

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT



(HRA) 74-1120
VOL. 23, NO. 3
SUPPLEMENT (3)
JUNE 7, 1974

Summary Report Final Natality Statistics, 1971

FROM THE
NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

Registered Births

The number of registered live births in the United States resumed its decline in 1971 following a rise between 1968 and 1970. There were 3,555,970 registered births in 1971 or 5 percent fewer than in 1970. More recent provisional data indicate that the number of births has continued to decline since 1971, falling to an estimated 3,141,000 births in 1973.

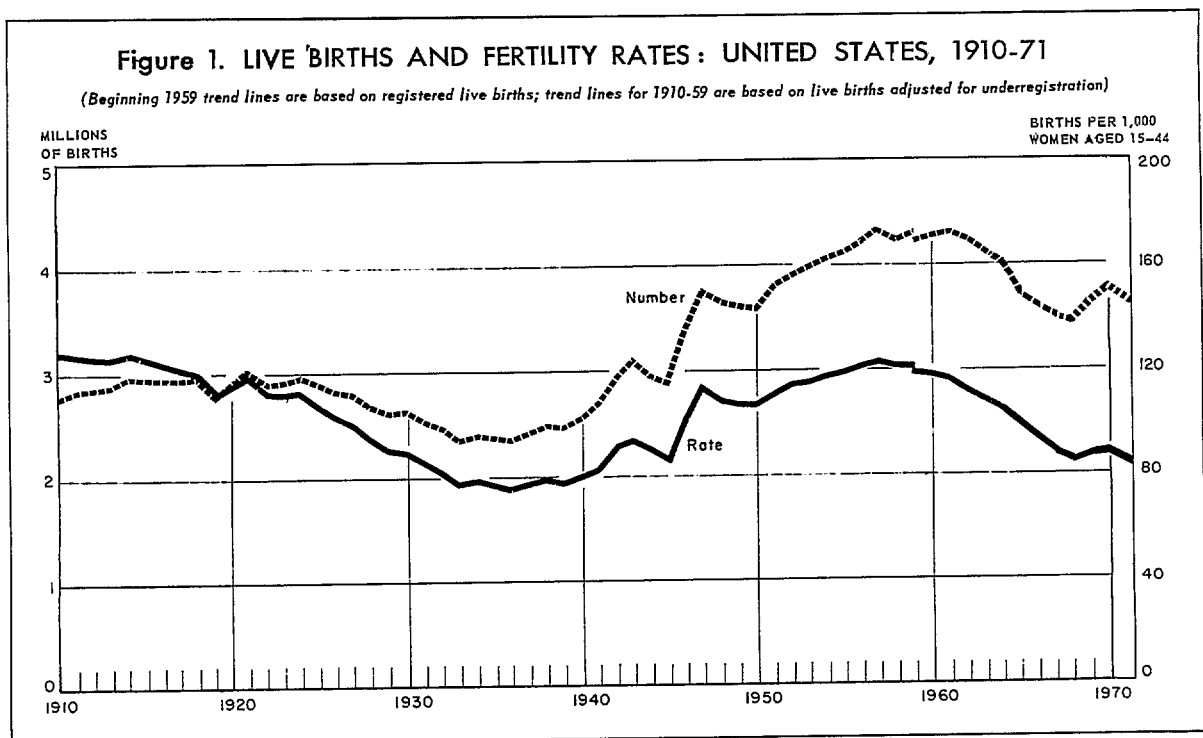
Fertility Rate

The fertility rate in 1971 was 81.8 births per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age. It was 7 percent lower than the rate for 1970 (87.9) and 33 percent below the 1957 rate of 122.7 adjusted for under-registration but still above the low rates of 76 to 79 observed during the 1930's. Provisional data show, however, that the fertility rate has continued to fall

during the years subsequent to 1971. The provisional rate of 69.3 for 1973 was the lowest fertility rate ever observed in the United States.

Birth Rate

In 1971 the birth rate was 17.2 births per 1,000 population. This rate declined 7 percent between 1970 and 1971. Birth rates for recent years are closer to rates for prewar years than are recent fertility rates because the childbearing population (assumed to consist of women 15-44 years of age) is a smaller proportion of the total population. In 1936, the middle of the 1933-39 period, the childbearing population constituted 24 percent of the total population; in 1971 it was 21 percent. As a result of the decline in this proportion, the fertility of these women is only high enough to maintain the birth rate of the total population at a level that is slightly lower than that of the 1930's.



A steady decline in the birth rate is evident in the provisional data for the years since 1971. The rate of 15.0 in 1973 was the lowest annual birth rate ever observed in the United States.

Age of Mother

Birth rates and numbers of births for women of all ages declined between 1970 and 1971. Declines in the rates were 5 to 20 percent. The greatest decline in these rates were for women in the age groups 40 years and over (12 and 20 percent). Declines for women 20-24 and 35-39 years amounted to 10 percent, while decreases for women under 15 years, 25-29, and 30-34 years were from 7 to 8 percent. The smallest decline was for women 15-19 years (5 percent).

Declines in the numbers of births were greatest for women in the age groups 40 years and over (14 and 16 percent). For women 35-39 years the decline was 10 percent, while for women 20-24, 25-29, and 30-34 years there were decreases of 5 percent. The smallest declines in the numbers of births were for women in the age groups under 20 years (1 and 3 percent).

Live Birth Order

There were declines in the numbers of births and the birth rates for all birth orders between 1970 and 1971. The smallest declines for numbers and rates occurred in the first three orders. Declines in the numbers of births for the first, second, and third orders were 2 to 6 percent. Declines for the fourth and higher orders ranged from 9 to 13 percent.

The birth rates for the first three orders declined from 4 to 8 percent and for fourth and higher order births there were declines of 11 to 17 percent.

