

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for 2005

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States

[Rates for infant deaths are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births; fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years; all other rates are per 1,000 total population. National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are subject to monthly reporting variation; see “Technical Notes”]

Item	December				12 months ending with December				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	347,000	345,000	13.7	13.8	4,143,000	4,121,000	14.0	14.0	14.1
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	65.7	65.6	...	...	66.7	66.4	65.8
Deaths	214,000	211,000	8.5	8.4	2,432,000	2,393,000	8.2	8.1	8.3
Infant deaths	2,200	2,200	6.4	6.4	28,000	27,300	6.8	6.6	6.7
Natural increase	133,000	134,000	5.2	5.4	1,711,000	1,728,000	5.8	5.9	5.8
Marriages ¹	158,000	155,000	6.2	6.2	2,230,000	2,279,000	7.5	7.8	7.7
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.7	3.8
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	297.8	294.9	...	...	296.5	293.6	291.4

... Category not applicable.
 --- Data not available.

¹Marriage rates, in 2003, may be underestimated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see “Technical Notes.”

²Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2005; California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana, in 2004; and California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma in 2003. Populations for these rates also exclude these states.

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Technical Notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). The provisional information in this report is based on a combination of counts of events (some of which may not have occurred in the specified month of this report) and registered vital events. Although monthly provisional data may be updated during the course of a data year, once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, **provisional data may not accurately track either the preliminary or the final number of events registered.**

Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates by place of occurrence for births, deaths (excluding fetal deaths) and marriages, and 12-month ending rates for divorces. These counts include events occurring in the United States to nonresidents of the United States. These data differ from the data

in preliminary and final reports that are based on place of residence. Birth, death, and infant death figures (death and infant death figures exclude fetal deaths) in Tables 1 and 2 for each state are estimates by state of residence. These estimates are derived by applying adjustment ratios to the number of events recorded as occurring in the state during a 1-month period. The adjustment ratios for each data year represent the observed relationship between final state occurrence figures and final state residence figures for the 3 most recent years for which final data were available and are expressed as a single ratio for each state for births, deaths, and infant deaths, respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 3 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to the National Center

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2004–December 2005

[National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are provisional and are subject to monthly reporting variation; see "Technical Notes"]

Period	Live births				Marriages		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years		Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹						
2004										
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	123,000	5.0	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1
February	317,000	13.7	64.4	65.6	151,000	6.5	203,000	8.8	2,300	7.2
March	347,000	14.0	66.1	67.6	159,000	6.4	212,000	8.5	2,300	6.7
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	174,000	7.2	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5
May	339,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	224,000	9.0	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.7
June	346,000	14.4	68.0	67.2	243,000	10.1	187,000	7.8	2,200	6.5
July	360,000	14.5	68.5	65.6	246,000	9.9	191,000	7.7	2,500	6.9
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
September	357,000	14.8	70.2	66.4	214,000	8.9	185,000	7.7	2,300	6.5
October	350,000	14.0	66.6	67.1	212,000	8.5	195,000	7.8	2,300	6.5
November	337,000	13.9	66.1	68.6	153,000	6.3	192,000	7.9	2,200	6.5
December	345,000	13.8	65.6	66.2	155,000	6.2	211,000	8.4	2,200	6.4
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	138,000	5.5	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	310,000	13.7	65.1	66.2	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9
March	350,000	13.9	66.3	67.9	156,000	6.2	228,000	9.1	2,500	7.0
April	332,000	13.7	65.1	65.9	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	7.0
May	347,000	13.8	65.7	66.1	186,000	7.4	200,000	8.0	2,400	7.0
June	351,000	14.4	68.8	67.9	227,000	9.3	187,000	7.7	2,300	6.6
July	358,000	14.2	67.7	64.8	228,000	9.0	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.7
August	370,000	14.7	70.1	67.6	235,000	9.3	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
September	364,000	14.9	71.3	67.4	222,000	9.1	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
October	344,000	13.6	65.2	65.7	206,000	8.2	195,000	7.7	2,300	6.7
November	339,000	13.9	66.3	68.8	176,000	7.2	196,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
December	347,000	13.7	65.7	66.3	158,000	6.2	214,000	8.5	2,200	6.4

¹The method of seasonal adjustment, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, is described in *The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program*, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967 revision).

