

Table 86. Births by Race, Hispanic-Origin Status and Method of Delivery: 1990 to 2004

[In thousands (4,111 represents 4,111,000), except rate. 1990 excludes data for Oklahoma, which did not report method of delivery on the birth certificate. Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. See Appendix III]

Method of delivery	1990	2000	2003	2004					
				Total ¹	White	Black	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black
Births, total	4,111	4,059	4,090	4,112	3,223	616	946	2,297	579
Vaginal	3,111	3,108	2,950	2,903	2,283	424	679	1,618	398
After previous caesarean . . .	84	90	52	46	35	8	10	25	7
Caesarean deliveries	914	924	1,119	1,190	925	189	263	668	178
Primary	575	578	684	740	571	120	149	426	113
Repeat	339	346	435	450	354	69	115	242	65
Not stated	85	27	21	19	15	3	4	11	2
Caesarean delivery rate ²	22.7	22.9	27.5	29.1	(NA)	(NA)	28.0	29.2	31.0
Primary ³	16.0	16.1	19.1	20.6	(NA)	(NA)	18.2	21.1	22.5
Rate of vaginal birth after previous caesarean ⁴ . . .	19.9	20.6	10.6	9.2	(NA)	(NA)	8.3	9.3	10.1

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Caesarean rates are the number of caesarean deliveries per 100 total deliveries for specified category. ³ Number of primary caesareans per 100 live births to women who have not had a previous caesarean. ⁴ Number of vaginal births after previous caesarean delivery per 100 live births to women with a previous cesarean delivery.

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