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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								
1999.....	65.9	26.6	21.5	10.9	4.2	1.5	0.9	0.3
1998.....	65.6	26.4	21.4	10.8	4.2	1.5	0.9	0.3
1997.....	65.0	26.5	21.1	10.6	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1996.....	65.3	26.8	21.1	10.5	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1995.....	65.6	27.3	21.1	10.5	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3
1994.....	66.7	27.5	21.5	10.7	4.2	1.6	1.0	0.3
1993.....	67.6	27.5	21.9	11.0	4.3	1.6	1.0	0.3
1992.....	68.9	27.8	22.3	11.3	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3
1991.....	69.6	28.3	22.4	11.4	4.5	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
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

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order							
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
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									
1999	65.1	26.4	21.6	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2	
1998	64.6	26.1	21.5	10.7	3.9	1.3	0.8	0.2	
1997	63.9	26.2	21.2	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2	
1996	64.3	26.6	21.2	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2	
1995	64.4	26.9	21.1	10.3	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2	
1994	64.9	27.0	21.4	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2	
1993	65.4	27.0	21.7	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.2	
1992	66.5	27.3	22.0	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2	
1991	67.0	27.8	22.0	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	
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	

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
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
ALL OTHER								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1999	69.1	27.4	21.1	11.4	5.0	2.2	1.5	0.5

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order							
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
1998.....	69.4	27.5	21.1	11.4	5.1	2.2	1.6	0.5	
1997.....	69.6	27.9	20.9	11.3	5.1	2.3	1.6	0.6	
1996.....	69.5	27.9	20.8	11.2	5.1	2.3	1.6	0.6	
1995.....	70.8	28.8	20.9	11.3	5.2	2.4	1.7	0.6	
1994.....	74.5	29.6	22.0	12.1	5.7	2.6	1.9	0.6	
1993.....	77.3	29.7	22.9	13.0	6.2	2.8	2.0	0.7	
1992.....	79.5	30.1	23.6	13.7	6.5	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1991.....	81.5	30.9	24.2	14.1	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1990.....	83.2	31.7	24.7	14.4	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1989.....	82.7	32.0	24.6	14.2	6.5	2.9	1.9	0.6	
1988.....	80.3	31.3	24.1	13.6	6.2	2.7	1.8	0.6	
1987.....	77.8	30.6	23.3	13.1	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6	
1986.....	76.8	30.3	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6	
1985.....	77.3	30.5	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6	
1984 (1).....	77.0	30.5	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6	
1983 (1).....	77.9	30.9	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.8	0.6	
1982 (1).....	80.3	31.5	24.0	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.7	
1981 (1).....	81.1	32.0	24.2	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.9	0.8	
1980 (1).....	83.9	33.5	24.8	13.7	6.3	2.8	2.0	0.9	
Race of child									
1980 (1).....	88.6	35.6	26.2	14.4	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9	
1979 (1).....	88.5	35.7	26.2	14.2	6.4	2.9	2.1	1.0	
1978 (1).....	87.0	35.0	25.8	13.8	6.3	2.9	2.2	1.1	
1977 (1).....	87.7	35.6	25.7	13.5	6.2	3.0	2.4	1.3	
1976 (1).....	85.8	35.2	24.7	12.8	6.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	
1975 (1).....	87.7	36.7	24.6	12.6	6.1	3.1	2.8	1.8	
1974 (1).....	89.8	37.7	24.7	12.5	6.3	3.3	3.1	2.1	
1973 (1).....	93.4	38.8	24.4	13.0	6.9	3.9	3.7	2.6	
1972 (1).....	99.5	40.6	25.0	13.7	7.7	4.6	4.6	3.4	
1971 (2).....	109.1	41.6	26.8	15.5	9.0	5.6	5.9	4.6	
1970 (2).....	113.0	42.4	26.9	15.9	9.7	6.1	6.7	5.3	
1969 (2).....	111.6	41.0	25.6	15.4	9.8	6.5	7.2	6.1	
1968 (2).....	111.9	39.5	24.6	15.3	10.1	6.8	8.3	7.2	
1967 (3).....	117.1	37.6	25.3	16.5	11.2	7.9	9.9	8.8	
1966 (2).....	123.5	36.6	25.5	17.7	12.6	9.2	11.4	10.5	
1965 (2).....	131.9	35.3	26.2	19.3	14.4	10.7	13.6	12.4	
1964 (2).....	140.0	34.4	27.1	20.9	15.8	12.0	15.6	14.3	
1963 (2,5).....	143.7	33.5	27.4	21.6	16.8	13.0	16.4	15.0	

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1962 (2,5)	147.8	32.9	27.8	22.7	17.7	13.6	17.5	15.6
1961 (2)	153.0	33.5	28.7	23.6	18.7	14.0	18.4	16.0
1960 (2)	153.6	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955	154.3	34.8	30.5	24.2	19.0	14.5	17.3	14.0
1950	137.3	33.8	30.3	22.9	15.3	10.4	12.6	12.0
1945	106.0	27.9	20.1	14.7	11.3	8.7	11.3	11.9
1940	102.4	28.6	19.6	14.1	10.5	7.8	10.4	11.3
BLACK								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1999	70.1	26.5	20.9	12.4	5.7	2.5	1.7	0.6
1998	71.0	27.0	21.1	12.3	5.7	2.6	1.7	0.6
1997	70.7	27.3	20.7	12.1	5.7	2.5	1.8	0.6
1996	70.7	27.6	20.5	12.0	5.6	2.6	1.8	0.6
1995	72.3	28.7	20.7	12.0	5.7	2.6	1.8	0.6
1994	76.9	29.8	22.2	13.1	6.3	2.9	2.0	0.6
1993	80.5	30.2	23.4	14.1	6.9	3.1	2.2	0.7
1992	83.2	30.6	24.3	15.0	7.2	3.3	2.2	0.6
1991	85.2	31.5	25.0	15.4	7.4	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

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
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	
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	

--- 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.