.3	22
<b>D</b> 10.4 - 11.4	7
<b>F</b> 11.5 or greater	3

\*Includes every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is not included in the United States total. Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on obstetric estimate of gestational age. Source: National Center for Health Statistics, final 2014 and 2015 natality data. Prepared by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, September 2016.

