

Percent of births born preterm, by state, preliminary 2009

1	Mississippi	18.0
2	Alabama	15.6
3	Louisiana	14.7
4	South Carolina	14.5
5t	Georgia	13.8
5t	Nevada	13.8
5t	Oklahoma	13.8
8	Kentucky	13.6
9	Florida	13.5
10t	Arkansas	13.1
10t	Texas	13.1
12t	North Carolina	13.0
12t	Tennessee	13.0
14	West Virginia	12.9
15t	Arizona	12.7
15t	Maryland	12.7
17	Hawaii	12.6
18	Delaware	12.5
19t	Illinois	12.4
19t	Michigan	12.4
21t	New Mexico	12.3
21t	Ohio	12.3
23t	New York	12.2
24	Missouri	12.1
25	New Jersey	12.0
26	Indiana	11.9
27t	Nebraska	11.5
27t	Pennsylvania	11.5
29t	Rhode Island	11.4
29t	Virginia	11.4
31t	Colorado	11.3
31t	Iowa	11.3
31t	Utah	11.3
34t	Kansas	11.2
34t	Wyoming	11.2
36	Alaska	11.0
37t	Massachusetts	10.9
37t	Montana	10.9
37t	South Dakota	10.9
37t	Wisconsin	10.9
41	North Dakota	10.6
42t	California	10.3
42t	Washington	10.3
44	Connecticut	10.2
45t	Idaho	10.1
45t	Minnesota	10.1
47t	Maine	9.9
47t	New Hampshire	9.9
49	Oregon	9.8
50	Vermont	9.3
	United States	12.2

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System