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Rates of Preterm Birth by State, Final 2006 and Preliminary 2007

	Percent of live births		Percent Change		Percent of live births		Percent Change
	2006	2007			2006	2007	
United States	12.8	12.7	-1%				
Alabama	17.1	16.6	-3%	Montana	11.9	11.9	0%
Alaska	11.2	10.4	-7%	Nebraska	12.5	11.9	-5%
Arizona	13.2	12.7	-4%	Nevada	14.4	14.3	-1%
Arkansas	13.7	13.9	1%	New Hampshire	10.4	9.4	-10%
California	10.7	10.9	2%	New Jersey	12.9	12.7	-2%
Colorado	12.2	12.2	0%	New Mexico	14.1	12.8	-9%
Connecticut	10.4	10.5	1%	New York	12.4	12.3	-1%
Delaware	13.7	14.3	4%	North Carolina	13.6	13.3	-2%
District of Columbia	16.0	15.6	-3%	North Dakota	12.1	11.6	-4%
Florida	13.8	13.8	0%	Ohio	13.3	13.2	-1%
Georgia	14.1	13.6	-4%	Oklahoma	13.9	13.5	-3%
Hawaii	12.1	12.4	2%	Oregon	10.3	10.3	0%
Idaho	11.6	10.5	-9%	Pennsylvania	11.8	11.8	0%
Illinois	13.3	13.1	-2%	Rhode Island	12.6	12.0	-5%
Indiana	13.2	12.9	-2%	South Carolina	15.4	15.5	1%
Iowa	11.6	11.6	0%	South Dakota	12.7	12.6	-1%
Kansas	11.8	11.5	-3%	Tennessee	14.8	14.2	-4%
Kentucky	15.1	15.2	1%	Texas	13.7	13.6	-1%
Louisiana	16.4	16.5	1%	Utah	11.5	10.9	-5%
Maine	11.1	10.6	-5%	Vermont	9.6	9.2	-4%
Maryland	13.5	13.4	-1%	Virginia	12.0	12.1	1%
Massachusetts	11.3	11.2	-1%	Washington	11.0	10.6	-4%
Michigan	12.5	12.2	-2%	West Virginia	14.0	13.9	-1%
Minnesota	10.5	10.4	-1%	Wisconsin	11.4	11.1	-3%
Mississippi	18.8	18.3	-3%	Wyoming	12.8	12.7	-1%
Missouri	12.8	12.5	-2%				

Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

Percent change is calculated based on one decimal and has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2006 final and 2007 preliminary natality data.

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