

March of Dimes 2016 Premature Birth Report Card

Preterm Birth Rates and Grades by State

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

A 8.1 or less **B** 8.2 - 9.2 **C** 9.3 - 10.3 **D** 10.4 - 11.4 **E** 11.5 or greater

Puerto Rico is not included in the United States total.
 Preterm is less than 37 weeks gestation based on obstetric estimate; preterm birth rates are expressed per 100 live births.
 Source: Grades determined by March of Dimes based on preterm birth rates from the National Center for Health Statistics, 2015 final natality data.
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