

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for February 2006

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, February 2006

[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	February				January–February				12 months ending with February				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Live births.	319,000	310,000	13.9	13.7	658,000	642,000	13.7	13.4	4,159,000	4,113,000	14.0	14.0	14.1
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	66.9	65.1	...	...	65.6	63.9	...	...	66.9	66.3	66.0
Deaths.	203,000	214,000	8.9	9.4	424,000	442,000	8.8	9.3	2,413,000	2,396,000	8.1	8.1	8.3
Infant deaths.	2,100	2,200	6.6	6.9	4,400	4,500	6.7	7.0	27,900	27,200	6.7	6.6	6.8
Natural increase	116,000	96,000	5.0	4.3	234,000	200,000	4.9	4.1	1,746,000	1,717,000	5.9	5.9	5.8
Marriages ¹	133,000	135,000	5.9	6.0	259,000	273,000	5.5	5.7	2,216,000	2,278,000	7.5	7.7	7.7
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.8	3.8
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	298.0	295.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	297.0	294.2	291.9

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Marriage figures exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

²Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2006 and 2005; and California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004. Populations for divorce 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). Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of the report. Monthly provisional birth, death, and infant death data may be updated during the course of a data year. Updates based on registered events will be included in the month the event occurred. However, updates based on counts received from the states may include the event in the month it was processed rather than in the month it occurred. This 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 processed. Once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional birth, death, and infant death data may not accurately track either the preliminary or the final number of events registered.

Marriage and divorce data in this report are counts of all events occurring in the state 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 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. Marriage and divorce counts, unlike other provisional data, may be updated after the end of a data year if final counts are provided by the state. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2005–February 2006

[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 ¹		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 ²						
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
2006										
January	339,000	13.4	64.4	67.0	126,000	5.1	221,000	8.7	2,300	6.7
February	319,000	13.9	66.9	68.4	133,000	5.9	203,000	8.9	2,100	6.6

¹Marriage figures exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

²The 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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Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates 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 and 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 Table 1 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 each 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 and deaths respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 2 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) and are not adjusted by state of residence.

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

NCHS has 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 2006 and 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; and in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana). 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 discontinued 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 2.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana suspended collection of marriage counts (Louisiana does not provide NCHS with divorce counts, see previous paragraph). National marriage counts and rates shown in Tables A and B exclude Louisiana data as of January 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

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. Monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events and are highly variable. As a result, NCHS has discontinued publishing provisional monthly state specific infant death rates. National monthly infant mortality rates will continue to be available in [Tables A](#) and [B](#).

