

100 US CITIES WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BIRTHS

2013 PRETERM BIRTH RATES & GRADES

City, State	Preterm Birth Rate (%)	Grade
Portland, OR	7.2%	A
Oxnard, CA	7.8%	
St. Paul, MN	8.0%	
Seattle, WA	8.1%	
Lincoln, NE	8.2%	B
Oakland, CA	8.2%	
Santa Ana, CA	8.2%	
Modesto, CA	8.3%	
San Diego, CA	8.3%	
San Jose, CA	8.3%	
Denver, CO	8.4%	
Tacoma, WA	8.4%	
Anaheim, CA	8.5%	
Fontana, CA	8.5%	
Sacramento, CA	8.5%	
Mesa, AZ	8.6%	
Riverside, CA	8.6%	
San Francisco, CA	8.6%	
Spokane, WA	8.6%	
Irving, TX	8.7%	
Long Beach, CA	8.7%	
Laredo, TX	8.8%	
Minneapolis, MN	8.8%	
Reno, NV	8.8%	
New York, NY	8.9%	
Raleigh, NC	8.9%	
Tucson, AZ	8.9%	
Anchorage, AK	9.1%	
Aurora, CO	9.1%	
Chula Vista, CA	9.1%	
Bakersfield, CA	9.3%	C
Boston, MA	9.3%	
Kansas City, MO	9.3%	
Los Angeles, CA	9.3%	
Virginia Beach, VA	9.3%	
Des Moines, IA	9.6%	
Salt Lake City, UT	9.6%	
San Bernardino, CA	9.7%	
Wichita, KS	9.7%	
San Juan*, PR	9.8%	
Durham, NC	9.9%	
Honolulu, HI	9.9%	
Austin, TX	10.0%	
Charlotte, NC	10.0%	
Colorado Springs, CO	10.0%	
Oklahoma City, OK	10.0%	
Orlando, FL	10.0%	
Phoenix, AZ	10.0%	
Albuquerque, NM	10.1%	
Brownsville, TX	10.1%	
Fort Worth, TX	10.1%	
Glendale, AZ	10.1%	
Nashville, TN	10.1%	
Omaha, NE	10.1%	
Fort Wayne, IN	10.2%	
Fresno, CA	10.2%	
Grand Rapids, MI	10.2%	
Rochester, NY	10.2%	
Stockton, CA	10.2%	
Dallas, TX	10.3%	
Lexington-Fayette, KY	10.3%	
North Las Vegas, NV	10.3%	
Chicago, IL	10.4%	D
District of Columbia	10.4%	
Greensboro, NC	10.4%	
Pittsburgh, PA	10.4%	
Toledo, OH	10.4%	
Las Vegas, NV	10.5%	
Louisville, KY	10.5%	
Houston, TX	10.8%	
Indianapolis, IN	10.8%	
Jacksonville, FL	10.8%	
Milwaukee, WI	10.8%	
Fayetteville, NC	10.9%	
Tampa, FL	10.9%	
Knoxville, TN	11.0%	
Norfolk, VA	11.0%	
El Paso, TX	11.1%	
Arlington, TX	11.2%	
Philadelphia, PA	11.2%	
Miami, FL	11.3%	
Buffalo, NY	11.4%	
Corpus Christi, TX	11.4%	
Atlanta, GA	11.5%	F
San Antonio, TX	11.5%	
Columbus, OH	11.6%	
Cincinnati, OH	11.8%	
Jersey City, NJ	12.0%	
Lubbock, TX	12.0%	
New Orleans, LA	12.1%	
Baltimore, MD	12.2%	
Newark, NJ	12.2%	
Tulsa, OK	12.4%	
St. Louis, MO	12.5%	
Baton Rouge, LA	13.0%	
Detroit, MI	13.0%	
Birmingham, AL	13.1%	
Cleveland, OH	13.7%	
Memphis, TN	13.7%	
Shreveport, LA	18.8%	

March of Dimes 2020 Goal: 8.1%

The March of Dimes has set a goal to reduce preterm birth in the United States to 8.1 percent by 2020. The 2015 U.S. Premature Birth Report Card assigned grades to the 100 cities with the greatest number of live births in 2013. Grades are assigned by comparing the 2013 preterm birth rate in the city to the March of Dimes 2020 goal.

Percent of Live Births

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

Notes:

- Preterm is less than 37 weeks gestation based on obstetric estimate of gestational age.
- Cities represent those with the greatest number of live births out of all cities with a population of >100,000, as defined by the National Center for Health Statistics.
- Cities are sorted by preterm birth rates and alphabetically by city name for cities with the same preterm birth rate.
- *Data shown are for the municipality of San Juan.
- See the U.S. 2015 Premature Birth Report Card for more information.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2013 final natality data.

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