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Mississippi Birth Data 2014	STATE	RANK*	U.S.**
Percent of Births to Unmarried Mothers (2014) [1]	54.0	1st	40.3[2]
Cesarean Delivery Rate (2014)	37.7	2nd	32.7
Preterm Birth Rate (2014)	12.9	1st	11.4
Teen Birth Rate (2013) ‡	42.6	4th	26.5
Low Birthweight Rate (2013)	11.5	1st	8.0

[1] Unpublished data.

[2] Excludes data from U.S. territories

‡Number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19.

U.S. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2013	TOTAL DEATHS	DEATH RATE***	STATE RANK*	U.S. RATE**
1. Heart Disease	7,715	240.0	1st	169.8
2. Cancer	6,527	197.0	2nd	163.2
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	1,755	54.3	8th	42.1
4. Accidents	1,692	55.6	6th	39.4
5. Stroke	1,500	47.2	4th	36.2
6. Alzheimer's Disease	925	30.0	10th (tie)	23.5
7. Diabetes	1,071	32.9	2nd	21.2
8. Influenza/Pneumonia	769	24.3	1st	15.9
9. Kidney Disease	731	22.8	2nd	13.2
10. Suicide	388	13.0	30th	12.6

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Other Mississippi Mortality Data (2013)

	STATE DEATHS	STATE RATE**	U.S. DEATHS	U.S. RATE***
Firearm Deaths	525	17.8	33,636	10.4
Homicide	291	10.0	16,121	5.2
Drug Poisoning Deaths	316	10.8	43,982	13.8

Other Mississippi Data

	STATE	U.S.
Infant Mortality Rate (2013, deaths per 1,000 live births)	9.65	5.96
People Without Health Insurance Percentage (2014)	14.9	11.5
Marriage Rate (2011)	7.5	6.8
Divorce Rate (2011)	3.3	3.6†

* Rankings are from highest to lowest.

** Rates for the U.S. include the District of Columbia and (for births) U.S. territories. Refer to notes in publication tables for more detail.

*** Death rates are age-adjusted. Refer to source notes below for more detail.

 †Excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

n/a - Data not available

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Sources:

Health Insurance data come from [Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, 2014](#); 2014 birth data come from *National Vital Statistics Reports*, Vol. 64, No. 6, Supplemental Tables; 2013 teen birth data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 64, No. 1](#); leading cause of death data, including firearm, homicide, and drug poisoning mortality data, and infant mortality data come from *National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 64, No. 2*; and **rankings and rates are based on 2013 age-adjusted death rates.** States are categorized from highest rate to lowest rate. Although adjusted for differences in age-distribution and population size, rankings by state do not take into account other state specific population characteristics that may affect the level of mortality. When the number of deaths is small, rankings by state may be unreliable due to instability in death rates. For more information on age-adjustment, refer to [this report](#). Unmarried births, low birthweight births, and marriage and divorce data come from unpublished tables from the *Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC*.