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Year	Number					Birth rate					Fertility rate				
	All races (1)	White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian or Pacific Islander	All races (1)	White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian or Pacific Islander	All races (1)	White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian or Pacific Islander
Registered Births															
Race of mother															
2001.....	4,025,933	3,177,626	606,156	41,872	200,279	14.1	13.7	16.3	13.7	16.4	65.3	65.0	67.6	58.1	64.2
2000.....	4,058,814	3,194,005	622,598	41,668	200,543	14.4	13.9	17.0	14.0	17.1	65.9	65.3	70.0	58.7	65.8
1999.....	3,959,417	3,132,501	605,970	40,170	180,776	14.2	13.7	16.8	14.2	15.9	64.4	64.0	68.5	59.0	60.9
1998.....	3,941,553	3,118,727	609,902	40,272	172,652	14.3	13.8	17.1	14.8	15.9	64.3	63.6	69.4	61.3	60.1
1997.....	3,880,894	3,072,640	599,913	38,572	169,769	14.2	13.7	17.1	14.7	16.2	63.6	62.8	69.0	60.8	61.3
1996.....	3,891,494	3,093,057	594,781	37,880	165,776	14.4	13.9	17.3	14.9	16.5	64.1	63.3	69.2	61.8	62.3
1995.....	3,899,589	3,098,885	603,139	37,278	160,287	14.6	14.1	17.8	15.3	16.7	64.6	63.6	71.0	63.0	62.6
1994.....	3,952,767	3,121,004	636,391	37,740	157,632	15.0	14.3	19.1	16.0	17.1	65.9	64.2	75.9	65.8	63.9
1993.....	4,000,240	3,149,833	658,875	38,732	152,800	15.4	14.6	20.2	17.0	17.3	67.0	64.9	79.6	69.7	64.3
1992.....	4,065,014	3,201,678	673,633	39,453	150,250	15.8	15.0	21.1	17.9	17.9	68.4	66.1	82.4	73.1	66.1
1991.....	4,110,907	3,241,273	682,602	38,841	145,372	16.2	15.3	21.8	18.3	18.3	69.3	66.7	84.8	73.9	67.1
1990.....	4,158,212	3,290,273	684,336	39,051	141,635	16.7	15.8	22.4	18.9	19.0	70.9	68.3	86.8	76.2	69.6
1989.....	4,040,958	3,192,355	673,124	39,478	133,075	16.4	15.4	22.3	19.7	18.7	69.2	66.4	86.2	79.0	68.2
1988.....	3,909,510	3,102,083	638,562	37,088	129,035	16.0	15.0	21.5	19.3	19.2	67.3	64.5	82.6	76.8	70.2
1987.....	3,809,394	3,043,828	611,173	35,322	116,560	15.7	14.9	20.8	19.1	18.4	65.8	63.3	80.1	75.6	67.1
1986.....	3,756,547	3,019,175	592,910	34,169	107,797	15.6	14.8	20.5	19.2	18.0	65.4	63.1	78.9	75.9	66.0
1985.....	3,760,561	3,037,913	581,824	34,037	104,606	15.8	15.0	20.4	19.8	18.7	66.3	64.1	78.8	78.6	68.4
1984(3).....	3,669,141	2,967,100	568,138	33,256	98,926	15.6	14.8	20.1	20.1	18.8	65.5	63.2	78.2	79.8	69.2
1983(3).....	3,638,933	2,946,468	562,624	32,881	95,713	15.6	14.8	20.2	20.6	19.5	65.7	63.4	78.7	81.8	71.7
1982(3).....	3,680,537	2,984,817	568,506	32,436	93,193	15.9	15.1	20.7	21.1	20.3	67.3	64.8	80.9	83.6	74.8
1981(3).....	3,629,238	2,947,679	564,955	29,688	84,553	15.8	15.0	20.8	20.0	20.1	67.3	64.8	82.0	79.6	73.7
1980(3).....	3,612,258	2,936,351	568,080	29,389	74,355	15.9	15.1	21.3	20.7	19.9	68.4	65.6	84.7	82.7	73.2
Race of Child															
1980(3).....	3,612,258	2,898,732	589,616	36,797	---	15.9	14.9	22.1	---	---	68.4	64.7	88.1	---	---
1979(3).....	3,494,398	2,808,420	577,855	34,269	---	15.6	14.5	22.0	---	---	67.2	63.4	88.3	---	---
1978(3).....	3,333,279	2,681,116	551,540	33,160	---	15.0	14.0	21.3	---	---	65.5	61.7	86.7	---	---
1977(3).....	3,326,632	2,691,070	544,221	30,500	---	15.1	14.1	21.4	---	---	66.8	63.2	88.1	---	---
1976(3).....	3,167,788	2,567,614	514,479	29,009	---	14.6	13.6	20.5	---	---	65.0	61.5	85.8	---	---
1975(3).....	3,144,198	2,551,996	511,581	27,546	---	14.6	13.6	20.7	---	---	66.0	62.5	87.9	---	---
1974(3).....	3,159,958	2,575,792	507,162	26,631	---	14.8	13.9	20.8	---	---	67.8	64.2	89.7	---	---
1973(3).....	3,136,965	2,551,030	512,597	26,464	---	14.8	13.8	21.4	---	---	68.8	64.9	93.6	---	---
1972(3).....	3,258,411	2,655,558	531,329	27,368	---	15.6	14.5	22.5	---	---	73.1	68.9	99.9	---	---
1971(4).....	3,555,970	2,919,746	564,960	27,148	---	17.2	16.1	24.4	---	---	81.6	77.3	109.7	---	---
1970(4).....	3,731,386	3,091,264	572,362	25,864	---	18.4	17.4	25.3	---	---	87.9	84.1	115.4	---	---
1969(4).....	3,600,206	2,993,614	543,132	24,008	---	17.9	16.9	24.4	---	---	86.1	82.2	112.1	---	---