Color and Race

In 1971 the fertility rates for white, all other,¹ and Negro women were 77.5, 109.5, and 110.1 births per 1,000 women 15-44 years of age, respectively (table 1). Over the years white women have maintained consistently lower levels of fertility than all other women. Between 1965 and 1968 the difference between the two groups began to decrease with the fertility rate of all other women falling more rapidly than the rate for white women. The difference narrowed even more in 1969 and 1970 when the rates for white women rose while rates for all other women

continued to decline. Fertility rates for Negro women, which had followed the pattern of the rates for all other women through 1969, rose during 1970. In 1971, however, the rate for white women fell more sharply than did the rates for all other and Negro women, thus widening the differential in fertility by race.

Geographic Division and State

Numbers of births and birth rates for each geographic division and State for 1971 are shown in table 5. The rates for all divisions and States except South Carolina declined between 1970 and 1971.

Sex Ratio of Births

The sex ratio for births in 1971 was 1,052 males per 1,000 females. There is little change in this ratio from year to year and the ratio for white births is consistently higher than that for Negro births. The 1971 ratios for these groups were 1,056 and 1,028, respectively.

Month of Birth

The final numbers of births in 1971 by month of birth and race and the observed and seasonally adjusted birth and fertility rates are shown in table 8.

Attendant at Birth

Of all live births in 1971, 99.1 percent were classified as having been delivered by physicians in hospitals or clinics. The proportion delivered by physicians in places other than hospitals or clinics was 0.3 while midwives, other, and unspecified persons attended 0.6 percent.

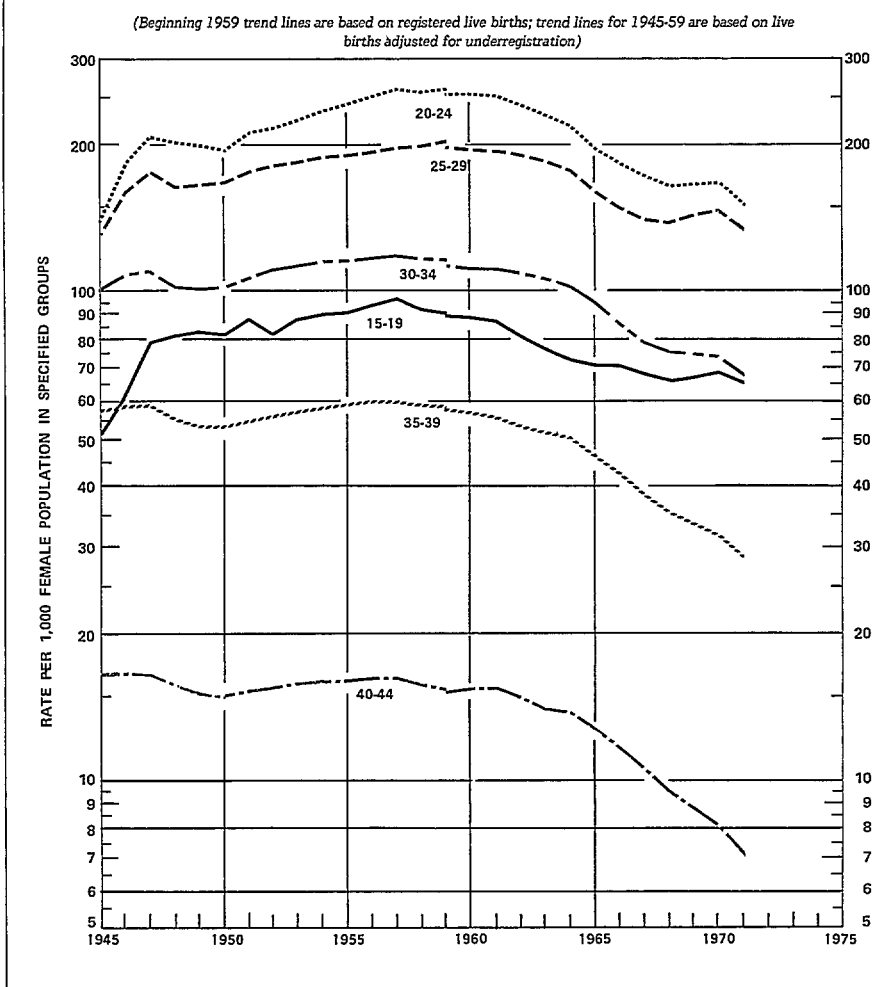
Age of Father

In 1971 the birth rate for men declined to 66.3 births per 1,000 men 15-54 years of age. This was 7.3 percent lower than the rate of 71.5 for 1970 (table 10). The birth rates for white men (61.6) and Negro men (102.0) were 8 and 5 percent lower, respectively, than their 1970 levels of 67.1 and 107.4. The highest rates for all men (161.5) and white men (156.4) were at ages 25-29 years. For Negro men the highest rate was at ages 20-24 years (223.9).

Birth rates for men of all ages declined between 1970 and 1971. The largest decline (16.7 percent) was for men 55 years of age and over. Declines for men in age groups below 55 years were from 7.3 to 11.0 percent.

¹As used throughout this report the term "all other" refers to the combined grouping of all races other than white.

Figure 2. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1945-71



Weight at Birth

The percent of all live births weighing 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces) or less continued to decline in 1971 (7.7 percent compared with 7.9 percent in 1970 and 8.1 percent in 1969). There is a large difference between the two major race groups in the proportions of low-birth-weight infants; the proportions were 6.6 percent for white infants and 13.4 percent for Negro infants. The proportions for both groups declined from their levels in 1970 (6.8 percent for white infants and 13.9 percent for Negro infants).

The median weight at birth for all infants was 3,300 grams, or about 7 pounds 4 ounces. White infants had a higher median weight (3,340 grams) than Negro infants (3,130 grams), the difference amounting to about 7 ounces.

