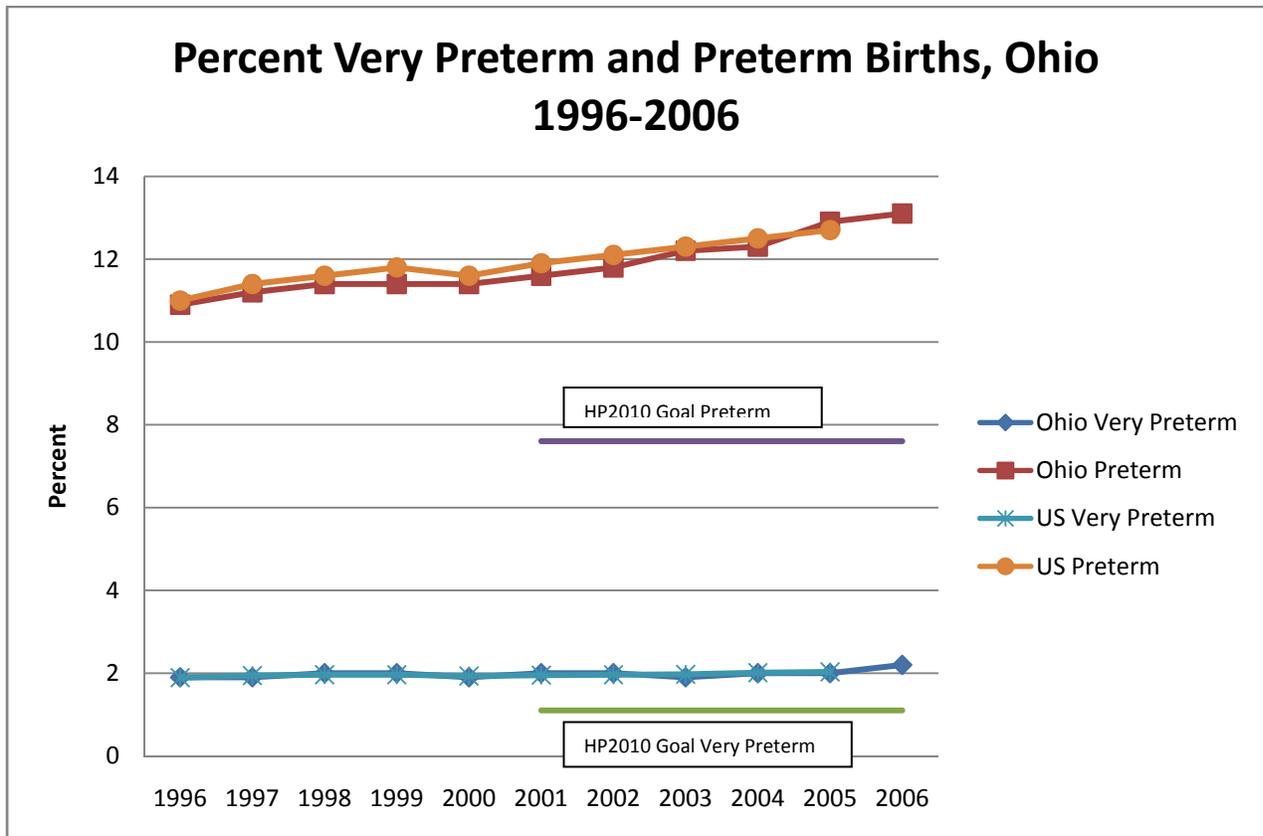


Very Preterm and Preterm Births in Ohio

Very preterm is defined as a live birth resulting from a pregnancy lasting less than 32 weeks.

Preterm is defined as a live birth resulting from a pregnancy lasting less than 37 weeks.

