

PRETERM BIRTHS

in Shelby County, Tennessee



What is a preterm birth?

A preterm birth is when a baby is born before **37 weeks** of pregnancy has been completed. Babies born before 37 weeks of gestation are less likely to make it to their first year of life. Those who do survive tend to experience long term health effects.

IN 2019,
there were **1,588** preterm
births in Shelby County,
Tennessee. That's **one** out
of every **eight** births.



2019

United States Prematurity Rate

10.2% of live births

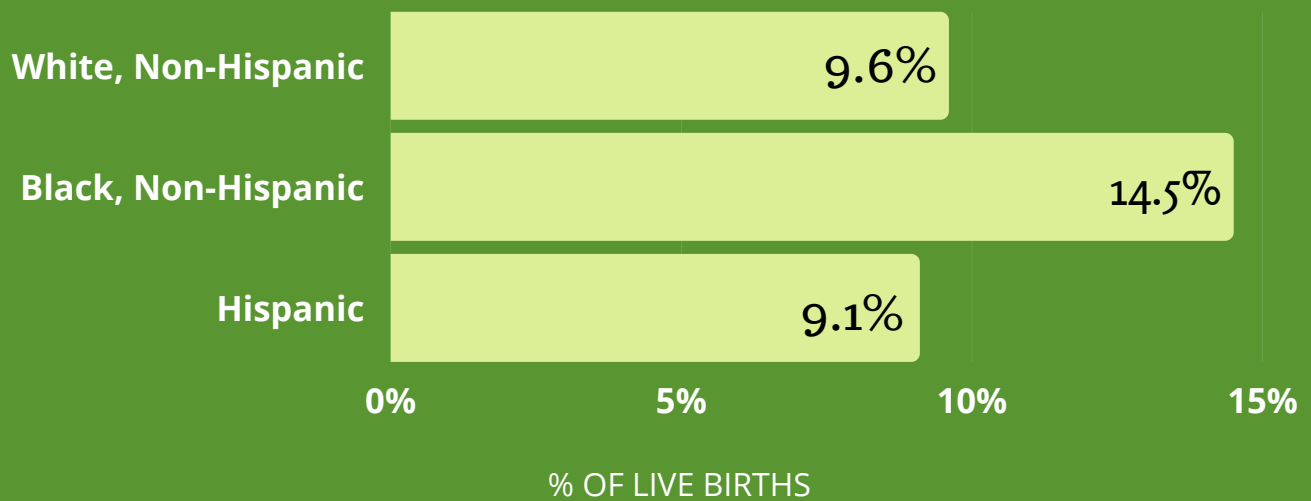
Tennessee Prematurity Rate

11% of live births

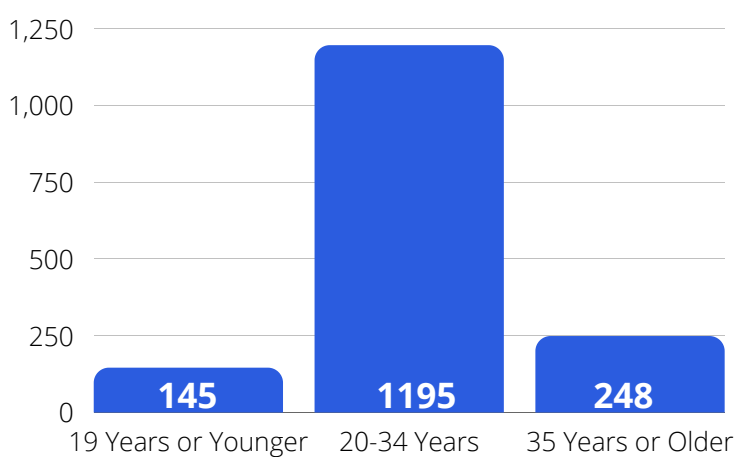
Shelby County Prematurity Rate

12.4% of live births

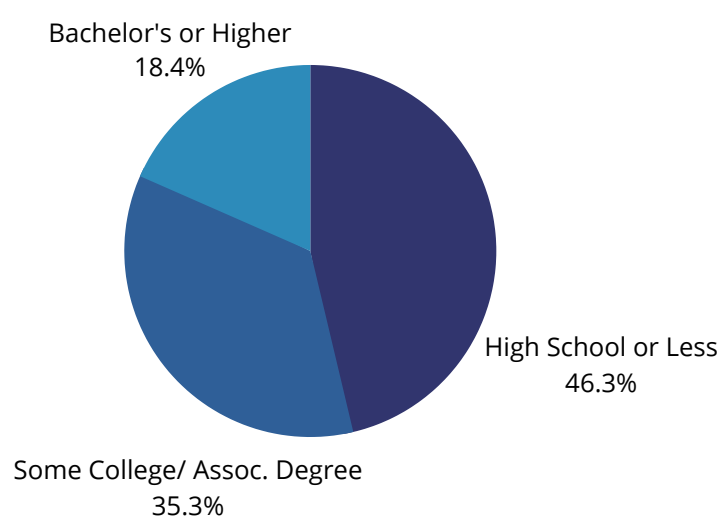
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PRETERM BIRTHS BY MATERNAL AGE Shelby County, 2019



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FOR WAYS TO PREVENT PRETERM BIRTHS...

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