Multiple Births

In 1971 there were 64,332 live births that occurred in multiple deliveries. The multiple birth ratio was 18.1 live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 total live births. The multiple birth ratios for white and Negro births were 17.3 and 22.8, respectively.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births in the United States continued to increase in 1971, to an estimated 401,400 births. However, this increase was less than 1 percent over the total for 1970. The estimated totals for white and Negro illegitimate births were 163,800 and 229,000, respectively. The total for white births declined 7 percent between 1970 and 1971 while the

total for Negro births increased 7 percent. This decrease in the total for white births is the first since the decline between 1950 and 1951. National estimates of the incidence of illegitimacy are based on information reported on the birth certificates of 38 States and the District of Columbia.

The largest decline in the number of illegitimate births for white women was in the age group 20-24 years (11 percent). In the age group 15-19 years, where the largest proportion of illegitimate births occur, the decline was 4 percent. Although the decline for white mothers 15-19 years of age was not as great as for white mothers 20-24 years of age it is the first decline for both age groups since the declines in the early 1950's.

The "risk" of illegitimacy, as measured by the illegitimacy rate, was 25.6 illegitimate births per 1,000 unmarried women 15-44 years of age. This was 3 percent below the rate for 1970 and marks the first decline in this rate since the slight decline between 1965 and 1966. The decline in this rate was due to the decline in the number of white illegitimate births.

In 1971 the illegitimacy ratio was 112.9 illegitimate births per 1,000 live births, about 6 percent higher than the 1970 ratio of 106.9.

Interval Since Last Live Birth

The date of last live birth, reported by 38 States in 1971, is used to compute the interval since last live birth for second and higher order births.

The mean interval since last live birth for all second and higher order births in 1971 was 41.8 months, the same as for 1970. White births had a longer mean interval (42.2 months) than did Negro births (39.8 months). For white births this interval was a little shorter than in 1970 (42.3 months) while for Negro births it was slightly longer than in 1970 (38.9 months).

The mean interval since last live birth was shortest for second order births (37.0 months) and increased through fifth order births (48.6 months) and then decreased to 39.9 months for eighth and higher order births.

Of all second and higher order births, 31.7 percent occurred less than 24 months after the last live birth compared with 31.6 percent for 1970. These proportions for the two major race groups in 1971 were 30.2 percent for white births and 39.6 percent for Negro births. The 1970 levels for these groups were 30.1 percent and 40.1 percent, respectively.

The percent of births with an interval of less than 24 months since last live birth declined from

second order births (33.7 percent) through fifth order births (29.2 percent) and then increased to the eighth and higher order births (36.8 percent). This pattern of decline and increase was the same for white births. However, for Negro births this proportion declined through seventh order births and then increased for eighth and higher orders. A higher proportion of Negro births than white births occurred at less than 24 months since previous live birth for all birth orders.

Educational Attainment of Mother and Father

In 1971, 38 States reported educational attainment of the parents on the birth certificate. For births in these areas 69.1 percent of all mothers and 74.1 percent of all fathers had completed at least 12 years of formal education in public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. Since 1969 (the first year for which educational attainment data are available) there has been a steady decline in the proportion of parents completing no more than 8 years of school. In 1971, 7.3 percent of all mothers and 8.6 percent of all fathers had completed no more than 8 years of school.

As was true for previous years there was a large difference in the percent of white mothers (72.8 percent) and Negro mothers (50.2 percent) completing 12 or more years of school. The differential has narrowed somewhat since 1969 when the proportions for white and Negro mothers were 72.3 and 46.9 percent, respectively. The differential by race has not been as great for fathers as for mothers. In 1971, 75.9 percent of white fathers compared with 60.0 percent of Negro fathers completed 12 or more years of school. The difference in the proportions for these two groups has also been decreasing steadily since 1969 when the levels were 74.2 percent for white fathers and 54.2 percent for Negro fathers.

The median years of school completed was 12.4 years for all mothers, 12.5 years for white mothers, and 12.0 for Negro mothers. For fathers the median years of school was slightly higher, 12.6 for all fathers, 12.6 for white fathers, and 12.2 for Negro fathers.

For all mothers the median years of school completed increased by age of mother to 12.6 years for the age group 25-29 years, then declined to 12.2 years for mothers 40 years and over. This relationship was similar for white and Negro mothers. The peak for white births was 12.7 years for women 25-29 years of age, while the peak for Negro births was 12.3 years for women 20-24 and 25-29 years of age. The median

for white women 40 years and over was 12.3 compared with 10.6 years for Negro women of the same age.

The median years of school completed by all mothers was highest for first and second order births (12.5 years), then declined to the eighth and higher order births (10.6 years). The pattern was the same for white births, ranging from 12.5 to 11.4 years. For Negro births the median years of school completed was highest for second order births (12.2 years), then declined to 10.0 years for the eighth and higher orders.

Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began

In 1971, 39 States and the District of Columbia reported the month of pregnancy prenatal care began. The largest proportion of mothers (68.6 percent) began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy and only 1.6 percent received no prenatal care. The proportion of mothers starting care during the first trimester increased between 1970 and 1971 (68.0 percent in 1970) while the percent receiving no care declined (1.7 percent in 1970).

Comparison of the two major race groups shows that a larger proportion of white women (72.9 percent) than Negro women (46.6 percent) began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. At the same time, the proportion of Negro women beginning care in the third trimester was more than twice the proportion of white women beginning care during this trimester. Only 1 percent of the white women received

no care while 4 percent of the Negro women had no care.

Mothers who received no care had a higher percent of low-birth-weight infants (2,500 grams or less) than did mothers who received some care. Of infants born to all mothers who received no care, 21.8 percent weighed 2,500 grams or less compared with 7.3 percent for infants whose mothers had some care. The percents for white and Negro mothers who had no care were 17.9 and 28.6, respectively. For white mothers who received some care the percent of low-birth-weight infants was 6.3 compared with 12.5 percent for Negro mothers.

