

## Birth Rates in All 50 States and the District of Columbia

(Red indicates states with the lowest birth rates)

This chart presents the birth rate by state. The United States birth rate has fallen nearly two percentage points since 2000, from 14.2 births per 1,000 people to 12.4 in 2015 (the most recent year for which data are available).

State	2015 Birth Rate
Alabama	12.3
Alaska	15.3
Arizona	12.5
Arkansas	13.1
California	12.6
Colorado	12.2
Connecticut	10.0
Delaware	11.8
District of Columbia	14.2
Florida	11.1
Georgia	12.9
Hawaii	12.9
Idaho	13.8
Illinois	12.3
Indiana	12.7
Iowa	12.6
Kansas	13.4
Kentucky	12.6
Louisiana	13.9
Maine	9.5
Maryland	12.3
Massachusetts	10.5
Michigan	11.4
Minnesota	12.7
Mississippi	12.8
Missouri	12.3

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Montana	12.2
Nebraska	14.1
Nevada	12.6
New Hampshire	9.3
New Jersey	11.5
New Mexico	12.4
New York	12.0
North Carolina	12.0
North Dakota	14.9
Ohio	12.0
Oklahoma	13.6
Oregon	11.3
Pennsylvania	11.0
Rhode Island	10.4
South Carolina	11.9
South Dakota	14.4
Tennessee	12.4
Texas	14.7
Utah	16.9
Vermont	9.4
Virginia	12.3
Washington	12.4
West Virginia	10.7
Wisconsin	11.6
Wyoming	13.2

Term	Definition
<b>Birth Rate</b>	Number of live births per 1,000 of the population in specified state. This is calculated by dividing the number of live births in 2015 by the total population in 2015 and multiplying by 1,000.

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