

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	State	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.

¹Excludes data for the territories.

NOTE: Calculations for all States and territories were done on the basis of data files provided by each State to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention'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.