

## Births to Unmarried Women as a Percent of All Births in 1998

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**National Percent = 32.8% of Live Births\***

ALPHA ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT
14	Alabama	34.1
30	Alaska	31.1
5	Arizona	38.4
9	Arkansas	35.1
24	California	32.7
46	Colorado	25.6
29	Connecticut	31.3
6	Delaware	37.1
7	Florida	36.6
8	Georgia	36.2
28	Hawaii	31.4
49	Idaho	22.0
14	Illinois	34.1
19	Indiana	33.4
42	Iowa	27.2
41	Kansas	27.8
32	Kentucky	29.9
2	Louisiana	44.9
31	Maine	30.6
13	Maryland	34.4
45	Massachusetts	26.1
21	Michigan	32.9
46	Minnesota	25.6
1	Mississippi	45.5
14	Missouri	34.1
32	Montana	29.9
44	Nebraska	26.2
12	Nevada	34.7
48	New Hampshire	24.1
38	New Jersey	28.3
3	New Mexico	44.1
10	New York	34.9
22	North Carolina	32.8
43	North Dakota	27.0
17	Ohio	34.0
20	Oklahoma	33.2
35	Oregon	29.7
22	Pennsylvania	32.8
18	Rhode Island	33.9
4	South Carolina	38.7
26	South Dakota	32.0
10	Tennessee	34.9
27	Texas	31.5
50	Utah	17.1
39	Vermont	28.0
34	Virginia	29.8
40	Washington	27.9
25	West Virginia	32.4
37	Wisconsin	28.5
36	Wyoming	29.6

RANK ORDER

RANK	STATE	PERCENT
1	Mississippi	45.5
2	Louisiana	44.9
3	New Mexico	44.1
4	South Carolina	38.7
5	Arizona	38.4
6	Delaware	37.1
7	Florida	36.6
8	Georgia	36.2
9	Arkansas	35.1
10	New York	34.9
10	Tennessee	34.9
12	Nevada	34.7
13	Maryland	34.4
14	Alabama	34.1
14	Illinois	34.1
14	Missouri	34.1
17	Ohio	34.0
18	Rhode Island	33.9
19	Indiana	33.4
20	Oklahoma	33.2
21	Michigan	32.9
22	North Carolina	32.8
22	Pennsylvania	32.8
24	California	32.7
25	West Virginia	32.4
26	South Dakota	32.0
27	Texas	31.5
28	Hawaii	31.4
29	Connecticut	31.3
30	Alaska	31.1
31	Maine	30.6
32	Kentucky	29.9
32	Montana	29.9
34	Virginia	29.8
35	Oregon	29.7
36	Wyoming	29.6
37	Wisconsin	28.5
38	New Jersey	28.3
39	Vermont	28.0
40	Washington	27.9
41	Kansas	27.8
42	Iowa	27.2
43	North Dakota	27.0
44	Nebraska	26.2
45	Massachusetts	26.1
46	Colorado	25.6
46	Minnesota	25.6
48	New Hampshire	24.1
49	Idaho	22.0
50	Utah	17.1
	District of Columbia	62.8

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics  
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\*Preliminary data by state of residence.