

**After Newborn Genetic Testing of Baby is Done**  
**State by State Government Newborn Blood & Baby DNA Retention Practices**

STATE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Opt-Out
Alabama	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	Religious
Alaska	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	Yes
Arizona <sup>1</sup>	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	3 mo/ Indefinitely	Yes
Arkansas	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-6 mo	3-4 mo	3-4 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	Medical, Religious, Philosophical
California <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious
Colorado	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	Personal/Religious
Connecticut	6 mo	2 yrs	2 yrs	6 mo	6 mo	2 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	2 yrs	>2 yrs	Religious
Delaware	4 mo	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	3 yrs	Religious
D.C.	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Yes
Florida	Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	Yes
Georgia	6 wk	12 wk/2 yrs	12 wks/ 2yrs	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	3 mo / 2 yrs	Religious
Hawaii	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Religious
Idaho	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	18 mo	Religious
Illinois	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo/4 mo	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	2 mo / 6 yrs	Religious
Indiana	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	6 mo / 3 yrs	Religious
Iowa	5 yrs	1 yr	1 yr	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	Yes
Kansas <sup>1</sup>	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	1 mo / Indefinitely	Religious
Kentucky <sup>1</sup>	6 mo	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6-8 wks/ Indefinitely	6 mo	6 mo	2 mo	2 mo	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	2 mo / Indefinitely	Religious
Louisiana	30 Days	1 yr	1 yr	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	Yes
Maine <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious
Maryland	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	Indefinitely Since 2004	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	Yes
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup>	Since 1991	22 yrs	22 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	21.5 yrs	15-16 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Religious
Michigan <sup>1</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	100 yrs	Religious
Minnesota <sup>1,2</sup>	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	71 Days	Indefinitely as of 8/1/14	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Yes
Mississippi	2 yr Minimum	1 yr Minimum	1 yr Minimum	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Religious
Missouri	6 mo	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	Religious
Montana	3 yrs	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr/ Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Yes
Nebraska	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	120 days <sup>3</sup>	120 days <sup>3</sup>	No
Nevada	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Personal/Religious
New Hampshire	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	Yes
New Jersey	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	Yes
New Mexico	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Yes
New York	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	27 yrs	Religious
North Carolina	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	5 yrs	Yes
North Dakota	5 yrs	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	18 yrs	18 yrs	Yes
Ohio	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	> 2 yrs	Religious
Oklahoma	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	42 Days	Religious
Oregon	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Religious
Pennsylvania	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	8 mo	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Religious
Rhode Island	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	23 yrs	Religious
South Carolina <sup>1</sup>	2 yrs then Parent Choice	6 mo	6 mo	1 yr/ "longer"	1 yr/ "longer"	1 yr/ "longer"	> 2 yrs	Until No Longer Needed	Until No Longer Needed	Until No Longer Needed	Religious
South Dakota	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	1 mo	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	Until Completed Test	No
Tennessee <sup>1</sup>	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	12 mo/ Indefinitely	Religious
Texas <sup>4</sup>	25 yrs /Under Review	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs/25 yrs	2 yrs	2 yrs <sup>5</sup>	2 yrs <sup>5</sup>	Religious
Utah	2 yrs	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	90 Days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	> 90 days	Religious
Vermont	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	Indefinitely	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Yes
Virginia <sup>1</sup>	6 mo	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	6 mo/10 yrs	Religious
Washington	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	21 yrs	Religious
West Virginia	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	3 mo	No
Wisconsin	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	1 yr	Religious/Personal
Wyoming	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	6 mo	Yes

1. States that have extended retention for positive results (from 10 yrs to indefinitely) as of 2018.

2. The Minnesota Department of Health was required to destroy all samples collected prior to August 1, 2014.

3. Unless requested for research, blood spots are stored for 90 days and must be destroyed within 30 days of the expiration of the 90 day period.

4. In February 2008, the NNSIS showed Texas retention as 6 mo. in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. On March 12, 2009, the Texas Civil Rights Project sued the Texas Department of Health after a newspaper in Austin, Texas reported that the Texas Department of Health has been keeping newborn blood indefinitely for the past six yrs. On March 20, 2009 there was no retention data from 2005 – 2009.

5. Blood spots received: before 5/27/2009 were destroyed | 5/27/2009 - 5/31/2012 kept indefinitely | 6/1/2012 or later kept 2 yrs.