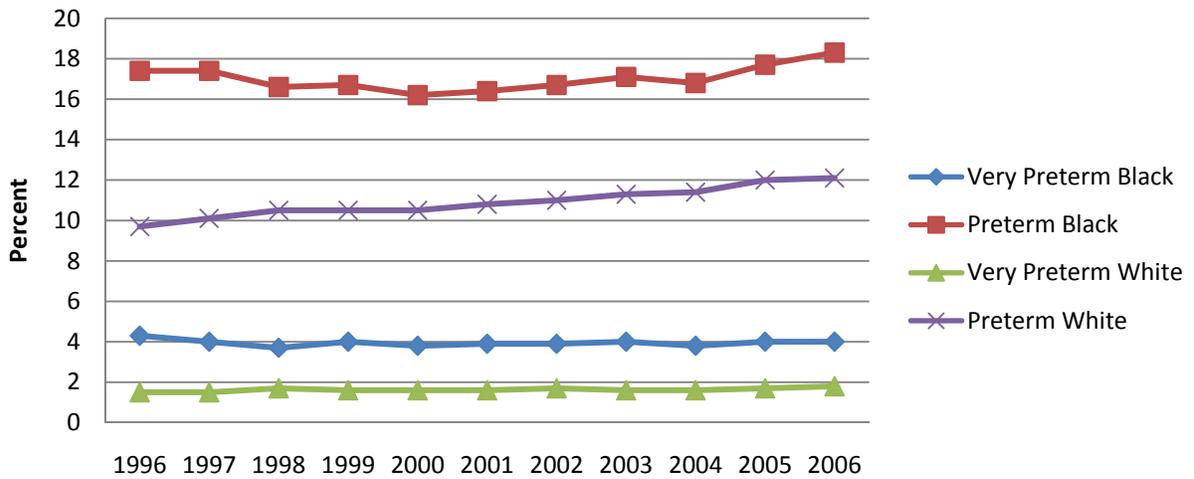
Preterm percentages include very preterm gestational age.



Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse (Vital Statistics), National Center for Health Statistics

- Ohio rates of very preterm and preterm births are nearly identical to national rates.
- Ohio is far from meeting the Healthy People 2010 Objective of 1.1 percent (very preterm) and 7.6 percent (preterm).
- Ohio very preterm birth rates have remained relatively stable between 1996 and 2006.
- Ohio preterm birth rates increased from 10.9 percent in 1996 to 13.1 percent in 2006.

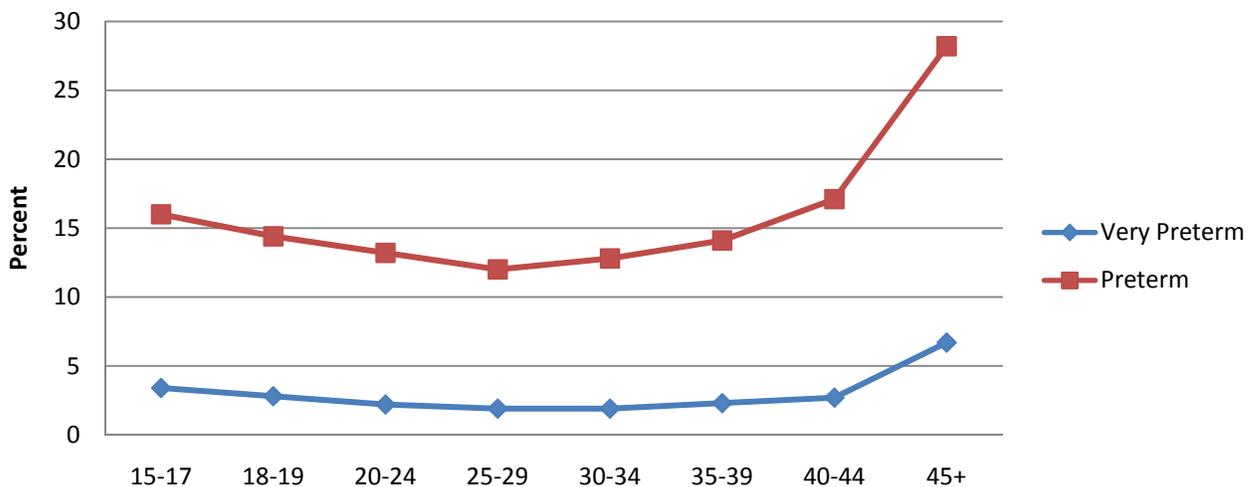
Percent Very Preterm and Preterm Births By Race, Ohio 1996-2006



Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse (Vital Statistics)

- The rates of very preterm births have remained relatively stable between 1996 and 2006 for both whites and blacks.
- The rates of preterm births increased for both whites (9.7 percent to 12.1 percent) and blacks (17.4 percent to 18.3 percent) between 1996 and 2006.

Percent Very Preterm and Preterm Births By Age, Ohio 2006



Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse (Vital Statistics)

- Rates of very preterm and preterm births are highest among the youngest (15-17 years) and oldest (40+ years) mothers.