Period of Gestation

Prematurity is defined by the length of gestation. An infant born before 37 weeks of gestation is considered premature. During 1971, 38 States and the District of Columbia measured the length of gestation from the first day of the mother's last menstrual period (LMP). The proportion of premature infants remained the same as in 1970 (9.3 percent).

There is a large difference in the incidence of prematurity between white and Negro infants. In 1971, 7.9 percent of all white infants in the LMP areas were premature compared with 17.5 percent of Negro infants.

Of all births occurring in the LMP areas, 36.1 percent were reported at 37-39 weeks of gestation, 22.6 percent at 40 weeks, and 23.9 percent at 41-42 weeks.

This report presents summary tabulations from the final natality statistics for 1971. More detailed tabulations for 1971 will be published in *Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I - Natality*. Prior to the publication of that volume, the National Center for Health Statistics will respond to requests for unpublished tabulations whenever possible.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 1. LIVE BIRTHS, BIRTH RATES, AND FERTILITY RATES, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1950, 1955, 1960, AND 1965-71

[Birth rates per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in specified group]

| Year | Number | | | | Birth rate | | | | fertility rate | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro |
| REGISTERED BIRTHS ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1971 ² | 3,555,970 | 2,919,746 | 636,224 | 564,960 | 17.2 | 16.2 | 24.7 | 24.5 | 81.8 | 77.5 | 109.5 | 110.1 |
| 1970 ² | 3,751,586 | 3,091,264 | 640,122 | 572,562 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 25.1 | 25.3 | 87.9 | 84.1 | 113.0 | 115.4 |
| 1969 ² | 3,600,208 | 2,993,614 | 606,592 | 543,132 | 17.8 | 16.9 | 24.4 | 24.0 | 86.5 | 82.4 | 114.8 | 113.6 |
| 1968 ² | 3,501,664 | 2,912,224 | 589,340 | 531,152 | 17.5 | 16.6 | 24.2 | 23.9 | 85.7 | 81.5 | 114.9 | 114.0 |
| 1967 ² | 3,520,959 | 2,922,502 | 598,457 | 543,976 | 17.8 | 16.8 | 25.0 | 24.9 | 87.6 | 83.1 | 119.8 | 119.7 |
| 1966 ² | 3,606,274 | 2,993,230 | 613,044 | 558,244 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 91.3 | 86.4 | 125.9 | 125.7 |
| 1965 ² | 3,760,358 | 3,123,860 | 636,498 | 581,126 | 19.4 | 18.3 | 27.6 | 27.5 | 96.6 | 91.4 | 133.9 | 133.9 |
| 1960 ² | 4,257,850 | 3,600,744 | 657,106 | 602,264 | 23.7 | 22.7 | 32.1 | 31.9 | 118.0 | 113.2 | 155.6 | 155.5 |
| BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR UNDERREGISTRATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955 | 4,087,000 | 3,465,000 | 613,000 | 558,251 | 25.0 | 23.8 | 34.5 | --- | 118.3 | 113.7 | 154.3 | --- |
| 1950 | 3,632,000 | 3,108,000 | 524,000 | 466,718 | 24.1 | 23.0 | 33.3 | 31.0 | 106.2 | 102.3 | 137.3 | 126.9 |

