

# 2013

march of dimes®

75

years after  
our founding  
by FDR...

we are still  
improving lives

4 million  
babies were born

450,000 babies  
were born prematurely

Cost to employer  
health care plans:  
\$12 billion

Almost 4 million babies were born in the United States in 2013. Thanks to March of Dimes research, education, vaccines and breakthroughs, they were healthier than any generation before.

These are just some of the highlights of the past year. Our work continues to make sure every baby gets the strongest start possible. We are determined to find the causes of premature birth and ways to prevent it.

## research



200  
researchers

representing 20 disciplines worked together in our **Prematurity Research Centers** in California and Ohio.



382  
grants

were awarded to researchers to work on treatments and preventions for the problems that threaten babies' health.

27  
scientists

are looking for causes and better treatments for **heart defects**, the most common birth defect.

## education + community

530  
community  
programs

brought health education and prenatal care to groups of moms-to-be, treatment and care for serious health problems, and cutting-edge education for health care providers.

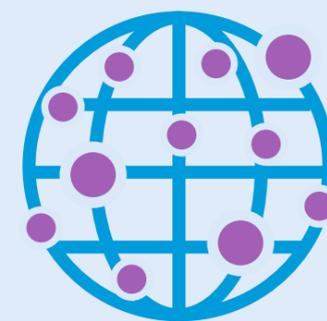


92  
thousand

families with a newborn in intensive care were offered comfort and information through March of Dimes **NICU Family Support**®.

83  
countries

participated in **World Prematurity Day**. Partners on all continents joined the March of Dimes, and landmarks were lit purple around the globe.



\$100 million

was raised by families and companies in **March for Babies**®.



3 million

volunteers worked together for stronger, healthier babies.



9 million

people visited our **websites in English and Spanish** for information on how to have a full-term pregnancy and healthy baby.

## results

↓ 11.5%

The U.S. premature birth rate declined for the **6th** year in a row from a high of **12.8%** to **11.5%**.



Early  
elective  
deliveries

dropped from **17%** in 2010 to **4.6%** in 2013 at nearly 1,000 reporting hospitals.



6 states

earned an **"A"** on the March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card: Alaska, California, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon and Vermont.



108  
legislative  
victories

include the President signing the **PREEMIE Reauthorization Act** into law on November 27.