

CITY, STATE	PRETERM BIRTH RATE (%)	GRADE
Irvine, CA	5.5	A
Ramapo, NY	6.0	
Seattle, WA	7.5	
Irving, TX	7.6	
Vancouver, WA	7.8	
Portland, OR	8.0	
Tucson, AZ	8.1	
Dallas, TX	8.3	B
Oakland, CA	8.3	
San Diego, CA	8.3	
San Francisco, CA	8.3	
San Jose, CA	8.3	
St. Paul, MN	8.3	
Anaheim, CA	8.4	
Mesa, AZ	8.5	
Sacramento, CA	8.5	
Tacoma, WA	8.6	
Long Beach, CA	8.7	
Denver, CO	8.8	
New York, NY	8.8	
Brookhaven, NY	8.9	
Durham, NC	8.9	
Riverside, CA	8.9	
Modesto, CA	9.0	
Chula Vista, CA	9.1	
Glendale, AZ	9.1	
Anchorage, AK	9.2	
Fontana, CA	9.2	
Raleigh, NC	9.2	
Salt Lake City, UT	9.2	
Santa Ana, CA	9.2	
Austin, TX	9.3	C
Fort Wayne, IN	9.3	
Minneapolis, MN	9.3	
Reno, NV	9.3	
Stockton, CA	9.3	
Corpus Christi, TX	9.4	
Fresno, CA	9.4	
Hempstead, NY	9.4	
Boston, MA	9.5	
Los Angeles, CA	9.5	
Bakersfield, CA	9.7	
Fort Worth, TX	9.7	
Virginia Beach, VA	9.7	
Wichita, KS	9.7	
Spokane, WA	9.8	
Aurora, CO	9.9	
Phoenix, AZ	10.0	
Charlotte, NC	10.1	
Colorado Springs, CO	10.1	
El Paso, TX	10.1	
Arlington, TX	10.2	
Lincoln, NE	10.2	
San Bernardino, CA	10.2	
Des Moines, IA	10.3	
Orlando, FL	10.3	
Philadelphia, PA	10.3	
Grand Rapids, MI	10.4	D
Greensboro, NC	10.4	
Islip, NY	10.4	
Knoxville, TN	10.4	
Las Vegas, NV	10.5	
Nashville-Davidson, TN	10.5	
Omaha, NE	10.5	
Tampa, FL	10.5	
Honolulu, City & County, HI*	10.6	
Albuquerque, NM	10.7	
Chicago, IL	10.7	
Miami, FL	10.7	
Washington, DC	10.7	
Kansas City, MO	10.8	
Laredo, TX	10.9	
Louisville/Jefferson, KY	10.9	
Oklahoma City, OK	10.9	
Toledo, OH	10.9	
Houston, TX	11.1	
Jersey City, NJ	11.1	
Brownsville, TX	11.2	
Columbus, OH	11.2	
Lexington-Fayette, KY	11.2	
Lubbock, TX	11.3	
Atlanta, GA	11.4	
Cincinnati, OH	11.4	
Jacksonville, FL	11.4	
Indianapolis, IN	11.5	F
Tulsa, OK	11.5	
Buffalo, NY	11.6	
Norfolk, VA	11.8	
Milwaukee, WI	11.9	
San Antonio, TX	11.9	
New Orleans, LA	12.5	
St. Louis, MO	12.6	
Fayetteville, NC	12.7	
Birmingham, AL	12.8	
Newark, NJ	12.9	
Baton Rouge, LA	13.2	
Baltimore, MD	13.4	
Memphis, TN	14.1	
Cleveland, OH	14.4	
Detroit, MI	14.5	

March of Dimes 2020 Goal: 8.1 percent

The 2018 U.S. Premature Birth Report Card assigns grades to the 100 cities with the greatest number of live births in 2016. Premature Birth Report Card grades are assigned by comparing the 2016 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. 2018 Premature Birth Report Card for more information.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2016 final natality data.

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