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for Health Statistics (NCHS) and in the extent to which the states update their counts of marriages and divorces as new information is received. Therefore, counts vary in their completeness. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Delay in the receipt of certificates in a registration office may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed records were received. Data for previous months include revisions states might have provided to correct for delayed reporting; therefore, figures may differ from those previously published.

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. These corrections compensated for delays in reporting. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been dropped. Further information on these changes has been provided in the *National Vital Statistics Reports* presenting provisional data for January 1999, vol. 48, no.1; February 1999, vol. 48, no. 2; and March 1999, vol. 48, no. 4 available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

Moreover, NCHS ceased publishing divorce counts and rates based on provisional data from the combined 50 states because it is no longer statistically feasible to calculate estimates of monthly divorce counts for nonreporting states (in 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana; and in 2003, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma). Instead, NCHS publishes only the 12-month divorce rates shown in [Table A](#), based solely on the combined counts and populations for reporting states and the District of Columbia. Aggregate 1-month, cumulative counts and rates, and 12-month counts for divorces have been dropped because of their very limited usefulness when based on less than the full complement of states. Monthly marriage and divorce counts as reported by each state will continue to be shown in [Table 3](#).

Because of incomplete reporting, 2003 marriage and divorce counts for Oklahoma are not included in [Table 3](#), which shows provisional data by state. Divorce rates for 2003, shown in [Table A](#), exclude Oklahoma, which was treated as a nonreporting state in that year because of incomplete reporting (see earlier discussion). Because all other states reported marriages in 2003, marriage rates shown in

Table A include Oklahoma data. The impact of the missing marriage data on the 2003 national rate is negligible (estimated at less than 1 percent). Previous reports also excluded Oklahoma divorce data for 2004; however, complete marriage and divorce data are now available for 2004 and are included in this report.