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1968(4).....	3,501,564	2,912,224	531,152	24,156	---	17.6	16.6	24.2	---	---	85.2	81.3	112.7	---	---
1967(5).....	3,520,959	2,922,502	543,976	22,665	---	17.8	16.8	25.1	---	---	87.2	82.8	118.5	---	---
1966(4).....	3,606,274	2,993,230	558,244	23,014	---	18.4	17.4	26.2	---	---	90.8	86.2	124.7	---	---
1965(4).....	3,760,358	3,123,860	581,126	24,066	---	19.4	18.3	27.7	---	---	96.3	91.3	133.2	---	---
1964(4).....	4,027,490	3,369,160	607,556	24,382	---	21.1	20.0	29.5	---	---	104.7	99.8	142.6	---	---
1963(4,6).....	4,098,020	3,326,344	580,658	22,358	---	21.7	20.7	---	---	---	108.3	103.6	---	---	---
1962(4,6).....	4,167,362	3,394,068	584,610	21,968	---	22.4	21.4	---	---	---	112.0	107.5	---	---	---
1961(4).....	4,268,326	3,600,864	611,072	21,464	---	23.3	22.2	---	---	---	117.1	112.3	---	---	---
1960(4).....	4,257,850	3,600,744	602,264	21,114	---	23.7	22.7	31.9	---	---	118.0	113.2	153.5	---	---
1959(4).....	4,244,796	3,597,430	605,962	---	---	24.0	22.9	---	---	---	118.8	113.9	---	---	---
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(7)															
1959(4).....	4,286,000	3,619,000	---	---	---	24.2	23.1	---	---	---	119.9	114.5	---	---	---
1958(4).....	4,246,000	3,595,000	---	---	---	24.5	23.3	---	---	---	120.0	114.8	---	---	---
1957(4).....	4,300,000	3,646,000	---	---	---	25.3	24.0	---	---	---	122.7	117.6	---	---	---
1956(4).....	4,210,000	3,570,000	---	---	---	25.2	24.0	---	---	---	121.0	115.9	---	---	---
1955.....	4,097,000	3,485,000	---	---	---	25.0	23.8	---	---	---	118.3	113.7	---	---	---
1954(4).....	4,071,000	3,472,000	---	---	---	25.3	24.2	---	---	---	117.9	113.5	---	---	---
1953(4).....	3,959,000	3,387,000	---	---	---	25.1	24.0	---	---	---	115.0	110.9	---	---	---
1952(4).....	3,909,000	3,356,000	---	---	---	25.1	24.1	---	---	---	113.8	110.0	---	---	---
1951(4).....	3,820,000	3,275,000	---	---	---	24.9	23.9	---	---	---	111.4	107.7	---	---	---
1950.....	3,632,000	3,108,000	---	---	---	24.1	23.0	---	---	---	106.2	102.3	---	---	---
1949.....	3,649,000	3,136,000	---	---	---	24.5	23.6	---	---	---	107.1	103.6	---	---	---
1948.....	3,637,000	3,141,000	---	---	---	24.9	24.0	---	---	---	107.3	104.3	---	---	---
1947.....	3,817,000	3,347,000	---	---	---	26.6	26.1	---	---	---	113.3	111.8	---	---	---
1946.....	3,411,000	2,990,000	---	---	---	24.1	23.6	---	---	---	101.9	100.4	---	---	---
1945.....	2,858,000	2,471,000	---	---	---	20.4	19.7	---	---	---	85.9	83.4	---	---	---
1944.....	2,939,000	2,545,000	---	---	---	21.2	20.5	---	---	---	88.8	86.3	---	---	---
1943.....	3,104,000	2,704,000	---	---	---	22.7	22.1	---	---	---	94.3	92.3	---	---	---
1942.....	2,989,000	2,605,000	---	---	---	22.2	21.5	---	---	---	91.5	89.5	---	---	---
1941.....	2,703,000	2,330,000	---	---	---	20.3	19.5	---	---	---	83.4	80.7	---	---	---
1940.....	2,559,000	2,199,000	---	---	---	19.4	18.6	---	---	---	79.9	77.1	---	---	---
1939.....	2,466,000	2,117,000	---	---	---	18.8	18.0	---	---	---	77.6	74.8	---	---	---
1938.....	2,496,000	2,148,000	---	---	---	19.2	18.4	---	---	---	79.1	76.5	---	---	---
1937.....	2,413,000	2,071,000	---	---	---	18.7	17.9	---	---	---	77.1	74.4	---	---	---
1936.....	2,355,000	2,027,000	---	---	---	18.4	17.6	---	---	---	75.8	73.3	---	---	---
1935.....	2,377,000	2,042,000	---	---	---	18.7	17.9	---	---	---	77.2	74.5	---	---	---
1934.....	2,396,000	2,058,000	---	---	---	19.0	18.1	---	---	---	78.5	75.8	---	---	---
1933.....	2,307,000	1,982,000	---	---	---	18.4	17.6	---	---	---	76.3	73.7	---	---	---
1932.....	2,440,000	2,099,000	---	---	---	19.5	18.7	---	---	---	81.7	79.0	---	---	---

