

Table 1-3. Birth Rates By Live-Birth Order and Race: United States, Specified Years 1940-55 and Each Year 1960-2003

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order							
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
ALL RACES									
Registered Births									
Race of mother									
2003.....	66.1	26.5	21.4	11.1	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3	
2002.....	64.8	25.8	21.1	10.9	4.3	1.5	0.9	0.3	
2001.....	65.3	26.0	21.3	11.0	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3	
2000.....	65.9	26.5	21.4	11.0	4.2	1.6	0.9	0.3	
1999.....	64.4	26.0	21.0	10.7	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1998.....	64.3	25.9	21.0	10.6	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1997.....	63.6	25.9	20.7	10.4	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1996.....	64.1	26.3	20.7	10.4	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1995.....	64.6	26.9	20.7	10.3	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1994.....	65.9	27.1	21.2	10.6	4.1	1.6	0.9	0.3	
1993.....	67.0	27.3	21.7	10.9	4.3	1.6	1.0	0.3	
1992.....	68.4	27.6	22.2	11.2	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3	
1991.....	69.3	28.2	22.3	11.4	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3	
1990.....	70.9	29.0	22.8	11.7	4.5	1.7	1.0	0.3	
1989.....	69.2	28.4	22.4	11.3	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3	
1988.....	67.3	27.6	22.0	10.9	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3	
1987.....	65.8	27.2	21.6	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.3	
1986.....	65.4	27.2	21.6	10.3	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3	
1985.....	66.3	27.6	22.0	10.4	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3	
1984(1).....	65.5	27.4	21.7	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3	
1983(1).....	65.7	27.8	21.5	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3	
1982(1).....	67.3	28.6	22.0	10.2	3.8	1.4	0.9	0.3	
1981(1).....	67.3	29.0	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.4	
1980(1).....	68.4	29.5	21.8	10.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	0.4	
1979(1).....	67.2	28.6	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4	
1978(1).....	65.5	27.8	21.1	9.8	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4	
1977(1).....	66.8	28.2	21.6	10.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	0.5	
1976(1).....	65.0	27.5	20.8	9.5	3.8	1.6	1.2	0.6	
1975(1).....	66.0	28.1	20.9	9.4	3.9	1.7	1.3	0.7	
1974(1).....	67.8	28.7	21.4	9.5	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.8	
1973(1).....	68.8	28.6	21.0	9.8	4.5	2.2	1.8	0.9	
1972(1).....	73.1	29.8	21.4	10.6	5.3	2.6	2.2	1.2	
1971(2).....	81.6	32.0	23.1	12.5	6.4	3.3	2.8	1.5	
1970(2).....	87.9	34.2	24.2	13.6	7.2	3.8	3.2	1.8	