¹Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.³Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 2. BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Live-birth order and race | Total | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Under 15 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| Total | 3,555,970 | 11,578 | 627,942 | 1,354,960 | 946,892 | 406,374 | 162,564 | 42,966 | 2,654 |
| First child | 1,375,668 | 10,944 | 485,158 | 613,822 | 210,852 | 41,822 | 10,640 | 2,286 | 144 |
| Second child | 993,812 | 342 | 110,980 | 472,870 | 508,566 | 79,862 | 18,070 | 3,566 | 156 |
| Third child | 537,750 | 16 | 18,158 | 173,152 | 221,244 | 94,448 | 25,674 | 4,770 | 269 |
| Fourth child | 275,740 | 4 | 2,630 | 53,774 | 110,174 | 75,122 | 28,052 | 5,750 | 254 |
| Fifth child | 143,266 | - | 378 | 16,288 | 49,516 | 47,766 | 23,578 | 5,670 | 272 |
| Sixth child | 76,526 | - | 32 | 4,556 | 21,194 | 28,074 | 17,590 | 4,844 | 256 |
| Seventh child | 42,960 | - | 22 | 1,178 | 9,220 | 16,082 | 12,318 | 3,900 | 240 |
| Eighth child and over | 65,178 | - | 72 | 666 | 6,242 | 19,866 | 25,272 | 11,996 | 1,064 |
| Not stated | 45,090 | 272 | 10,514 | 16,674 | 10,284 | 3,532 | 1,370 | 424 | 20 |
| White | 2,919,746 | 4,150 | 446,726 | 1,134,344 | 824,362 | 341,504 | 132,364 | 34,280 | 2,056 |
| First child | 1,137,060 | 3,898 | 359,646 | 536,746 | 189,442 | 36,152 | 9,080 | 1,988 | 128 |
| Second child | 840,100 | 92 | 70,320 | 402,106 | 279,568 | 69,518 | 15,484 | 2,882 | 150 |
| Third child | 448,756 | 6 | 8,614 | 133,352 | 196,216 | 83,826 | 22,350 | 4,176 | 216 |
| Fourth child | 223,878 | 2 | 902 | 35,394 | 92,050 | 65,778 | 24,550 | 4,984 | 218 |
| Fifth child | 111,234 | - | 156 | 8,998 | 36,848 | 39,864 | 20,220 | 4,948 | 220 |
| Sixth child | 56,016 | - | 16 | 2,032 | 13,762 | 21,578 | 14,360 | 4,060 | 208 |
| Seventh child | 29,258 | - | 10 | 458 | 5,124 | 11,082 | 9,294 | 3,090 | 200 |
| Eighth child and over | 38,546 | - | 28 | 306 | 2,828 | 10,908 | 15,944 | 7,832 | 700 |
| Not stated | 34,876 | 132 | 7,054 | 14,952 | 8,522 | 2,798 | 1,062 | 320 | 16 |
| All other | 636,224 | 7,448 | 181,216 | 220,636 | 122,530 | 64,870 | 30,200 | 8,706 | 618 |
| First child | 238,568 | 7,046 | 125,512 | 77,076 | 21,410 | 5,670 | 1,560 | 298 | 16 |
| Second child | 153,712 | 250 | 40,660 | 70,764 | 28,798 | 10,144 | 2,588 | 484 | 26 |
| Third child | 68,972 | 10 | 3,544 | 39,600 | 25,026 | 10,622 | 3,324 | 594 | 52 |
| Fourth child | 51,862 | 2 | 1,728 | 18,380 | 18,124 | 9,344 | 3,502 | 746 | 36 |
| Fifth child | 32,032 | - | 240 | 7,290 | 12,466 | 7,902 | 3,358 | 722 | 52 |
| Sixth child | 20,510 | - | 16 | 2,524 | 7,432 | 6,496 | 3,230 | 784 | 28 |
| Seventh child | 13,702 | - | 12 | 720 | 4,096 | 5,000 | 3,024 | 810 | 40 |
| Eighth child and over | 26,652 | - | 44 | 360 | 3,414 | 8,958 | 9,328 | 4,164 | 364 |
| Not stated | 10,214 | 140 | 3,460 | 3,722 | 1,762 | 734 | 288 | 104 | 4 |
| Negro | 564,960 | 7,264 | 171,684 | 197,754 | 101,236 | 53,312 | 25,610 | 7,552 | 548 |
| First child | 210,926 | 6,878 | 118,134 | 66,454 | 14,556 | 3,622 | 1,060 | 210 | 14 |
| Second child | 134,582 | 248 | 38,906 | 63,478 | 22,634 | 7,098 | 1,844 | 368 | 16 |
| Third child | 78,582 | 10 | 9,308 | 36,560 | 21,288 | 8,382 | 2,538 | 462 | 46 |
| Fourth child | 46,674 | 2 | 1,698 | 17,430 | 16,076 | 7,950 | 2,676 | 608 | 32 |
| Fifth child | 23,076 | - | 234 | 7,002 | 11,300 | 6,970 | 2,896 | 628 | 46 |
| Sixth child | 16,722 | - | 16 | 2,440 | 6,848 | 5,658 | 2,862 | 674 | 24 |
| Seventh child | 12,538 | - | 12 | 708 | 3,626 | 4,532 | 2,702 | 716 | 40 |
| Eighth child and over | 24,574 | - | 32 | 314 | 3,256 | 8,304 | 8,554 | 3,788 | 326 |
| Not stated | 9,264 | 126 | 3,344 | 3,368 | 1,450 | 616 | 256 | 96 | 4 |

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 3. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES AND BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1950, 1955, 1960, AND 1965-71

[Total fertility rates are the sums of birth rates by age of mother multiplied by 5. Birth rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1950, 1960, and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Year | Total fertility rate | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Under 15 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| REGISTERED BIRTHS¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| 1971 ² | 2,274.6 | 1.1 | 64.7 | 150.6 | 134.9 | 67.6 | 28.7 | 7.1 | 0.4 |
| 1970 ² | 2,480.0 | 1.2 | 63.3 | 167.3 | 145.1 | 73.3 | 31.7 | 8.1 | 0.5 |
| 1968 ² | 2,465.0 | 1.0 | 65.1 | 166.0 | 143.0 | 74.1 | 33.4 | 8.8 | 0.5 |
| 1968 ² | 2,476.8 | 1.0 | 66.1 | 167.4 | 140.3 | 74.9 | 35.6 | 9.6 | 0.6 |
| 1967 ² | 2,572.6 | 0.9 | 67.3 | 174.0 | 142.6 | 73.3 | 33.5 | 10.6 | 0.7 |
| 1966 ² | 2,736.1 | 0.9 | 70.6 | 185.3 | 149.4 | 85.9 | 42.2 | 11.7 | 0.7 |
| 1965 ² | 2,928.0 | 0.8 | 70.4 | 196.8 | 162.5 | 95.0 | 46.4 | 12.8 | 0.8 |
| 1960 ² | 3,653.6 | 0.8 | 69.1 | 253.1 | 197.4 | 112.7 | 56.2 | 15.5 | 0.9 |
| BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR UNDERREGISTRATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955 | 3,573.7 | 0.9 | 90.3 | 241.6 | 190.2 | 116.0 | 58.6 | 16.1 | 1.0 |
| 1950 | 3,090.5 | 1.0 | 81.6 | 196.6 | 166.1 | 103.7 | 52.9 | 15.1 | 1.2 |

¹Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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

Table 4. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and color groups, estimated as of July 1. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother and live-birth order not stated are distributed]