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, December 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Alabama	5,256	5,253	60,281	59,238	59,159	4,242	4,152	47,150	45,986	46,600
Alaska	879	904	10,402	10,372	10,071	183	274	2,944	3,055	3,159
Arizona	8,489	8,068	96,412	93,706	90,931	4,635	3,894	45,654	43,054	43,346
Arkansas	3,382	3,384	39,070	38,649	38,081	2,479	2,468	28,227	27,597	27,957
California	45,915	45,761	549,214	545,126	541,046	20,347	23,983	232,211	238,958	219,487
Colorado	5,660	5,744	69,084	68,653	69,341	2,581	2,476	29,563	28,296	29,462
Connecticut	3,458	3,298	41,537	42,043	43,236	2,693	2,693	29,515	29,196	29,329
Delaware	955	943	11,551	11,442	11,475	679	632	7,375	7,111	7,090
District of Columbia	634	628	7,258	7,464	7,426	444	477	5,391	5,350	5,454
Florida	19,745	19,436	226,582	218,033	212,144	14,837	14,722	170,050	168,939	168,598
Georgia	11,722	12,164	141,688	139,027	136,359	5,412	5,839	65,683	65,842	66,542
Hawaii	1,472	1,557	17,872	18,234	18,068	763	613	9,105	8,741	8,955
Idaho	1,909	1,878	23,093	22,511	21,823	902	896	10,665	10,071	10,466
Illinois	14,357	13,412	178,292	179,035	181,753	9,126	8,735	102,922	101,752	105,575
Indiana	7,173	7,187	87,284	87,634	86,865	4,258	4,759	54,874	54,288	56,017
Iowa	3,353	3,131	39,116	38,342	38,243	2,512	2,326	27,875	26,940	28,138
Kansas	3,436	3,515	40,305	40,451	40,609	2,376	2,119	24,774	23,935	24,840
Kentucky	4,729	4,741	56,173	55,605	54,954	3,600	2,932	40,386	38,412	39,927
Louisiana	5,661	5,734	64,906	65,265	65,020	4,288	3,661	42,012	42,048	42,676
Maine	1,137	1,176	14,182	13,910	13,852	1,068	1,012	12,849	12,372	12,429
Maryland	6,368	6,488	75,830	75,244	75,487	3,797	3,791	44,044	43,300	44,629
Massachusetts	6,239	6,181	76,780	78,426	80,345	4,828	4,149	53,447	52,611	55,836
Michigan	10,511	10,530	127,847	129,869	131,024	7,408	7,621	86,933	85,216	86,644
Minnesota	5,812	5,752	71,037	70,666	70,248	3,337	3,235	37,461	36,930	37,558
Mississippi	3,771	3,777	42,246	42,623	42,150	2,510	2,251	29,257	27,626	28,882
Missouri	6,639	6,503	78,449	77,193	76,097	4,864	4,756	54,692	53,904	55,318
Montana	648	886	11,312	11,537	11,421	578	634	8,414	8,046	8,280
Nebraska	2,153	2,148	26,146	26,183	25,760	1,185	1,242	14,882	14,673	15,444
Nevada	3,030	3,002	36,059	35,153	33,585	1,587	1,482	18,562	17,735	17,759
New Hampshire	1,161	1,187	14,510	14,770	14,398	896	840	9,985	10,051	9,756
New Jersey	9,374	9,433	113,803	115,368	117,127	6,029	5,975	71,955	71,496	73,589
New Mexico	2,405	2,343	28,763	28,179	27,672	1,319	1,250	14,788	14,061	14,636
New York	20,570	21,043	251,055	258,117	260,844	13,793	12,499	154,147	151,656	157,251
North Carolina	10,491	10,103	123,086	119,638	117,981	6,657	6,457	74,693	72,437	73,443
North Dakota	695	635	8,352	8,169	7,938	516	481	5,761	5,603	6,090
Ohio	12,233	12,347	147,697	149,228	149,412	9,390	11,801	108,088	105,776	109,700
Oklahoma	4,454	4,565	51,788	51,395	51,040	3,326	3,099	36,278	34,648	35,325
Oregon	3,816	3,784	45,840	45,548	45,911	2,745	2,647	31,120	30,306	30,973
Pennsylvania	10,864	11,336	143,379	144,673	142,287	10,713	10,075	128,401	125,654	126,404
Rhode Island	944	999	12,473	12,701	13,081	882	844	10,042	9,804	10,064
South Carolina	5,028	5,130	57,806	56,775	55,869	3,683	2,229	37,167	36,055	38,060
South Dakota	977	929	11,566	11,493	11,254	622	619	7,042	6,836	7,142
Tennessee	7,132	7,001	81,707	79,603	78,811	5,128	4,949	57,129	55,555	56,909
Texas	34,092	32,985	386,722	383,273	377,414	13,723	12,616	154,994	151,123	153,944
Utah	4,022	3,980	51,367	50,677	49,948	1,245	1,130	13,356	13,331	13,426
Vermont	495	485	6,393	6,487	6,546	312	433	4,889	4,949	5,068
Virginia	8,889	8,778	105,047	104,210	101,303	5,105	4,984	57,715	56,642	58,264
Washington	6,807	6,637	82,840	81,903	80,091	3,977	3,979	45,951	44,540	44,736
West Virginia	1,779	1,716	20,633	20,719	20,817	1,838	1,773	20,649	20,584	21,102
Wisconsin	5,731	5,768	70,904	70,140	69,963	4,203	3,949	46,699	45,613	46,194
Wyoming	626	581	7,265	6,759	6,615	362	298	4,062	3,843	4,173
Puerto Rico	4,419	4,654	50,545	50,853	51,031	2,694	1,462	29,390	26,808	27,478

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each state and Puerto Rico, 12 months ending with December 2004 and 2005

[Data are estimates by state of residence. Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified area]

