

**Data Brief 312. Describing the Increase in Preterm Births in the United States, 2014–2016**

**Data table for Figure 1. Preterm birth rates: United States, 2014–2016**

Year	Period of gestation					
	Total preterm <sup>1</sup>	Early preterm <sup>2</sup>	Late preterm <sup>3</sup>			
			Total	34 weeks	35 weeks	36 weeks
Percent						
2014	9.57	2.75	6.82	1.27	1.87	3.69
2015	9.63	2.76	6.87	1.28	1.86	3.73
2016	9.85	2.76	7.09	1.32	1.90	3.86

<sup>1</sup>Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>2</sup>Less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>3</sup>34–36 completed weeks of gestation.

NOTE: Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

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**Data table for Figure 2. Preterm birth rates, by plurality: United States, 2014–2016**

Year	Singleton births			Multiple births		
	Early preterm <sup>1</sup>	Late preterm <sup>2</sup>	Total preterm <sup>3</sup>	Early preterm <sup>1</sup>	Late preterm <sup>2</sup>	Total preterm <sup>3</sup>
Percent						
2014	2.07	5.67	7.74	21.38	38.61	59.99
2015	2.09	5.73	7.82	21.43	38.86	60.30
2016	2.10	5.92	8.02	21.22	39.82	61.04

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**Data table for Figure 3. Preterm birth rates, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2014–2016**

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Early preterm <sup>1</sup>	Late preterm <sup>2</sup>	Total preterm <sup>3</sup>
	Percent		
Non-Hispanic white			
2014	2.36	6.55	8.91
2015	2.34	6.54	8.88
2016	2.34	6.72	9.06
Non-Hispanic black			
2014	4.76	8.47	13.23
2015	4.83	8.58	13.41
2016	4.86	8.79	13.64
Hispanic			
2014	2.50	6.53	9.03
2015	2.52	6.62	9.14
2016	2.53	6.92	9.45

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**Data table for Figure 4. Percent change in preterm birth rates, by state: United States, 2014 and 2016**

Area	Percent		Percent change from 2014 to 2016
	2016	2014	
United States	9.85	9.57	3
Alabama	11.98	11.66	3
Alaska	8.92	8.51	5
Arizona	9.07	9.01	1
Arkansas	10.87	9.99	9
California	8.61	8.28	4
Colorado	8.86	8.38	6
Connecticut	9.42	9.23	2
Delaware	10.06	9.29	8
District of Columbia	10.75	9.63	12
Florida	10.15	9.93	2
Georgia	11.22	10.75	4
Hawaii	10.55	10.04	5
Idaho	8.93	8.15	10
Illinois	10.33	10.11	2
Indiana	9.98	9.69	3
Iowa	9.27	9.27	0
Kansas	9.09	8.73	4
Kentucky	11.41	10.74	6
Louisiana	12.64	12.29	3
Maine	8.57	8.35	3
Maryland	10.14	10.09	1
Massachusetts	8.66	8.61	1
Michigan	10.14	9.76	4
Minnesota	8.78	8.67	1
Mississippi	13.65	12.91	6
Missouri	10.17	9.76	4
Montana	8.75	9.31	-6
Nebraska	9.61	9.11	5
Nevada	10.37	10.11	3
New Hampshire	7.79	8.24	-6
New Jersey	9.87	9.57	3
New Mexico	9.99	9.17	9
New York	8.96	8.85	1
North Carolina	10.39	9.74	7
North Dakota	9.14	8.35	10
Ohio	10.43	10.26	2
Oklahoma	10.65	10.31	3
Oregon	7.95	7.71	3
Pennsylvania	9.31	9.36	-1
Rhode Island	9.34	8.62	8
South Carolina	11.16	10.78	4
South Dakota	8.95	8.48	6
Tennessee	11.31	10.77	5
Texas	10.41	10.35	1
Utah	9.61	9.14	5
Vermont	7.95	7.93	0
Virginia	9.56	9.22	4
Washington	8.14	8.05	1
West Virginia	11.85	10.83	9
Wisconsin	9.59	9.19	4
Wyoming	9.48	11.22	-16

NOTE: Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

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