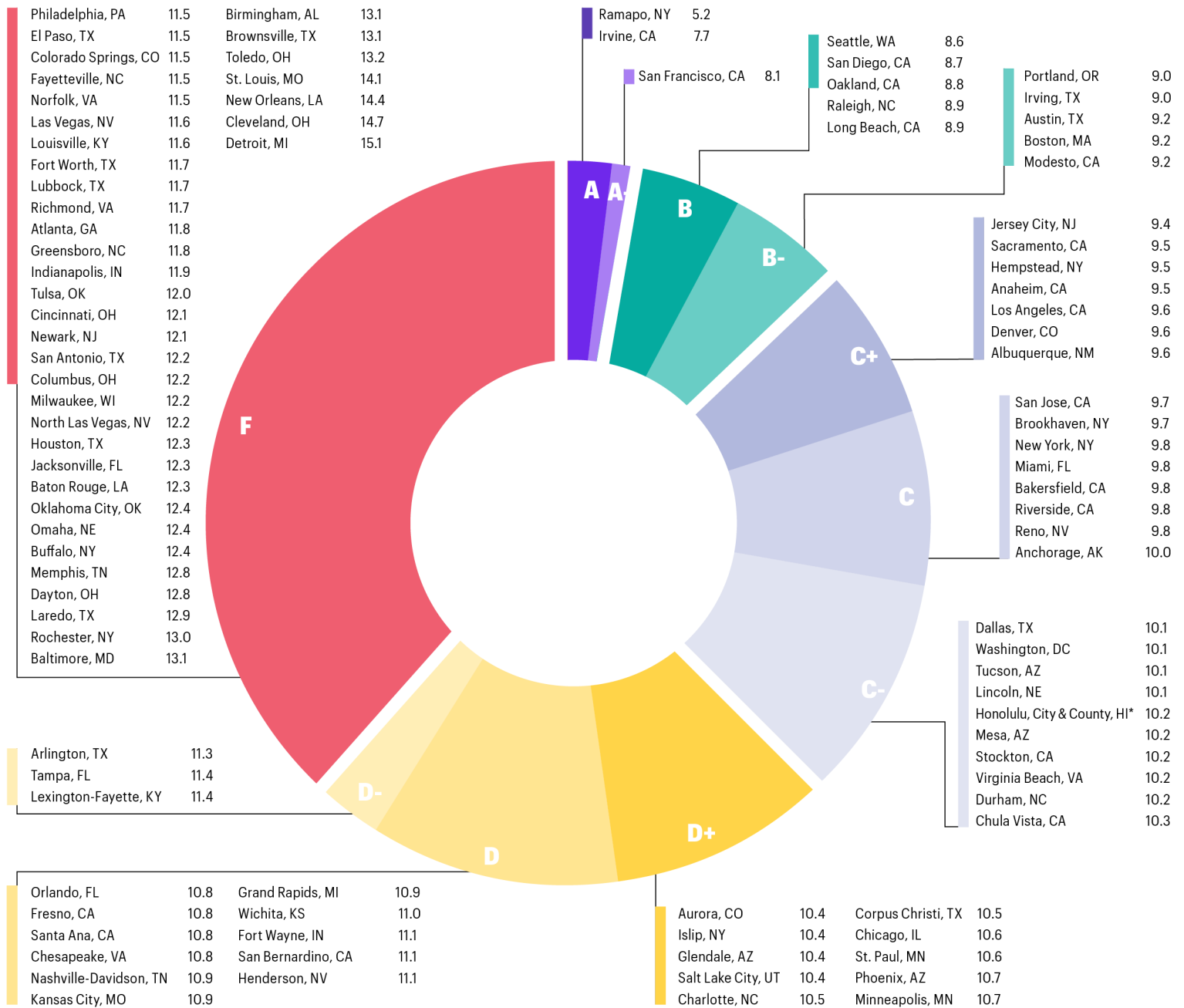


# 100 U.S. CITIES WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BIRTHS 2021 PRETERM BIRTH RATES AND GRADES

The 2022 U.S. March of Dimes Report Card assigns grades to the 100 cities with the greatest number of live births in 2021. Report Card grades are assigned by comparing the 2021 preterm birth rate in a city to the March of Dimes goal of 8.1 percent by 2020.



## GRADE AND RANGE

Grade	Preterm Birth Rate Range (%)
A	Less than or equal to 7.7%
A-	7.8%–8.1%
B+	8.2%–8.5%
B	8.6%–8.9%
B-	9.0%–9.2%
C+	9.3%–9.6%
C	9.7%–10.0%
C-	10.1%–10.3%
D+	10.4%–10.7%
D	10.8%–11.1%
D-	11.2%–11.4%
F	11.5% or greater

## Notes:

- Preterm is less than 37 weeks gestation based on obstetric estimate of gestational age.
- Cities represent those with the greatest number of live births out of all cities with a population of >100,000, as defined by the National Center for Health Statistics.
- \*Data for Honolulu represent the combined city and county of Honolulu.

**Source:** National Center for Health Statistics, 2021 final natality data. **Prepared by:** March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, 2022.