

# Brazil



- The United States and Brazil both rank among the top 10 countries with the highest number of preterm births.
- Late preterm was the largest category, accounting for 74% of preterm births.
- Provider-initiated preterm births were 39.3% of the total, due almost entirely (90 %) to pre-labor cesarean section.



SOURCES: WHO, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health 2018.  
Prevalence and risk factors related to preterm birth in Brazil. [Reprod Health](#). 2016; 13(Suppl 3): 127.