Area	12 months ending with December			
	2005		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	546	9.1	507	8.6
Alaska	54	5.2	65	6.3
Arizona	667	6.9	626	6.7
Arkansas	294	7.5	334	8.6
California	2,800	5.1	2,781	5.1
Colorado	451	6.5	443	6.5
Connecticut	226	5.4	234	5.6
Delaware	88	7.6	87	7.6
District of Columbia	74	10.2	82	11.0
Florida	1,633	7.2	1,505	6.9
Georgia	1,108	7.8	1,173	8.4
Hawaii	123	6.9	95	5.2
Idaho	154	6.7	152	6.8
Illinois	1,261	7.1	1,253	7.0
Indiana	676	7.7	726	8.3
Iowa	202	5.2	198	5.2
Kansas	280	6.9	290	7.2
Kentucky	367	6.5	348	6.3
Louisiana	632	9.7	653	10.0
Maine	97	6.8	81	5.8
Maryland	602	7.9	657	8.7
Massachusetts	395	5.1	341	4.3
Michigan	1,014	7.9	997	7.7
Minnesota	370	5.2	348	4.9
Mississippi	465	11.0	391	9.2
Missouri	580	7.4	557	7.2
Montana	71	6.3	50	4.3
Nebraska	149	5.7	176	6.7
Nevada	210	5.8	223	6.3
New Hampshire	75	5.2	89	6.0
New Jersey	586	5.1	573	5.0
New Mexico	177	6.2	170	6.0
New York	1,499	6.0	1,561	6.0
North Carolina	1,058	8.6	1,022	8.5
North Dakota	53	6.3	40	4.9
Ohio	1,208	8.2	1,120	7.5
Oklahoma	422	8.1	422	8.2
Oregon	265	5.8	250	5.5
Pennsylvania	1,036	7.2	1,002	6.9
Rhode Island	74	5.9	59	4.6
South Carolina	516	8.9	476	8.4
South Dakota	75	6.5	89	7.7
Tennessee	737	9.0	675	8.5
Texas	2,480	6.4	2,334	6.1
Utah	226	4.4	257	5.1
Vermont	39	6.1	30	4.6
Virginia	760	7.2	741	7.1
Washington	414	5.0	444	5.4
West Virginia	169	8.2	135	6.5
Wisconsin	468	6.6	413	5.9
Wyoming	42	5.8	62	9.2
Puerto Rico	448	8.9	378	7.4

