

**Data table for Figure 8. Preterm singleton births, by gestational age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2008–2018**

Excel and PowerPoint: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2019.htm#Figure-008>

**Preterm singleton births, by gestational age: 2008–2018**

Gestational age (weeks) <sup>1</sup>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Percent of live singleton births that were preterm											
Total (less than 37) . . . . .	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.2
34–36 . . . . .	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.1
32–33 . . . . .	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Less than 32 . . . . .	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Standard error											
Total (less than 37) . . . . .	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
34–36 . . . . .	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
32–33 . . . . .	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Less than 32 . . . . .	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

**Preterm singleton births, by gestational age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: 2018**

Gestational age (weeks) <sup>1</sup>	Race and Hispanic origin of mother <sup>3</sup>						
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Not Hispanic or Latina					
		Hispanic or Latina	White	Black or African American	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native
Percent of live singleton births that were preterm							
Total (less than 37) . . . . .	8.2	8.4	7.2	11.9	7.1	10.3	10.2
34–36 . . . . .	6.1	6.3	5.6	7.9	5.4	7.5	7.6
32–33 . . . . .	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.2	1.2
Less than 32 . . . . .	1.2	1.2	0.9	2.6	1.0	1.7	1.3
Standard error							
Total (less than 37) . . . . .	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.32	0.18
34–36 . . . . .	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.27	0.16
32–33 . . . . .	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.11	0.07
Less than 32 . . . . .	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.13	0.07

0.00 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.005.

<sup>1</sup>Preterm births are based on the obstetric estimate of gestational age and limited to singleton births. Singleton births refer to single births, in contrast with multiple or higher-order births, such as twins or triplets. Percentages for gestational age categories may not sum to the total percentage of live singleton births that occurred less than 37 weeks of gestation due to rounding. For more information on the obstetric estimates, see [Appendix II, Gestation](#), and: Martin JA, Osterman MJK, Kirmeyer SE, Gregory ECW. Measuring gestational age in vital statistics data: Transitioning to the obstetric estimate. National Vital Statistics Reports; vol 64 no 5. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2015. Available from: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64\\_05.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64_05.pdf).

<sup>2</sup>Includes preterm births for mothers of all other races and Hispanic-origin groups not shown separately, including multiple-race groups.

<sup>3</sup>The race groups white, black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2016 data, race on birth records is available based on the 1997 “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity” and presented as single-race estimates (only one race was reported on the birth certificate). These estimates include separate estimates for non-Hispanic Asian and non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander groups. Data for 2003–2015 were tabulated according to the 1977 standards and bridged to retain comparability across states as they transitioned from the 1977 standards to those of 1997. See Technical Notes; [Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race](#).

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality. See [Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System \(NVSS\)](#).