

Percent of births to unmarried women, 1999-2000 average and 2001-2002 average, and percent change in the percent of births to unmarried women, 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, and rank order of States with respect to their change (in order of largest decline to largest increase) and rank order of territories (ranked separately from States)

| State | Percent unmarried, 2001-2002 | Percent unmarried, 1999-2000 | Percent change in percent unmarried, 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 | State | Rank order of states by largest decline in percent unmarried, 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------|
| | | | | | Rank | Percent change |
| United States 1/ | 33.739% | 33.120% | 1.869% | United States 1/ | United States 1/ | 1.869% |
| Alabama | 34.577% | 33.797% | 2.308% | Alabama | 1 District of Columbia | -6.680% |
| Alaska | 33.399% | 33.086% | 0.946% | Alaska | 2 New York | -2.359% |
| Arizona | 39.940% | 39.021% | 2.355% | Arizona | 3 Maryland | -0.334% |
| Arkansas | 36.629% | 35.460% | 3.297% | Arkansas | 4 New Hampshire | -0.331% |
| California | 32.867% | 32.788% | 0.241% | California | 5 Connecticut | -0.062% |
| Colorado | 25.883% | 25.224% | 2.613% | Colorado | California | 0.241% |
| Connecticut | 29.116% | 29.134% | -0.062% | Connecticut | Massachusetts | 0.818% |
| Delaware | 40.272% | 38.385% | 4.916% | Delaware | Alaska | 0.946% |
| District of Columbia | 56.946% | 61.022% | -6.680% | District of Columbia | Illinois | 0.982% |
| Florida | 39.153% | 37.864% | 3.404% | Florida | Oregon | 1.266% |
| Georgia | 37.566% | 36.777% | 2.145% | Georgia | Mississippi | 1.615% |
| Hawaii | 33.292% | 32.528% | 2.349% | Hawaii | Virginia | 1.647% |
| Idaho | 21.969% | 21.606% | 1.680% | Idaho | Idaho | 1.680% |
| Illinois | 34.643% | 34.306% | 0.982% | Illinois | Utah | 1.754% |
| Indiana | 35.913% | 34.565% | 3.900% | Indiana | New Jersey | 1.782% |
| Iowa | 29.059% | 27.750% | 4.717% | Iowa | Missouri | 1.889% |
| Kansas | 30.502% | 28.803% | 5.899% | Kansas | North Dakota | 1.986% |
| Kentucky | 32.443% | 30.713% | 5.633% | Kentucky | South Carolina | 2.017% |
| Louisiana | 46.662% | 45.240% | 3.143% | Louisiana | Georgia | 2.145% |
| Maine | 32.169% | 31.162% | 3.231% | Maine | Alabama | 2.308% |
| Maryland | 34.617% | 34.733% | -0.334% | Maryland | Washington | 2.335% |
| Massachusetts | 26.750% | 26.533% | 0.818% | Massachusetts | Hawaii | 2.349% |
| Michigan | 34.210% | 33.190% | 3.073% | Michigan | Arizona | 2.355% |
| Minnesota | 26.883% | 25.853% | 3.984% | Minnesota | Rhode Island | 2.388% |
| Mississippi | 46.700% | 45.958% | 1.615% | Mississippi | Wisconsin | 2.424% |
| Missouri | 34.997% | 34.348% | 1.889% | Missouri | Pennsylvania | 2.462% |
| Montana | 32.095% | 30.402% | 5.569% | Montana | Ohio | 2.598% |
| Nebraska | 28.144% | 26.513% | 6.152% | Nebraska | Colorado | 2.613% |
| Nevada | 37.312% | 36.045% | 3.515% | Nevada | Texas | 2.679% |
| New Hampshire | 24.359% | 24.440% | -0.331% | New Hampshire | New Mexico | 2.761% |
| New Jersey | 29.249% | 28.737% | 1.782% | New Jersey | Michigan | 3.073% |
| New Mexico | 46.595% | 45.343% | 2.761% | New Mexico | West Virginia | 3.094% |
| New York | 35.728% | 36.591% | -2.359% | New York | Louisiana | 3.143% |
| North Carolina | 34.467% | 33.289% | 3.539% | North Carolina | Maine | 3.231% |
| North Dakota | 28.448% | 27.894% | 1.986% | North Dakota | Arkansas | 3.297% |
| Ohio | 35.271% | 34.378% | 2.598% | Ohio | Florida | 3.404% |
| Oklahoma | 35.813% | 33.713% | 6.229% | Oklahoma | Nevada | 3.515% |
| Oregon | 30.647% | 30.264% | 1.266% | Oregon | North Carolina | 3.539% |
| Pennsylvania | 33.625% | 32.817% | 2.462% | Pennsylvania | Wyoming | 3.773% |
| Rhode Island | 35.721% | 34.888% | 2.388% | Rhode Island | Tennessee | 3.854% |
| South Carolina | 40.216% | 39.421% | 2.017% | South Carolina | Indiana | 3.900% |
| South Dakota | 34.276% | 32.632% | 5.038% | South Dakota | Minnesota | 3.984% |
| Tennessee | 35.947% | 34.613% | 3.854% | Tennessee | Iowa | 4.717% |
| Texas | 31.730% | 30.902% | 2.679% | Texas | Delaware | 4.916% |
| Utah | 17.286% | 16.988% | 1.754% | Utah | South Dakota | 5.038% |
| Vermont | 31.428% | 28.530% | 10.158% | Vermont | Montana | 5.569% |
| Virginia | 30.300% | 29.809% | 1.647% | Virginia | Kentucky | 5.633% |
| Washington | 28.790% | 28.133% | 2.335% | Washington | Kansas | 5.899% |
| West Virginia | 32.691% | 31.710% | 3.094% | West Virginia | Nebraska | 6.152% |
| Wisconsin | 29.962% | 29.253% | 2.424% | Wisconsin | Oklahoma | 6.229% |
| Wyoming | 30.004% | 28.913% | 3.773% | Wyoming | Vermont | 10.158% |
| Puerto Rico | 51.497% | 48.921% | 5.266% | Puerto Rico | American Samoa | -14.973% |
| Virgin Islands | 67.030% | 66.893% | 0.205% | Virgin Islands | Virgin Islands | 0.205% |
| Guam | 55.534% | 55.349% | 0.334% | Guam | Guam | 0.334% |
| American Samoa | 30.165% | 35.477% | -14.973% | American Samoa | Puerto Rico | 5.266% |
| Northern Marianas | 58.269% | --- | --- | Northern Marianas | Northern Marianas | --- |

---Data not available

1/ Excludes data for the territories.

Calculations for all States and territories were done on the basis of data files provided by each State to the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) which has tabulated the entire national birth file by mother's place of residence.

SOURCE: Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS, CDC, from published birth data.