

GOAL 1: Ready to Learn

State Indicator 4. Early Prenatal Care

Have states¹ increased the percentages of mothers who began receiving prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy?

↑	Better	50 states and the U.S.
↔	No Change	2 states
↓	Worse	2 states

Update

Improvement over time

Between 1990 and 1997, the U.S. and 50 states (out of 54) significantly increased the percentages of mothers who began receiving prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy:

1. Alabama	14. Indiana	27. Nebraska	40. South Dakota
2. Arizona	15. Iowa	28. Nevada	41. Tennessee
3. Arkansas	16. Kansas	29. New Hampshire	42. Texas
4. California	17. Kentucky	30. New Mexico	43. Vermont
5. Colorado	18. Louisiana	31. New York	44. Virginia
6. Connecticut	19. Maine	32. North Carolina	45. Washington
7. Delaware	20. Maryland	33. North Dakota	46. West Virginia
8. District of Columbia	21. Massachusetts	34. Ohio	47. Wisconsin
9. Florida	22. Michigan	35. Oklahoma	48. Wyoming
10. Georgia	23. Minnesota	36. Oregon	49. Puerto Rico
11. Hawaii	24. Mississippi	37. Pennsylvania	50. Virgin Islands
12. Idaho	25. Missouri	38. Rhode Island	
13. Illinois	26. Montana	39. South Carolina	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest percentages of mothers who began receiving prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy:

	(1997)
New Hampshire	90%
Connecticut	89%
Maine	89%
Maryland	89%
Massachusetts	89%
Rhode Island	89%
U.S.	83%

* Top 6 states (out of 54).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of mothers who began receiving prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy:

	(1990)	(1997)	Change*
Georgia	73%	86%	+13
New Mexico	57%	70%	+13
South Carolina	69%	80%	+12
Florida	72%	84%	+11
District of Columbia	56%	67%	+10
Hawaii	73%	83%	+10
Texas	68%	79%	+10
Virgin Islands	47%	57%	+10

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.