

**Table 25. State Rankings by Divorce Rate, Out-of-Wedlock Birth Rate and Teen Birth Rate, 1998 (Preliminary)**

Rank	State	Divorces Per 1,000 Population	Rank	State	Out-of-Wedlock Births as Percent of All Births	Rank	State	Percent of Live Births to Mothers Under 20 Years of Age
1	Nevada	8.50	1	Mississippi	45.5%	1	Mississippi	20.0%
2	Tennessee	6.35	2	Louisiana	44.9%	2	Arkansas	18.6%
3	Arkansas	6.06	3	New Mexico	44.1%	3	Louisiana	18.4%
4	Alabama	6.04	4	South Carolina	38.7%	4	New Mexico	18.2%
5	Oklahoma	5.98	5	Arizona	38.4%	5	Alabama	17.1%
6	New Hampshire	5.92	6	Delaware	37.1%	6	Oklahoma	16.3%
7	Wyoming	5.90	7	Florida	36.6%	7	Wyoming	16.2%
8	Idaho	5.70	8	Georgia	36.2%	8	Texas	16.1%
9	Kentucky	5.69	9	Arkansas	35.1%	9	South Carolina	16.0%
10	Arizona	5.53	10	New York	34.9%	10	Tennessee	15.9%
11	Florida	5.38	11	Tennessee	34.9%	11	West Virginia	15.7%
12	Alaska	5.22	12	Nevada	34.7%	12	Kentucky	15.4%
13	West Virginia	5.14	13	Maryland	34.4%	13	Arizona	15.1%
14	Washington	5.06	14	Alabama	34.1%	14	Georgia	15.0%
15	North Carolina	4.88	15	Missouri	34.1%	15	North Carolina	14.0%
16	Missouri	4.74	16	Illinois	34.1%	16	Missouri	13.8%
17	Mississippi	4.72	17	Ohio	34.0%	17	Indiana	13.7%
18	Georgia	4.68	18	Rhode Island	33.9%	18	Florida	13.2%
19	New Mexico	4.64	19	Indiana	33.4%	19	Nevada	13.1%
20	Oregon	4.63	20	Oklahoma	33.2%	20	Delaware	13.1%
21	Delaware	4.53	21	Michigan	32.9%	21	Ohio	13.0%
22	Virginia	4.41	22	Pennsylvania	32.8%	22	Idaho	12.8%
23	Vermont	4.33	23	North Carolina	32.8%	23	Kansas	12.6%
24	Utah	4.21	24	California	32.7%	24	Oregon	12.5%
25	Maine	4.11	25	West Virginia	32.4%	25	Illinois	12.4%
26	Ohio	4.10	26	South Dakota	32.0%	26	Montana	12.3%
27	Kansas	4.05	27	Texas	31.5%	27	Colorado	12.1%
28	Hawaii	4.04	28	Hawaii	31.4%	28	South Dakota	12.0%
29	Michigan	3.96	29	Connecticut	31.3%	29	Michigan	11.6%
30	Nebraska	3.84	30	Alaska	31.1%	30	California	11.3%
31	Montana	3.81	31	Maine	30.6%	31	Alaska	11.2%
32	South Carolina	3.80	32	Montana	29.9%	32	Washington	10.9%
33	South Dakota	3.55	33	Kentucky	29.9%	33	Virginia	10.8%
34	Wisconsin	3.38	34	Virginia	29.8%	34	Hawaii	10.7%
35	Illinois	3.36	35	Oregon	29.7%	35	Nebraska	10.6%
36	Iowa	3.34	36	Wyoming	29.6%	36	Iowa	10.6%
37	North Dakota	3.27	37	Wisconsin	28.5%	37	Wisconsin	10.5%
38	Minnesota	3.24	38	New Jersey	28.3%	38	Rhode Island	10.5%
39	Pennsylvania	3.21	39	Vermont	28.0%	39	Pennsylvania	10.3%
40	Rhode Island	3.20	40	Washington	27.9%	40	Maryland	10.2%
41	Maryland	3.20	41	Kansas	27.8%	41	Utah	9.8%
42	New Jersey	3.12	42	Iowa	27.2%	42	North Dakota	9.8%
43	Connecticut	2.94	43	North Dakota	27.0%	43	Maine	9.8%
44	Massachusetts	2.69	44	Nebraska	26.2%	44	New York	8.8%
45	New York	2.52	45	Massachusetts	26.1%	45	Minnesota	8.6%
	California	na	46	Colorado	25.6%	46	Connecticut	8.3%
	Texas	na	47	Minnesota	25.6%	47	Vermont	7.9%
	Indiana	na	48	New Hampshire	24.1%	48	New Jersey	7.8%
	Louisiana	na	49	Idaho	22.0%	49	New Hampshire	7.7%
	Colorado	na	50	Utah	17.1%	50	Massachusetts	7.2%
	United States	4.20		United States	32.8%		United States	12.5%

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