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1931.....	2,506,000	2,170,000	---	---	---	20.2	19.5	---	---	---	84.6	82.4	---	---	---
1930.....	2,618,000	2,274,000	---	---	---	21.3	20.6	---	---	---	89.2	87.1	---	---	---
1929.....	2,582,000	2,244,000	---	---	---	21.2	20.5	---	---	---	89.3	87.3	---	---	---
1928.....	2,674,000	2,325,000	---	---	---	22.2	21.5	---	---	---	93.8	91.7	---	---	---
1927.....	2,802,000	2,425,000	---	---	---	23.5	22.7	---	---	---	99.8	97.1	---	---	---
1926.....	2,839,000	2,441,000	---	---	---	24.2	23.1	---	---	---	102.6	99.2	---	---	---
1925.....	2,909,000	2,506,000	---	---	---	25.1	24.1	---	---	---	106.6	103.3	---	---	---
1924.....	2,979,000	2,577,000	---	---	---	26.1	25.1	---	---	---	110.9	107.8	---	---	---
1923.....	2,910,000	2,531,000	---	---	---	26.0	25.2	---	---	---	110.5	108.0	---	---	---
1922.....	2,882,000	2,507,000	---	---	---	26.2	25.4	---	---	---	111.2	108.8	---	---	---
1921.....	3,055,000	2,657,000	---	---	---	28.1	27.3	---	---	---	119.8	117.2	---	---	---
1920.....	2,950,000	2,566,000	---	---	---	27.7	26.9	---	---	---	117.9	115.4	---	---	---
1919.....	2,740,000	2,387,000	---	---	---	26.1	25.3	---	---	---	111.2	---	---	---	---
1918.....	2,948,000	2,588,000	---	---	---	28.2	27.6	---	---	---	119.8	---	---	---	---
1917.....	2,944,000	2,587,000	---	---	---	28.5	27.9	---	---	---	121.0	---	---	---	---
1916.....	2,964,000	2,599,000	---	---	---	29.1	28.5	---	---	---	123.4	121.8	---	---	---
1915.....	2,965,000	2,594,000	---	---	---	29.5	28.9	---	---	---	125.0	123.2	---	---	---
1914.....	2,966,000	2,588,000	---	---	---	29.9	29.3	---	---	---	126.6	124.6	---	---	---
1913.....	2,869,000	2,497,000	---	---	---	29.5	28.8	---	---	---	124.7	122.4	---	---	---
1912.....	2,840,000	2,467,000	---	---	---	29.8	29.0	---	---	---	125.8	123.3	---	---	---
1911.....	2,809,000	2,435,000	---	---	---	29.9	29.1	---	---	---	126.3	123.6	---	---	---
1910.....	2,777,000	2,401,000	---	---	---	30.1	29.2	---	---	---	126.8	123.8	---	---	---
1909.....	2,718,000	2,344,000	---	---	---	30.0	29.2	---	---	---	126.8	123.6	---	---	---

--- Data not available.

(1) For 1960-91 includes births to races not shown separately.

(2) Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

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

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

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

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

(7) For method of adjustment see Technical Appendix.

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.