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, December 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003
Alabama	2,571	3,168	43,308	42,536	43,139	1,521	1,738	22,076	22,405	23,205
Alaska	333	425	5,494	5,594	5,237	318	204	3,861	2,829	2,498
Arizona ²	2,201	2,972	37,513	37,882	35,873	1,944	2,157	24,535	24,403	24,248
Arkansas	2,505	2,670	35,094	36,806	36,445	1,313	1,340	16,578	16,874	16,452
California	15,132	15,810	227,935	227,486	215,082	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	1,938	2,182	29,706	33,826	35,204	1,716	1,746	20,504	20,230	19,280
Connecticut	1,220	1,005	19,208	20,240	19,216	729	909	9,354	10,942	11,065
Delaware	286	286	4,667	5,095	4,924	318	318	3,260	3,108	3,178
District of Columbia	116	113	2,439	2,925	2,927	108	90	1,145	1,043	1,157
Florida	13,019	13,011	158,754	156,370	153,023	6,021	6,537	81,346	82,662	85,367
Georgia	5,111	5,265	62,893	68,897	60,252	---	---	---	---	27,693
Hawaii	3,013	1,998	28,610	28,843	27,495	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,044	1,057	15,076	14,997	14,867	528	599	7,020	6,922	7,082
Illinois	5,114	2,902	74,065	77,845	82,076	2,530	3,111	32,408	33,076	34,553
Indiana	4,084	3,545	48,491	48,354	43,974	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	934	1,139	20,352	20,455	20,371	684	743	8,108	8,305	8,285
Kansas	1,344	1,214	19,110	19,072	18,781	750	752	8,638	9,102	8,946
Kentucky	1,567	2,514	36,790	36,391	37,345	1,425	1,732	18,898	20,298	20,468
Louisiana	2,721	2,721	36,569	36,282	37,288	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	443	546	10,470	11,234	11,005	416	486	4,656	5,677	5,776
Maryland	2,889	2,560	37,572	38,318	38,176	1,710	1,725	17,111	17,802	17,642
Massachusetts	2,771	1,917	39,074	41,549	36,225	1,467	1,199	14,308	14,148	15,903
Michigan	3,163	3,414	61,496	61,932	62,911	2,631	2,705	34,747	34,701	35,598
Minnesota	1,461	1,505	30,271	30,359	31,638	---	1,289	---	14,235	14,991
Mississippi	1,078	1,359	17,190	17,705	17,798	981	1,047	12,968	13,077	13,283
Missouri	1,682	2,539	47,017	40,824	41,295	1,202	1,931	20,952	21,700	22,166
Montana	408	407	6,824	6,946	6,640	306	317	3,537	3,516	3,582
Nebraska	735	731	12,315	12,489	12,240	531	529	5,975	5,962	5,940
Nevada	11,600	11,980	147,258	145,763	143,600	1,560	1,345	18,618	14,828	16,379
New Hampshire	386	530	9,494	10,383	10,327	217	383	4,355	5,131	5,219
New Jersey	2,381	3,069	43,877	50,662	50,228	1,988	2,175	25,343	25,981	27,417
New Mexico ^{3,4}	1,103	1,009	12,821	14,067	12,865	639	617	8,837	8,829	9,740
New York ²	7,969	8,071	135,553	130,813	130,900	4,763	4,400	53,507	57,830	61,011
North Carolina	6,688	4,455	58,594	62,235	61,932	3,686	2,552	32,711	35,926	35,678
North Dakota	220	261	4,110	4,424	4,562	116	184	1,495	1,979	1,860
Ohio	5,601	4,191	76,258	75,287	76,808	4,410	3,118	41,720	40,770	42,626
Oklahoma	1,863	1,996	25,755	22,812	(⁵)	1,555	1,370	19,966	17,146	(⁵)
Oregon	1,792	1,520	26,803	29,040	25,565	1,387	1,188	15,527	14,774	15,359
Pennsylvania	3,183	3,567	58,427	73,599	72,635	2,844	3,163	29,143	36,692	37,765
Rhode Island	400	416	7,513	8,243	8,349	198	246	3,138	3,287	3,356
South Carolina	2,773	4,091	35,351	34,546	37,183	1,021	1,377	12,423	13,448	13,602
South Dakota	329	359	6,508	6,485	6,428	222	132	2,359	2,364	2,289
Tennessee	3,886	4,648	61,320	67,104	69,335	1,794	2,217	27,575	28,858	29,155
Texas	15,935	13,099	169,260	178,512	178,751	4,485	6,648	74,023	81,324	84,316
Utah	1,000	1,845	21,434	23,796	24,087	1,149	815	9,992	9,811	9,517
Vermont	240	302	5,522	5,835	5,988	103	238	2,078	2,442	2,493
Virginia	4,644	4,480	62,135	61,990	61,754	3,181	2,796	29,129	29,411	29,718
Washington	4,170	2,726	41,503	40,169	39,622	2,120	2,354	25,264	26,674	26,752
West Virginia	1,016	972	13,486	13,621	13,659	783	805	9,185	9,148	9,335
Wisconsin	1,416	1,710	33,860	34,056	34,220	1,494	1,389	16,504	16,802	17,150
Wyoming	295	292	4,785	4,740	4,689	274	214	2,686	2,656	2,722
Puerto Rico	2,843	3,161	23,523	23,710	25,236	1,039	1,410	18,376	16,061	14,224

--- Data not available.

¹Figures based on monthly counts and may be under reported.²Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.³Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.⁴Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.⁵Data incomplete.

NOTE: The completeness of marriage and divorce counts at any given time varies among states. Figures include all revisions received from the states and, therefore, may differ from those previously published; see "Technical Notes."

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