

100 U.S. CITIES WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BIRTHS

2015 PRETERM BIRTH RATES & GRADES

City, State	Preterm Birth Rate (%)	Grade			
Irvine, CA	5.8	A			
Seattle, WA	6.9				
Portland, OR	7.0				
Santa Ana, CA	7.2				
Irving, TX	7.6				
Anaheim, CA	7.9				
Brookhaven, NY	7.9				
Fontana, CA	8.0				
Mesa, AZ	8.0				
San Francisco, CA	8.0				
St. Paul, MN	8.1				
San Diego, CA	8.2	B			
Tucson, AZ	8.2				
Dallas, TX	8.4				
Oxnard, CA	8.4				
San Jose, CA	8.4				
Oakland, CA	8.5				
New York, NY	8.6				
Sacramento, CA	8.6				
Hempstead, NY	8.7				
Riverside, CA	8.8				
Salt Lake City, UT	8.8				
Denver, CO	8.9				
Modesto, CA	8.9				
Tacoma, WA	8.9				
Glendale, AZ	9.1				
Los Angeles, CA	9.1				
San Bernardino, CA	9.1				
Anchorage, AK	9.2				
Long Beach, CA	9.2				
Islip, NY	9.3	C			
Arlington, TX	9.4				
Des Moines, IA	9.4				
Lincoln, NE	9.4				
Minneapolis, MN	9.4				
Spokane, WA	9.4				
Austin, TX	9.5				
Boston, MA	9.5				
Aurora, CO	9.6				
Laredo, TX	9.6				
Phoenix, AZ	9.6				
Stockton, CA	9.6				
Fort Wayne, IN	9.7				
Fort Worth, TX	9.7				
Kansas City, MO	9.7				
Bakersfield, CA	9.8				
Chula Vista, CA	9.8				
Raleigh, NC	9.9				
Wichita, KS	9.9				
Colorado Springs, CO	10.0				
Honolulu, City & County, HI*	10.0				
Virginia Beach, VA	10.0				
Albuquerque, NM	10.1				
El Paso, TX	10.1				
Grand Rapids, MI	10.1				
Las Vegas, NV	10.1				
Lubbock, TX	10.1				
Louisville/Jefferson, KY	10.2				
Reno, NV	10.2				
Fresno, CA	10.3				
Washington, DC	10.3				
Atlanta, GA	10.4	D			
Charlotte, NC	10.4				
Corpus Christi, TX	10.4				
Nashville-Davidson, TN	10.4				
Durham, NC	10.5				
Knoxville, TN	10.6				
Miami, FL	10.6				
Greensboro, NC	10.7				
Houston, TX	10.8				
Orlando, FL	10.8				
Buffalo, NY	10.9				
Chicago, IL	10.9				
North Las Vegas, NV	10.9				
Philadelphia, PA	10.9				
Tulsa, OK	10.9				
Indianapolis, IN	11.1				
Lexington-Fayette, KY	11.1				
Norfolk, VA	11.2				
Oklahoma City, OK	11.2				
Omaha, NE	11.2				
Tampa, FL	11.2				
Cincinnati, OH	11.3				
Milwaukee, WI	11.3				
San Antonio, TX	11.3				
Columbus, OH	11.4				
Jacksonville, FL	11.5	F			
Jersey City, NJ	11.6				
Newark, NJ	11.8				
Birmingham, AL	11.9				
New Orleans, LA	11.9				
Brownsville, TX	12.2				
Toledo, OH	12.2				
Baton Rouge, LA	12.4				
Fayetteville, NC	12.6				
Baltimore, MD	13.0				
Memphis, TN	13.3				
St. Louis, MO	13.3				
Detroit, MI	13.9				
Cleveland, OH	14.9				

March of Dimes 2020 Goal: 8.1%

The 2017 U.S. Premature Birth Report Card assigns grades to the 100 cities with the greatest number of live births in 2015. Premature Birth Report Card grades are assigned by comparing the 2015 preterm birth rate in a city to the March of Dimes goal of 8.1 percent by 2020.

Grade	Preterm birth rate range
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 for Honolulu represent the combined city and county of Honolulu. Data are not comparable to past years.
- See the U.S. 2017 Premature Birth Report Card for more information.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2015 final natality data.

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