

Table 1-17. Number and Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, by Race: United States, 1940-97

(Prior to 1980, due to rounding estimates to the nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals. Percents per 100 live births in specified group. Beginning 1970 excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

Year	Number				Percent			
	All races	White	All other		All races	White	All other	
			Total	Black			Total	Black
Race of Mother								
Reported/Inferred(1)								
1997.....	1,257,444	793,202	464,242	415,054	32.4	25.8	57.4	69.2
1996.....	1,260,306	795,432	464,874	415,213	32.4	25.7	58.2	69.8
1995.....	1,253,976	784,992	468,984	421,489	32.2	25.3	58.6	69.9
1994.....	1,289,592	794,261	495,331	448,315	32.6	25.4	59.6	70.4
1993.....	1,240,172	742,129	498,043	452,476	31.0	23.6	58.6	68.7
1992.....	1,224,876	721,986	502,890	458,969	30.1	22.6	58.3	68.1
1991.....	1,213,769	707,502	506,267	463,750	29.5	21.8	58.2	67.9
1990.....	1,165,384	669,698	495,686	455,304	28.0	20.4	57.1	66.5
1989.....	1,094,169	613,543	480,626	442,395	27.1	19.2	56.6	65.7
1988.....	1,005,299	557,394	447,905	413,157	25.7	18.0	55.5	64.7
1987.....	933,013	513,984	419,029	387,468	24.5	16.9	54.7	63.4
1986.....	878,477	480,533	397,944	369,786	23.4	15.9	54.0	62.4
1985.....	828,174	445,595	382,579	356,205	22.0	14.7	52.9	61.2
1984(2).....	770,355	403,022	367,333	342,524	21.0	13.6	52.3	60.3
1983(2).....	737,893	381,276	356,617	333,183	20.3	12.9	51.5	59.2
1982(2).....	715,227	365,647	349,580	327,998	19.4	12.3	50.3	57.7
1981(2).....	686,605	346,541	340,064	321,383	18.9	11.8	49.9	56.9
1980(2).....	665,747	328,984	336,763	318,799	18.4	11.2	49.8	56.1
Race of Child								
Estimated(3)								
1980(2).....	643,400	294,200	349,300	327,000	17.8	10.2	49.0	55.5
1979(2).....	597,800	263,000	334,800	315,800	17.1	9.4	48.8	54.7
1978(2).....	543,900	233,600	310,200	293,400	16.3	8.7	47.6	53.2
1977(2).....	515,700	220,100	295,500	281,600	15.5	8.2	46.5	51.7
1976(2).....	468,100	197,100	271,000	258,800	14.8	7.7	45.2	50.3
1975(2).....	447,900	186,400	261,600	249,600	14.3	7.3	44.2	48.8
1974(2).....	418,100	168,500	249,600	238,800	13.2	6.5	42.7	47.1

1973(2)	407,300	163,000	244,500	234,500	13.0	6.4	41.7	45.8
1972(2)	403,200	160,500	242,700	233,300	12.4	6.0	40.3	43.9
1971(4)	401,400	163,800	237,500	229,000	11.3	5.6	37.3	40.5
1970(4)	398,700	175,100	223,600	215,100	10.7	5.7	34.9	37.6
1969(4)	360,800	163,700	197,200	189,400	10.0	5.5	32.5	34.9
1968(4)	339,200	155,200	183,900	---	9.7	5.3	31.2	---
1967(5)	318,100	142,200	175,800	---	9.0	4.9	29.4	---
1966(4)	302,400	132,900	169,500	---	8.4	4.4	27.7	---
1965(4)	291,200	123,700	167,500	---	7.7	4.0	26.3	---
1964(4)	275,700	114,300	161,300	---	6.9	3.4	24.5	---
1963(4)	259,400	104,600	154,900	---	6.3	3.0	23.6	---
1962(4)	245,100	94,700	150,400	---	5.9	2.7	22.8	---
1961(4)	240,200	91,100	149,100	---	5.6	2.5	22.3	---
1960(4)	224,300	82,500	141,800	---	5.3	2.3	21.6	---
1959(4)	220,600	79,600	141,100	---	5.2	2.2	21.8	---
1958(4)	208,700	74,600	134,100	---	5.0	2.1	21.2	---
1957(4)	201,700	70,800	130,900	---	4.7	2.0	20.7	---
1956(4)	193,500	67,500	126,000	---	4.7	1.9	20.4	---
1955	183,300	64,200	119,200	---	4.5	1.9	20.2	---
1954(4)	176,600	62,700	113,900	---	4.4	1.8	19.9	---
1953(4)	160,800	56,600	104,200	---	4.1	1.7	19.1	---
1952(4)	150,300	54,100	96,200	---	3.9	1.6	18.3	---
1951(4)	146,500	52,600	93,900	---	3.9	1.6	18.3	---
1950	141,600	53,500	88,100	---	4.0	1.8	18.0	---
1949	133,200	53,500	79,700	---	3.7	1.7	16.8	---
1948	129,700	54,800	74,900	---	3.7	1.8	16.5	---
1947	131,900	60,500	71,500	---	3.6	1.9	16.8	---
1946	125,200	61,400	63,800	---	3.8	2.1	17.0	---
1945	117,400	56,400	60,900	---	4.3	2.4	17.9	---
1944	105,200	49,600	55,600	---	3.8	2.0	16.3	---
1943	98,100	42,800	55,400	---	3.3	1.7	16.3	---
1942	95,500	42,000	54,500	---	3.4	1.7	16.9	---
1941	95,700	41,900	53,800	---	3.8	1.9	17.5	---
1940	89,500	40,300	49,200	---	3.8	2.0	16.8	---

1/ Data for States in which marital status was not reported have been inferred from other items on the birth certificate and included with data from the reporting States; see Technical Appendix.

2/ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.

3/ Births to unmarried women are estimated for the United States from data for registration areas in which marital status of mother was reported; see Technical Appendix.

4/ Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

5/ Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

--- Data not available.