

Table 80. Births and Birth Rates by Plurality of Birth and Race and Hispanic-Origin Status of Mother: 1990 to 2004

[Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See headnote, Table 78. See Appendix III]

Birth order	1990 ¹	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004
All births, total number ²	4,158,212	3,899,589	4,058,814	4,021,726	4,089,950	4,112,052
Twin births	93,865	96,736	118,916	125,134	128,665	132,219
Triplet and higher order multiple births	3,028	4,973	7,325	7,401	7,663	7,275
Multiple birth rate ³	23.3	26.1	31.1	33.0	33.3	33.9
Twin birth rate ⁴	22.6	24.8	29.3	31.1	31.5	32.2
Triplet and higher order multiple birth rate ⁵	72.8	127.5	180.5	184.0	187.4	176.9
Non-Hispanic White births, total number	2,626,500	2,382,638	2,362,968	2,298,156	2,321,904	2,296,683
Twin births	60,210	62,370	76,018	79,949	81,691	83,346
Triplet and higher order multiple births	2,358	4,050	5,821	5,754	5,922	5,590
Multiple birth rate ³	23.8	27.9	34.6	37.3	37.7	38.7
Twin birth rate ⁴	22.9	26.2	32.2	34.8	35.2	36.3
Non-Hispanic Black births, total number	661,701	587,781	604,346	578,335	576,033	578,772
Twin births	17,646	16,622	20,173	20,064	20,010	20,605
Triplet and higher order multiple births	306	340	506	591	631	577
Multiple birth rate ³	27.1	28.9	34.2	35.7	35.8	36.6
Twin birth rate ⁴	26.7	28.3	33.4	34.7	34.7	35.6
Hispanic births, total number	595,073	679,768	815,868	876,642	912,329	946,349
Twin births	10,713	12,685	16,470	18,128	19,472	20,351
Triplet and higher order multiple births	235	355	659	737	784	723
Multiple birth rate ³	18.4	19.2	21.0	21.5	22.2	22.3
Twin birth rate ⁴	18.0	18.7	20.2	20.7	21.3	21.5

¹ Data by Hispanic-origin status exclude data for New Hampshire and Oklahoma, which did not report Hispanic origin.
² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ Number of live births in all multiple deliveries per 1,000 live births. ⁴ Number of live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births. ⁵ Number of live births in triplet and other higher-order deliveries per 100,000 live births.

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