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1969(2).....	86.1	32.6	23.3	13.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	2.0
1968(2).....	85.2	31.9	22.4	13.1	7.5	4.2	3.9	2.3
1967(3).....	87.2	30.7	22.5	13.9	8.3	4.8	4.5	2.7
1966(2).....	90.8	30.9	22.4	14.7	9.1	5.4	5.2	3.1
1965(2).....	96.3	29.7	23.3	16.6	10.7	6.4	6.0	3.7
1964(2).....	104.7	30.3	25.1	18.7	12.2	7.3	6.9	4.1
1963(2).....	108.3	29.9	26.1	19.9	13.1	7.8	7.3	4.3
1962(2).....	112.0	29.9	26.9	21.0	13.8	8.2	7.6	4.5
1961(2).....	117.1	30.9	28.3	22.4	14.6	8.5	7.9	4.5
1960(2).....	118.0	31.1	29.2	22.8	14.6	8.3	7.6	4.3
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955.....	118.3	32.8	31.8	23.1	13.3	7.2	6.4	3.8
1950.....	106.2	33.3	32.1	18.4	9.2	4.8	4.7	3.6
1945.....	85.9	28.9	22.9	13.4	7.5	4.5	4.8	4.0
1940.....	79.9	29.3	20.0	10.9	6.4	4.1	4.8	4.3
WHITE								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2003.....	66.1	26.5	21.7	11.2	4.2	1.5	0.8	0.3
2002.....	64.8	25.7	21.5	11.0	4.1	1.4	0.8	0.2
2001.....	65.0	25.9	21.6	11.0	4.1	1.4	0.8	0.2
2000.....	65.3	26.3	21.5	11.0	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1999.....	64.0	25.9	21.2	10.6	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2
1998.....	63.6	25.7	21.2	10.5	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2
1997.....	62.8	25.7	20.8	10.2	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1996.....	63.3	26.2	20.9	10.2	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1995.....	63.6	26.6	20.9	10.2	3.7	1.3	0.7	0.2
1994.....	64.2	26.7	21.2	10.3	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1993.....	64.9	26.8	21.5	10.4	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.2
1992.....	66.1	27.1	21.9	10.7	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1991.....	66.7	27.7	21.9	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1990.....	68.3	28.4	22.4	11.1	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1989.....	66.4	27.6	21.9	10.7	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1988.....	64.5	26.8	21.6	10.4	3.6	1.2	0.7	0.2
1987.....	63.3	26.5	21.3	10.0	3.5	1.2	0.7	0.2
1986.....	63.1	26.6	21.3	9.8	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1985.....	64.1	27.0	21.8	9.9	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1984(1).....	63.2	26.8	21.4	9.6	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1983(1).....	63.4	27.2	21.2	9.5	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1982(1).....	64.8	28.0	21.6	9.6	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.3
1981(1).....	64.8	28.4	21.1	9.5	3.4	1.2	0.8	0.3
1980(1).....	65.6	28.8	21.3	9.6	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
Race of child								
1980(1).....	64.7	28.4	21.0	9.5	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1979(1).....	63.4	27.4	20.8	9.4	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1978(1).....	61.7	26.6	20.2	9.2	3.3	1.3	0.8	0.3
1977(1).....	63.2	26.9	20.9	9.4	3.4	1.4	0.9	0.4
1976(1).....	61.5	26.3	20.2	8.9	3.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1975(1).....	62.5	26.7	20.3	8.8	3.5	1.5	1.1	0.5
1974(1).....	64.2	27.2	20.8	9.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1973(1).....	64.9	27.0	20.4	9.2	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.7
1972(1).....	68.9	28.1	20.9	10.1	4.9	2.3	1.8	0.8
1971(2).....	77.3	30.5	22.5	12.0	6.0	3.0	2.3	1.0
1970(2).....	84.1	32.9	23.7	13.3	6.8	3.4	2.7	1.2
1969(2).....	82.2	31.4	22.9	13.1	7.0	3.6	2.9	1.4
1968(2).....	81.3	30.8	22.0	12.8	7.1	3.8	3.2	1.6
1967(3).....	82.8	29.6	22.1	13.5	7.8	4.3	3.7	1.8
1966(2).....	86.2	30.0	21.9	14.3	8.6	4.9	4.3	2.1
1965(2).....	91.3	28.9	22.9	16.2	10.1	5.8	5.0	2.4
1964(2).....	99.8	29.8	24.8	18.4	11.7	6.7	5.7	2.7
1963(2,5).....	103.6	29.4	25.9	19.6	12.6	7.1	6.1	2.9
1962(2,5).....	107.5	29.6	26.8	20.8	13.3	7.5	6.3	3.0
1961(2).....	112.3	30.6	28.3	22.2	14.0	7.7	6.4	3.0
1960(2).....	113.2	30.8	29.2	22.7	14.1	7.5	6.1	2.8
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955.....	113.7	32.6	32.0	22.9	12.6	6.2	4.9	2.5
1950.....	102.3	33.3	32.3	17.9	8.4	4.1	3.7	2.5
1945.....	83.4	29.0	23.3	13.2	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.0
1940.....	77.1	29.4	20.0	10.5	5.9	3.6	4.1	3.5

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
BLACK								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2003.....	66.3	25.1	19.4	11.7	5.5	2.4	1.6	0.5
2002.....	65.8	24.8	19.2	11.7	5.5	2.4	1.6	0.5
2001.....	67.6	25.4	19.9	12.1	5.6	2.5	1.6	0.5
2000.....	70.0	26.2	20.8	12.5	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6
1999.....	68.5	25.9	20.4	12.1	5.5	2.4	1.6	0.5
1998.....	69.4	26.5	20.6	12.0	5.6	2.5	1.7	0.6
1997.....	69.0	26.7	20.2	11.8	5.5	2.5	1.7	0.6
1996.....	69.2	27.0	20.1	11.7	5.5	2.5	1.7	0.6
1995.....	71.0	28.2	20.4	11.8	5.6	2.6	1.8	0.6
1994.....	75.9	29.4	21.9	12.9	6.2	2.9	2.0	0.6
1993.....	79.6	29.8	23.1	14.0	6.8	3.1	2.1	0.6
1992.....	82.4	30.3	24.1	14.8	7.1	3.3	2.1	0.6
1991.....	84.8	31.3	24.9	15.3	7.3	3.3	2.1	0.6
1990.....	86.8	32.4	25.6	15.6	7.4	3.2	2.0	0.6
1989.....	86.2	32.9	25.4	15.3	7.1	3.0	1.9	0.6
1988.....	82.6	31.8	24.6	14.4	6.6	2.8	1.8	0.5
1987.....	80.1	31.2	23.8	13.9	6.3	2.7	1.7	0.5
1986.....	78.9	31.0	23.4	13.5	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1985.....	78.8	31.0	23.4	13.4	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1984(1).....	78.1	30.9	23.0	13.2	6.0	2.6	1.7	0.6
1983(1).....	78.7	31.1	23.1	13.2	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.6
1982(1).....	80.9	31.7	23.9	13.8	6.3	2.7	1.8	0.7
1981(1).....	82.0	32.3	24.2	13.7	6.3	2.8	1.9	0.8
1980(1).....	84.9	33.7	24.7	14.0	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9
Race of child								
1980(1).....	88.1	35.2	25.7	14.5	6.7	3.0	2.1	0.9
1979(1).....	88.3	35.3	25.8	14.4	6.6	3.0	2.2	1.0
1978(1).....	86.7	34.6	25.4	13.9	6.5	3.0	2.3	1.1
1977(1).....	88.1	35.6	25.5	13.6	6.4	3.1	2.4	1.4
1976(1).....	85.8	35.2	24.4	12.9	6.2	3.1	2.6	1.5
1975(1).....	87.9	36.9	24.2	12.6	6.3	3.2	2.9	1.9
1974(1).....	89.7	37.7	24.2	12.6	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.2
1973(1).....	93.6	38.9	24.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	3.9	2.8