| Live-birth order and race | 15-44 years ¹ | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| Total | 81.8 | 1.1 | 64.7 | 150.6 | 134.9 | 67.6 | 28.7 | 7.1 | 0.4 |
| First child | 32.1 | 1.1 | 50.8 | 69.2 | 30.3 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Second child | 23.1 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 33.3 | 44.4 | 13.4 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Third child | 12.5 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 13.5 | 31.8 | 15.8 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 15.3 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child | 3.3 | - | 0.0 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child | 2.8 | - | 0.0 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over | 1.5 | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| White | 77.5 | 0.5 | 53.8 | 145.4 | 134.6 | 65.7 | 26.9 | 6.4 | 0.4 |
| First child | 30.6 | 0.5 | 44.0 | 69.7 | 31.3 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Second child | 22.6 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 32.2 | 46.1 | 13.5 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Third child | 12.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 17.3 | 32.4 | 16.3 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 15.2 | 12.8 | 5.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child | 3.0 | - | 0.0 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child | 2.3 | - | 0.0 | 0.3 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over | 1.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| All other | 109.5 | 4.7 | 129.2 | 184.6 | 135.7 | 79.6 | 40.2 | 11.7 | 0.9 |
| First child | 41.8 | 4.6 | 91.2 | 65.6 | 24.1 | 7.0 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Second child | 26.9 | 0.2 | 29.5 | 60.2 | 32.4 | 12.6 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Third child | 15.6 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 33.9 | 28.1 | 13.2 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Fourth child | 9.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 15.6 | 20.4 | 11.6 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Fifth child | 5.6 | - | 0.2 | 6.2 | 14.0 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Sixth and seventh child | 6.0 | - | 0.0 | 2.8 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 8.4 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over | 4.6 | - | 0.0 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 5.7 | 0.5 |
| Negro | 110.1 | 5.1 | 135.1 | 187.3 | 129.0 | 75.1 | 38.8 | 11.6 | 0.9 |
| First child | 41.8 | 4.9 | 94.8 | 64.0 | 18.8 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child | 26.7 | 0.2 | 31.2 | 61.2 | 29.3 | 10.1 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Third child | 15.6 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 35.2 | 27.5 | 11.9 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Fourth child | 9.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 16.8 | 20.8 | 11.3 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Fifth child | 5.7 | - | 0.2 | 6.7 | 14.6 | 9.9 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Sixth and seventh child | 6.2 | - | 0.0 | 3.0 | 13.8 | 14.8 | 8.5 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over | 4.8 | - | 0.0 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 5.9 | 0.5 |

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 5. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND BIRTH RATES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, 1971

[By place of residence. Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Rates per 1,000 estimated midyear population in each area.]

| Division and State | Number | | | Birth rate | Division and State | Number | | | Birth rate |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
| | Total | White | Negro | | | Total | White | Negro | |
| United States----- | 3,555,970 | 2,919,746 | 564,960 | 17.2 | South Atlantic—Con. | | | | |
| New England----- | | | | | Virginia----- | 82,594 | 63,409 | 18,362 | 17.5 |
| Maine----- | 186,174 | 174,046 | 10,446 | 15.5 | West Virginia----- | 31,192 | 29,652 | 1,200 | 17.6 |
| New Hampshire----- | 17,806 | 17,578 | 72 | 17.6 | North Carolina----- | 95,570 | 67,428 | 26,208 | 18.5 |
| Vermont----- | 13,458 | 13,318 | 66 | 17.8 | South Carolina----- | 53,112 | 33,056 | 19,758 | 20.2 |
| Massachusetts----- | 7,908 | 7,870 | 18 | 17.4 | Georgia----- | 83,832 | 63,406 | 30,034 | 20.1 |
| Rhode Island----- | 86,728 | 81,348 | 4,846 | 15.1 | Florida----- | 116,682 | 86,572 | 29,332 | 16.6 |
| Connecticut----- | 14,998 | 13,988 | 710 | 15.5 | East South Central----- | | | | |
| Middle Atlantic----- | 45,376 | 40,264 | 4,774 | 14.8 | Kentucky----- | 247,470 | 181,122 | 65,416 | 19.0 |
| New York----- | 578,408 | 478,428 | 93,998 | 15.4 | Tennessee----- | 60,802 | 55,270 | 5,550 | 18.6 |
| New Jersey----- | 284,512 | 230,976 | 51,278 | 15.5 | Alabama----- | 71,560 | 56,254 | 14,860 | 17.9 |
| Pennsylvania----- | 112,650 | 91,060 | 20,684 | 15.4 | Mississippi----- | 66,742 | 44,372 | 22,132 | 19.1 |
| East North Central----- | 181,246 | 157,302 | 23,046 | 15.2 | Texas----- | 46,566 | 26,226 | 25,094 | 21.0 |
| Ohio----- | 715,776 | 602,560 | 106,488 | 17.6 | West South Central----- | | | | |
| Indiana----- | 190,264 | 165,190 | 24,012 | 17.7 | Arkansas----- | 363,318 | 302,548 | 75,590 | 19.5 |
| Illinois----- | 96,796 | 86,164 | 9,270 | 18.3 | Louisiana----- | 35,776 | 26,858 | 8,910 | 18.3 |
| Michigan----- | 185,322 | 151,392 | 41,666 | 17.5 | Oklahoma----- | 73,102 | 45,492 | 27,382 | 19.8 |
| Wisconsin----- | 162,372 | 133,814 | 27,424 | 18.0 | Texas----- | 45,288 | 37,306 | 4,418 | 17.4 |
| West North Central----- | 72,022 | 67,020 | 4,116 | 16.1 | Mountain----- | | | | |
| Minnesota----- | 269,630 | 246,766 | 18,330 | 16.3 | Montana----- | 171,130 | 155,484 | 5,255 | 20.0 |
| Iowa----- | 62,468 | 60,440 | 1,050 | 16.2 | Idaho----- | 12,580 | 11,190 | 44 | 17.4 |
| Missouri----- | 45,126 | 43,316 | 914 | 15.8 | Wyoming----- | 14,470 | 14,114 | 46 | 19.6 |
| North Dakota----- | 78,436 | 65,540 | 12,434 | 16.6 | Colorado----- | 6,120 | 5,872 | 74 | 18.1 |
| South Dakota----- | 10,364 | 9,664 | 74 | 16.5 | New Mexico----- | 40,338 | 38,008 | 1,702 | 17.7 |
| Nebraska----- | 11,580 | 10,114 | 60 | 17.2 | Arizona----- | 22,200 | 18,868 | 558 | 21.2 |
| Kansas----- | 25,514 | 24,014 | 1,152 | 16.8 | Utah----- | 38,398 | 32,466 | 1,634 | 20.6 |
| South Atlantic----- | 36,142 | 33,076 | 2,686 | 16.0 | Nevada----- | 27,594 | 26,726 | 170 | 25.2 |
| Delaware----- | 562,476 | 492,468 | 154,442 | 18.0 | Pacific----- | | | | |
| Maryland----- | 9,914 | 7,808 | 2,028 | 17.7 | Washington----- | 441,588 | 375,304 | 34,864 | 16.4 |
| District of Columbia----- | 65,440 | 49,336 | 15,482 | 16.3 | Oregon----- | 55,200 | 51,004 | 1,784 | 16.0 |
| | 14,150 | 1,918 | 12,038 | 18.8 | California----- | 33,310 | 31,870 | 610 | 15.6 |
| | | | | | Alaska----- | 323,954 | 282,418 | 32,068 | 16.3 |
| | | | | | Hawaii----- | 7,304 | 5,334 | 192 | 23.3 |
| | | | | | | 15,820 | 4,678 | 210 | 20.0 |