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, February 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	February		January–February			February		January–February		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Alabama	4,833	4,464	9,889	9,429	9,237	4,041	4,001	8,170	8,231	8,423
Alaska	831	762	1,651	1,566	1,661	231	244	509	516	468
Arizona	7,657	7,161	15,805	14,885	14,784	4,079	3,561	8,788	7,613	7,812
Arkansas	2,992	3,031	6,259	6,206	6,193	2,430	2,444	4,899	4,976	5,154
California	41,144	40,776	85,772	85,019	85,329	20,480	20,467	43,713	43,687	40,900
Colorado	5,261	5,287	10,751	10,776	10,746	2,426	2,591	5,047	5,196	5,050
Connecticut	3,177	3,095	6,461	6,284	6,613	2,575	2,199	4,949	5,208	5,445
Delaware	917	906	1,839	1,844	1,842	555	660	1,197	1,305	1,324
District of Columbia	584	562	1,191	1,192	1,173	479	495	864	1,015	990
Florida	17,975	17,015	37,300	35,507	34,454	14,879	14,734	30,698	30,226	31,379
Georgia	10,675	10,684	22,295	22,314	21,905	5,702	5,705	11,695	11,701	12,372
Hawaii	1,425	1,333	3,059	2,827	2,978	777	770	1,541	1,588	1,645
Idaho	1,815	1,705	3,654	3,555	3,399	850	926	1,778	1,893	1,714
Illinois	13,737	13,632	27,855	27,758	28,535	8,427	9,116	17,463	19,238	18,391
Indiana	6,171	6,650	12,968	13,513	14,059	4,408	4,894	9,190	9,921	9,837
Iowa	2,975	2,980	6,101	6,085	6,198	2,191	2,500	4,538	5,056	5,134
Kansas	3,107	3,044	6,381	6,163	6,261	2,121	2,156	4,501	4,388	4,460
Kentucky	4,319	4,129	8,982	8,653	8,860	3,284	3,605	6,884	7,118	7,452
Louisiana	4,861	4,859	10,203	10,199	10,333	3,832	3,825	7,710	7,696	7,455
Maine	1,055	1,030	2,161	2,128	2,094	1,099	1,149	2,450	2,498	2,309
Maryland	6,113	5,826	12,463	11,982	12,011	3,586	3,994	7,488	8,233	8,021
Massachusetts	5,757	5,626	11,986	11,527	12,358	4,723	4,708	10,255	10,334	10,346
Michigan	9,680	9,774	19,826	19,895	20,769	6,830	7,582	14,220	15,893	15,610
Minnesota	5,444	5,462	11,201	11,141	11,187	3,063	3,298	6,222	7,076	6,825
Mississippi	3,370	3,157	7,061	6,709	6,590	2,287	2,529	4,906	5,143	5,091
Missouri	6,190	5,900	12,681	12,028	12,242	4,715	4,663	9,739	9,417	9,845
Montana	866	820	1,805	1,711	1,732	691	813	1,414	1,580	1,437
Nebraska	1,954	1,989	4,006	3,980	4,134	1,253	1,380	2,727	2,751	2,751
Nevada	2,820	2,641	5,947	5,608	5,565	1,623	1,593	3,250	3,283	3,090
New Hampshire	1,084	1,077	2,228	2,209	2,345	792	869	1,627	1,908	1,858
New Jersey	8,665	8,429	17,959	17,437	18,157	6,411	6,414	13,707	13,708	13,525
New Mexico	2,282	2,146	4,612	4,384	4,436	1,257	1,255	2,576	2,569	2,538
New York	19,153	18,722	39,521	39,047	41,078	11,950	13,329	25,311	29,175	28,280
North Carolina	9,666	9,195	19,974	19,216	18,855	6,027	6,418	12,865	13,167	13,175
North Dakota	649	589	1,329	1,257	1,277	430	541	939	1,076	998
Ohio	11,592	10,988	23,584	22,658	23,792	8,564	9,559	17,503	19,280	19,992
Oklahoma	3,880	3,942	8,157	8,232	8,025	3,204	3,080	6,601	6,245	6,107
Oregon	3,543	3,196	7,259	6,840	7,091	2,455	2,706	5,068	5,589	5,325
Pennsylvania	11,473	10,748	22,918	22,303	22,722	10,176	11,763	21,249	23,973	24,258
Rhode Island	942	953	1,905	1,897	2,058	756	974	1,561	2,050	1,894
South Carolina	4,579	4,322	9,236	8,974	9,096	2,662	3,196	5,938	6,214	6,856
South Dakota	886	843	1,793	1,806	1,833	552	600	1,163	1,261	1,233
Tennessee	6,456	6,061	13,163	12,667	12,641	4,678	4,892	9,619	9,946	10,064
Texas	29,794	28,487	62,703	59,579	59,773	14,323	14,305	28,496	28,465	27,543
Utah	3,913	3,936	7,978	7,818	8,017	1,094	1,065	2,423	2,204	2,287
Vermont	451	496	925	967	1,021	366	425	830	911	910
Virginia	8,185	7,803	16,862	16,078	16,587	4,665	5,233	9,845	10,512	10,388
Washington	6,331	6,298	13,001	12,783	12,660	3,701	4,045	7,856	8,344	7,786
West Virginia	1,568	1,506	3,224	3,154	3,271	1,669	1,825	3,502	3,608	3,732
Wisconsin	5,348	5,279	10,928	10,751	11,231	3,630	4,302	7,668	8,758	8,509
Wyoming	521	527	1,138	1,093	1,013	336	315	734	702	678
Puerto Rico	3,616	3,717	7,477	7,868	7,949	2,213	2,553	4,544	5,489	5,162

