

**EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:00 NOON, NOV. 17, 2011****Preterm Birth Rates, by State, 2006, 2009 and 2010\***

State	2010*	2009	2006	% change, 2006-2010
<b>United States</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>-6</b>
Alabama	15.6	15.6	17.1	-9
Alaska	9.7	11.0	11.2	-13
Arizona	12.1	12.7	13.2	-8
Arkansas	12.7	13.1	13.7	-7
California	9.9	10.3	10.7	-7
Colorado	10.8	11.3	12.2	-11
Connecticut	10.3	10.2	10.4	-1 **
Delaware	12.8	12.5	13.7	-7
District of Columbia	13.6	14.2	16.0	-15
Florida	13.3	13.5	13.8	-4
Georgia	13.8	13.8	14.1	-2
Hawaii	12.2	12.6	12.1	1 **
Idaho	10.3	10.1	11.6	-11
Illinois	12.2	12.4	13.3	-8
Indiana	11.7	11.9	13.2	-11
Iowa	11.6	11.3	11.6	0 **
Kansas	10.6	11.2	11.8	-10
Kentucky	13.7	13.6	15.1	-9
Louisiana	15.1	14.7	16.4	-8
Maine	9.7	9.9	11.1	-13
Maryland	12.7	12.7	13.5	-6
Massachusetts	10.7	10.9	11.3	-5
Michigan	12.2	12.4	12.5	-2
Minnesota	10.2	10.1	10.5	-3 **
Mississippi	17.6	18.0	18.8	-6
Missouri	12.1	12.2	12.8	-5
Montana	12.0	10.9	11.9	1 **
Nebraska	11.4	11.5	12.5	-9
Nevada	13.9	13.8	14.4	-3
New Hampshire	9.4	9.9	10.4	-10
New Jersey	11.7	12.0	12.9	-9
New Mexico	11.9	12.3	14.1	-16
New York	11.5	12.2	12.4	-7
North Carolina	12.7	13.0	13.6	-7
North Dakota	10.9	10.6	12.1	-10
Ohio	12.3	12.3	13.3	-8
Oklahoma	13.9	13.8	13.9	0 **
Oregon	9.9	9.8	10.3	-4
Pennsylvania	11.4	11.5	11.8	-3
Rhode Island	10.8	11.4	12.6	-14
South Carolina	14.2	14.5	15.4	-8
South Dakota	11.4	10.9	12.7	-10
Tennessee	12.9	13.0	14.8	-13
Texas	13.1	13.1	13.7	-4
Utah	10.9	11.3	11.5	-5
Vermont	8.4	9.3	9.6	-13
Virginia	11.6	11.4	12.0	-3
Washington	10.2	10.3	11.0	-7
West Virginia	12.1	12.9	14.0	-14
Wisconsin	10.8	10.9	11.4	-5
Wyoming	11.0	11.2	12.8	-14
Puerto Rico	16.7	17.7	19.9	-16 **

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, \*2010 preliminary, 2009 and 2006 final natality data.

\*\* Difference not statistically significant.