Table 6. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER: UNITED STATES, 1950, 1955, 1960, AND 1965-71

[Rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44, enumerated as of April 1 for 1950, 1960, and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed.]

| Year | Total | Live-birth order | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-----|---------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 and 7 | 8 and over |
| REGISTERED BIRTHS ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| 1971 ² ----- | 61.9 | 32.1 | 23.2 | 12.5 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| 1970 ² ----- | 67.9 | 34.2 | 24.2 | 13.6 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| 1968 ² ----- | 66.5 | 32.8 | 23.4 | 13.4 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| 1968 ² ----- | 65.7 | 32.1 | 22.5 | 13.2 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 2.3 |
| 1967 ³ ----- | 67.6 | 30.8 | 22.6 | 13.9 | 8.3 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 2.7 |
| 1966 ³ ----- | 91.3 | 31.0 | 22.5 | 14.8 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.2 |
| 1965 ³ ----- | 96.6 | 29.8 | 23.4 | 16.6 | 10.7 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| 1967 ² ----- | 118.0 | 31.1 | 29.2 | 22.6 | 14.6 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 4.3 |
| BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR UNDERREGISTRATION | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

¹Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.³Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1950, 1955, 1960, AND 1965-71

| Year | Total | | | White | | | All other | | | Negro | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females |
| 1971 ^{1,2} | 1,822,910 | 1,733,060 | 1,052 | 1,489,858 | 1,419,789 | 1,056 | 322,952 | 313,272 | 1,031 | 286,430 | 278,530 | 1,028 |
| 1970 ^{1,2} | 1,915,378 | 1,816,038 | 1,055 | 1,590,140 | 1,501,124 | 1,059 | 325,238 | 314,834 | 1,033 | 290,508 | 281,854 | 1,031 |
| 1969 ^{1,2} | 1,846,572 | 1,753,634 | 1,053 | 1,539,420 | 1,454,194 | 1,058 | 307,152 | 299,440 | 1,026 | 274,508 | 268,624 | 1,022 |
| 1968 ^{1,2} | 1,796,326 | 1,705,238 | 1,053 | 1,497,612 | 1,414,612 | 1,059 | 298,714 | 291,626 | 1,028 | 268,964 | 262,188 | 1,026 |
| 1967 ^{1,2} | 1,803,388 | 1,717,571 | 1,050 | 1,501,228 | 1,421,274 | 1,056 | 302,160 | 296,297 | 1,020 | 274,324 | 269,652 | 1,017 |
| 1966 ^{1,2} | 1,845,862 | 1,760,412 | 1,049 | 1,535,486 | 1,457,744 | 1,053 | 310,376 | 302,668 | 1,025 | 282,274 | 275,970 | 1,023 |
| 1965 ^{1,2} | 1,927,054 | 1,833,304 | 1,051 | 1,604,422 | 1,519,438 | 1,056 | 322,632 | 313,866 | 1,028 | 294,272 | 286,854 | 1,026 |
| 1960 ^{1,2} | 2,179,703 | 2,078,142 | 1,049 | 1,848,192 | 1,752,552 | 1,055 | 331,516 | 325,590 | 1,018 | 303,566 | 293,693 | 1,016 |
| 1955 ^{1,2} | 2,073,719 | 1,973,576 | 1,051 | 1,776,355 | 1,682,093 | 1,056 | 297,364 | 291,463 | 1,020 | 231,846 | 226,405 | 1,020 |
| 1950 ^{1,2} | 1,823,555 | 1,730,594 | 1,054 | 1,375,309 | 1,489,318 | 1,058 | 248,246 | 242,276 | 1,025 | 236,082 | 230,636 | 1,024 |

¹Based on a 50-percent sample of births.
²Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.
³Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 8. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH AND RACE, AND BIRTH AND FERTILITY RATES BY MONTH: UNITED STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 population for specified month. Birth rates based on total population; fertility rates based on women aged 15-44 years]

| Month | Total | Number | | | Observed | | Seasonally adjusted | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | White | All other | | Birth rate | Fertility rate | Birth rate | Fertility rate |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | | |
| Total | 3,555,970 | 2,919,746 | 636,224 | 564,960 | 17.2 | 81.8 | ... | ... |
| January | 312,190 | 284,276 | 57,914 | 52,024 | 17.9 | 85.8 | 18.5 | 88.5 |
| February | 283,444 | 232,676 | 50,768 | 45,453 | 18.0 | 85.1 | 18.2 | 87.1 |
| March | 307,718 | 284,794 | 52,924 | 46,903 | 17.6 | 84.3 | 18.0 | 86.1 |
| April | 285,730 | 237,912 | 47,818 | 42,168 | 16.9 | 80.8 | 17.7 | 84.3 |
| May | 294,332 | 236,296 | 48,036 | 42,238 | 16.3 | 77.7 | 17.2 | 82.1 |
| June | 284,944 | 236,152 | 48,792 | 43,032 | 16.8 | 80.3 | 17.0 | 81.4 |
| July | 304,912 | 249,812 | 55,100 | 49,962 | 17.4 | 83.0 | 16.8 | 80.0 |
| August | 312,416 | 253,952 | 58,464 | 52,102 | 17.8 | 84.9 | 17.1 | 81.4 |
| September | 310,822 | 253,430 | 57,392 | 50,802 | 18.3 | 87.2 | 17.0 | 81.6 |
| October | 302,542 | 248,120 | 54,422 | 49,334 | 17.2 | 83.0 | 17.0 | 81.9 |
| November | 281,112 | 229,392 | 51,720 | 45,780 | 16.5 | 78.6 | 16.6 | 79.0 |
| December | 285,803 | 232,944 | 52,864 | 47,032 | 16.2 | 76.7 | 16.1 | 75.4 |

