

**MARCH OF DIMES PRETERM BIRTH REPORT CARD NOVEMBER 2008:
PRETERM BIRTH RATE (HIGHEST TO LOWEST)**

State Name	Preterm Birth Rate	US Rank for preterm birth rate	Grade for preterm birth rate
Puerto Rico	19.7	52	F
Mississippi	18.8	51	F
Alabama	16.7	50	F
Louisiana	16.5	49	F
District of Columbia	15.9	48	F
South Carolina	15.6	47	F
Kentucky	15.2	46	F
Tennessee	14.7	45	F
West Virginia	14.4	44	F
Delaware	14.0	43	F
Nevada	13.9	42	F
Florida	13.8	41	F
North Carolina	13.7	40	F
Georgia	13.6	39	F
Texas	13.6	38	F
Indiana	13.5	37	F
Arkansas	13.4	36	F
Maryland	13.3	35	F
Missouri	13.3	34	F
Arizona	13.2	33	F
New Mexico	13.1	32	D
Illinois	13.1	31	D
Oklahoma	13.1	30	D
Wyoming	13.1	29	D
Ohio	13.0	28	D
New Jersey	12.5	27	D
Michigan	12.5	26	D
Colorado	12.3	25	D
Virginia	12.3	24	D
Kansas	12.2	23	D
Hawaii	12.2	22	D
Nebraska	12.2	21	D
New York	12.1	20	D
Rhode Island	12.1	19	D
Pennsylvania	11.9	18	D
Iowa	11.8	17	D
North Dakota	11.5	16	D
South Dakota	11.5	15	D
Utah	11.4	14	D
Montana	11.4	13	D
Wisconsin	11.4	12	D
Idaho	11.4	11	D
Massachusetts	11.3	10	D
California	10.7	9	C
Minnesota	10.7	8	C
Maine	10.7	7	C
Alaska	10.6	6	C
Washington	10.6	5	C
New Hampshire	10.5	4	C
Connecticut	10.4	3	C
Oregon	10.2	2	C
Vermont	9.0	1	B
US	12.7		D

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