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Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, February 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	February		January–February			February		January–February		
	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004
Alabama	2,360	2,609	3,785	4,196	5,810	1,403	1,458	2,802	2,799	3,196
Alaska	281	276	739	669	600	191	500	378	1,150	415
Arizona ²	2,574	2,415	6,117	5,168	6,299	1,694	1,813	3,768	3,817	3,524
Arkansas	2,470	2,430	4,225	4,236	5,341	1,267	1,089	2,246	2,178	2,449
California	13,434	16,102	28,566	29,962	29,681	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,967	2,213	4,515	3,997	3,790	1,751	1,565	3,664	3,196	3,148
Connecticut	918	752	1,500	1,440	1,885	747	811	1,565	1,633	1,876
Delaware	281	120	684	213	521	135	181	357	491	532
District of Columbia	131	118	235	201	212	89	88	177	174	105
Florida	12,326	12,286	23,343	22,810	22,544	6,620	7,270	14,316	13,282	13,010
Georgia	2,127	4,003	7,588	9,464	8,847	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	1,364	1,739	2,294	3,152	4,022	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	530	678	1,588	1,812	1,715	616	490	1,222	1,072	1,032
Illinois	4,232	4,108	7,396	7,426	7,912	2,404	2,256	4,408	4,776	4,586
Indiana	4,300	3,823	8,427	7,582	9,073	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	799	688	1,972	1,819	1,751	594	586	1,435	1,341	1,285
Kansas	474	1,137	1,567	2,045	2,097	623	385	1,473	1,142	1,525
Kentucky	1,700	2,075	4,945	4,977	4,380	1,697	1,574	4,514	2,749	3,084
Louisiana	---	1,006	---	4,644	5,051	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	343	357	527	536	846	188	159	404	162	842
Maryland	1,959	1,960	3,515	3,452	3,912	1,138	1,334	2,324	2,399	2,358
Massachusetts	1,928	2,175	4,286	3,845	2,815	1,185	8	3,076	1,459	2,495
Michigan	4,025	4,043	5,565	5,653	5,467	3,877	3,722	6,024	5,945	5,601
Minnesota	1,349	1,291	2,864	2,476	2,295	---	---	---	---	2,332
Mississippi	820	1,445	2,134	2,654	2,119	917	729	2,215	2,131	2,112
Missouri	2,485	1,936	4,566	10,662	4,169	2,554	1,738	3,861	3,483	3,086
Montana	299	278	579	541	619	263	242	528	476	534
Nebraska	699	639	1,273	1,392	1,193	479	516	1,016	1,063	868
Nevada	12,614	12,614	24,060	24,060	21,881	1,580	1,047	3,094	2,338	2,107
New Hampshire	354	350	828	791	987	380	155	664	507	786
New Jersey	1,589	1,909	3,480	5,101	4,720	2,048	1,968	4,371	4,152	4,349
New Mexico ^{3,4}	967	935	1,650	1,793	1,994	660	760	1,421	1,438	1,514
New York ²	5,660	10,454	13,373	18,439	13,569	800	2,700	5,699	7,300	10,830
North Carolina	2,697	3,115	8,271	7,632	7,079	2,129	1,919	8,440	4,285	4,892
North Dakota	116	113	382	323	377	146	103	294	212	311
Ohio	4,364	3,639	7,915	8,401	7,542	4,372	3,678	6,907	7,365	6,246
Oklahoma	1,864	1,780	3,460	3,137	2,590	1,500	1,457	2,913	2,628	2,550
Oregon	1,485	1,118	3,207	2,977	3,156	943	1,341	2,056	2,649	2,335
Pennsylvania	2,942	2,560	5,714	5,103	6,811	1,924	2,139	3,711	4,168	5,407
Rhode Island	271	309	508	613	720	261	287	489	542	635
South Carolina	1,589	2,561	2,446	3,508	2,499	381	1,406	1,257	1,872	1,478
South Dakota	285	301	629	588	568	215	173	414	365	359
Tennessee	7,750	1,644	11,065	8,912	8,761	2,401	2,334	4,603	5,102	4,610
Texas	12,077	9,819	18,237	15,595	26,783	3,797	7,094	11,740	13,956	12,649
Utah	1,033	1,079	2,434	2,480	2,610	499	500	1,401	1,402	1,541
Vermont	219	197	503	457	499	229	42	580	388	358
Virginia	3,377	4,018	6,678	7,465	6,931	2,136	2,253	4,274	3,471	3,982
Washington	2,069	1,811	4,892	3,648	4,379	1,443	2,408	3,917	4,698	4,057
West Virginia	704	532	1,487	1,372	1,467	745	616	1,547	1,140	1,436
Wisconsin	1,198	1,306	2,006	2,866	2,789	1,498	1,460	2,089	3,232	2,875
Wyoming	351	296	527	462	523	234	289	462	422	377
Puerto Rico	1,691	1,586	3,471	3,138	3,471	1,607	1,799	3,273	3,469	2,367

--- Data not available.

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

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