

Data Brief 80: Three Decades of Twin Births in the United States, 1980–2009

Data table for Figure 2. Twin birth rates: United States and each state, 1980 and 2009
 [The twin birth rate is the number of twins per 1,000 total births]

Area	1980	2009	Percent change 1980–2009	Area	1980	2009	Percent change 1980–2009
United States	18.9	33.2	76	Missouri	18.4	32.1	75
Alabama	19.5	33.2	70	Montana	16.3	29.9	84
Alaska	21.1	30.7	46	Nebraska	21.2	35.2	66
Arizona	18.4	26.6	45	Nevada	15.7	27.4	75
Arkansas	20.9	29.8	42	New Hampshire	20.4	40.3	97
California	16.9	30.6	81	New Jersey	19.7	44.2	125
Colorado	18.3	32.3	76	New Mexico ¹	18.5	22.3	21
Connecticut	20.1	45.9	129	New York	20.7	38.3	86
Delaware	18.3	33.0	81	North Carolina	19.7	33.5	70
District of Columbia	21.3	36.6	72	North Dakota	15.7	30.4	94
Florida	19.3	31.1	61	Ohio	19.3	33.5	74
Georgia	18.8	33.9	81	Oklahoma	18.0	28.2	56
Hawaii	15.3	31.0	103	Oregon	20.7	31.2	52
Idaho	17.5	28.3	62	Pennsylvania	17.8	35.6	100
Illinois	19.8	36.6	84	Rhode Island	18.5	39.6	114
Indiana	18.7	31.4	68	South Carolina	19.5	34.2	75
Iowa	17.4	34.1	95	South Dakota	18.2	24.6	35
Kansas	17.3	30.8	78	Tennessee	19.3	30.3	57
Kentucky	18.3	31.9	74	Texas	19.3	30.5	57
Louisiana	20.9	31.0	48	Utah	17.5	30.8	76
Maine	17.6	31.8	81	Vermont	20.5	27.5	34
Maryland	20.0	37.6	88	Virginia	19.1	36.0	88
Massachusetts	19.0	45.2	139	Washington	19.6	31.2	59
Michigan	20.5	34.9	70	West Virginia	17.1	29.9	75
Minnesota	17.7	35.5	100	Wisconsin	19.4	32.3	67
Mississippi	21.8	34.9	60	Wyoming	18.1	29.4	63

¹The 1980 twin birth rate for New Mexico is based on 1982 births; 1980 and 1981 data by plurality for New Mexico were not reliable.