
World Prematurity

Premature Birth and its complications are the largest contributors to infant death in the U.S. and globally.

Common causes of preterm birth include:

- Pregnant with multiples (twins, triplets, or more)
- Have had a premature baby in the past
- Received late or no prenatal care
- Chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure
- Infections
- Unidentified causes

Preventions

- Early prenatal care and education
- Smoking cessation
- Proper nutrition
- Avoid alcohol and drugs
- Care and treatment of chronic illness

15 mil

Estimated number of babies born preterm every year

1 mil

Approximate number of children who die yearly due to complications of preterm birth

9%

Preterm births occur in higher income countries

12%

Preterm births occur in lower income countries

60%

Preterm births occur in Africa and South Asia