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1972(1).....	99.9	40.7	24.6	13.7	7.9	4.7	4.8	3.6
1971(2).....	109.7	41.7	26.6	15.5	9.2	5.7	6.2	4.8
1970(2).....	115.4	43.3	27.1	16.1	10.0	6.4	7.0	5.6
1969(2).....	112.1	41.2	25.4	15.4	9.9	6.6	7.4	6.3
1968(2).....	112.7	39.8	24.4	15.3	10.2	7.0	8.5	7.5
1967(3).....	118.5	38.0	25.3	16.5	11.4	8.1	10.1	9.1
1966(2).....	124.7	36.9	25.5	17.7	12.7	9.4	11.7	10.8
1965(2).....	133.2	35.6	26.1	19.3	14.5	10.9	14.0	12.7
1964(2).....	142.6	35.0	27.3	21.1	16.1	12.3	16.1	14.7
1961-1963.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1960(2).....	153.5	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6
AMERICAN INDIAN(6)								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2003.....	58.4	20.7	16.1	10.5	5.7	2.7	2.1	0.6
2002.....	58.0	20.4	16.2	10.4	5.6	2.8	2.0	0.7
2001.....	58.1	20.4	16.2	10.5	5.6	2.6	2.0	0.7
2000.....	58.7	20.6	16.5	10.4	5.6	2.9	2.1	0.7
1999.....	59.0	21.2	16.1	10.4	5.6	2.8	2.1	0.7
1998.....	61.3	21.6	16.8	10.9	5.8	3.0	2.4	0.7
1997.....	60.8	21.7	16.8	10.4	5.7	3.0	2.4	0.7
1996.....	61.8	22.4	16.6	10.7	6.0	3.1	2.3	0.7
1995.....	63.0	23.1	16.9	10.5	6.1	3.3	2.4	0.7
1994.....	65.8	23.6	17.1	11.6	6.5	3.6	2.7	0.8
1993.....	69.7	23.7	18.5	12.4	7.3	4.0	3.0	0.8
1992.....	73.1	23.9	19.4	13.4	8.0	4.3	3.2	1.0
1991.....	73.9	24.0	19.2	13.9	8.4	4.3	3.2	0.9
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2003.....	66.3	31.1	22.9	8.0	2.6	0.9	0.5	0.2
2002.....	64.1	30.1	22.0	7.8	2.5	0.9	0.5	0.2
2001.....	64.2	30.2	21.7	7.9	2.6	0.9	0.6	0.3
2000.....	65.8	30.6	22.4	8.1	2.6	0.9	0.6	0.3
1999.....	60.9	28.3	20.5	7.7	2.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
1998.....	60.1	27.7	20.1	7.8	2.6	0.9	0.7	0.4

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1997.....	61.3	28.1	20.4	7.9	2.7	1.0	0.8	0.4
1996.....	62.3	28.1	20.9	8.0	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.5
1995.....	62.6	28.2	20.8	8.0	2.8	1.2	0.1	0.6
1994.....	63.9	28.5	21.0	8.4	3.0	1.3	1.1	0.7
1993.....	64.3	28.2	21.1	8.5	3.2	1.4	1.2	0.7
1992.....	66.1	29.0	21.4	8.9	3.3	1.5	1.3	0.7
1991.....	67.1	29.2	21.6	9.0	3.5	1.6	1.4	0.8

--- Data not available.

(1) Based on 100 percent of births in selected states and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other states; see "Technical Appendix."

(2) Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

(3) Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

(4) For method of adjustment, see "Technical Appendix."

(5) Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see "Technical Appendix."

(6) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race; see "Technical Appendix." Six states reported multiple-race data for 2003. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states; see "Technical Appendix."