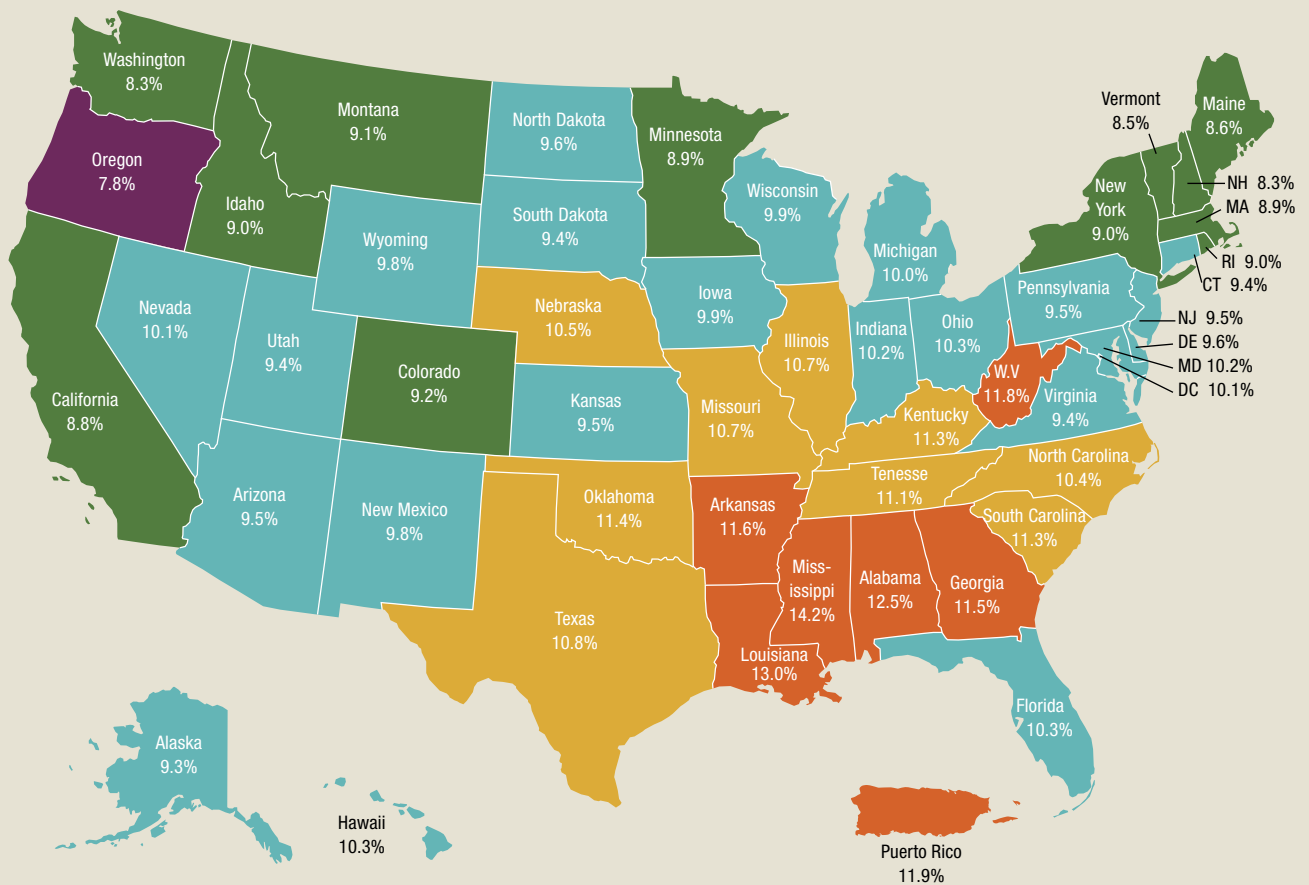


US rates of preterm birth

The preterm birth rate in the United States is 10.0%, rising slightly each year since 2015. The March of Dimes grades the current rate a C average, and it has set a goal of 8.1% for 2020. The preterm birth rates vary across each individual state, with a high of 14.2% in Mississippi and a low of 7.8% in Oregon. When aggregate preterm birth rates for 2015–2017 are calculated by race, the high is among black women at 13.6% and the low is among Asian/Pacific Islander women at 8.7%.

Preterm birth rates and grades by state



Grade	Preterm birth rate range
A, A-	≤7.7%–8.1%
B+, B, B-	8.2%–9.2%
C+, C, C-	9.3%–10.3%
D+, D, D-	10.4%–11.4%
F	≥11.5%

Source: 2019 March of Dimes Report Card. <https://www.Marchofdimes.org/reportcard>. Accessed November 21, 2019.