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 9. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF FATHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Total | Age of father | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | Under 20 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years | 50-54 years | 55 years and over | Not stated |
| Total----- | 3,555,970 | 179,422 | 963,876 | 1,033,226 | 574,530 | 272,730 | 124,098 | 44,998 | 14,688 | 8,224 | 320,178 |
| Under 15 years----- | 11,578 | 2,862 | 854 | 132 | 36 | 22 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7,638 |
| 15-19 years----- | 627,942 | 153,786 | 271,298 | 39,364 | 7,284 | 2,004 | 778 | 360 | 156 | 144 | 152,768 |
| 20-24 years----- | 1,354,980 | 21,910 | 656,092 | 463,864 | 82,646 | 19,608 | 6,704 | 2,612 | 886 | 684 | 99,976 |
| 25-29 years----- | 946,892 | 716 | 50,390 | 486,804 | 283,762 | 62,844 | 18,712 | 6,588 | 2,180 | 1,448 | 33,448 |
| 30-34 years----- | 406,374 | 114 | 4,358 | 38,390 | 182,826 | 115,964 | 33,706 | 10,078 | 3,370 | 1,834 | 15,734 |
| 35-39 years----- | 162,564 | 22 | 734 | 4,192 | 16,440 | 67,158 | 46,048 | 13,472 | 4,152 | 2,318 | 8,028 |
| 40-44 years----- | 42,986 | 12 | 132 | 454 | 1,480 | 5,022 | 17,768 | 10,712 | 3,426 | 1,570 | 2,420 |
| 45-49 years----- | 2,654 | - | 18 | 26 | 56 | 110 | 370 | 1,170 | 520 | 218 | 166 |
| White----- | 2,919,746 | 143,218 | 837,424 | 914,468 | 499,760 | 230,754 | 103,266 | 35,616 | 11,134 | 5,320 | 138,786 |
| Under 15 years----- | 4,130 | 1,334 | 524 | 98 | 20 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2,120 |
| 15-19 years----- | 446,726 | 122,384 | 220,830 | 31,936 | 5,618 | 1,520 | 592 | 294 | 108 | 98 | 63,344 |
| 20-24 years----- | 1,134,344 | 18,778 | 569,690 | 407,278 | 68,680 | 15,504 | 5,262 | 1,982 | 672 | 474 | 46,824 |
| 25-29 years----- | 824,362 | 600 | 43,114 | 438,792 | 250,640 | 52,914 | 15,302 | 5,212 | 1,708 | 926 | 15,154 |
| 30-34 years----- | 341,504 | 92 | 3,542 | 32,474 | 159,640 | 99,434 | 27,908 | 7,878 | 2,548 | 1,174 | 6,814 |
| 35-39 years----- | 132,364 | 20 | 594 | 3,470 | 13,706 | 57,150 | 38,898 | 10,636 | 3,070 | 1,418 | 3,402 |
| 40-44 years----- | 34,280 | 10 | 118 | 394 | 1,200 | 4,126 | 14,996 | 8,658 | 2,618 | 1,082 | 1,078 |
| 45-49 years----- | 2,036 | - | 12 | 24 | 56 | 98 | 300 | 954 | 406 | 146 | 50 |
| Negro----- | 564,960 | 33,710 | 131,804 | 100,688 | 59,772 | 33,972 | 17,406 | 7,974 | 3,030 | 2,150 | 174,454 |
| Under 15 years----- | 7,264 | 1,510 | 302 | 32 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5,390 |
| 15-19 years----- | 171,684 | 29,420 | 46,842 | 6,530 | 1,436 | 432 | 170 | 5 | 38 | 26 | 86,736 |
| 20-24 years----- | 197,754 | 2,680 | 78,276 | 49,418 | 11,198 | 3,348 | 1,220 | 534 | 176 | 132 | 50,772 |
| 25-29 years----- | 101,236 | 88 | 5,874 | 39,598 | 26,136 | 7,704 | 2,804 | 1,144 | 388 | 334 | 17,366 |
| 30-34 years----- | 53,312 | 12 | 594 | 4,580 | 18,678 | 13,334 | 4,684 | 1,836 | 692 | 460 | 8,442 |
| 35-39 years----- | 25,610 | - | 96 | 498 | 2,110 | 6,406 | 6,060 | 2,408 | 932 | 720 | 4,380 |
| 40-44 years----- | 7,552 | - | 14 | 32 | 200 | 728 | 2,406 | 1,798 | 706 | 414 | 1,254 |
| 45-49 years----- | 548 | - | 6 | - | - | 16 | 58 | 196 | 96 | 62 | 114 |

Table 10. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF FATHER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-71

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Birth rates are live births per 1,000 men in specified group. Figures for age of father not stated are distributed]

| Year | 15-54 years ¹ | Age of father | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | | 15-19 years ² | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years | 50-54 years | 55 years and over |
| 1971 ³ ----- | 66.3 | 23.7 | 130.7 | 161.5 | 104.1 | 53.1 | 22.7 | 6.1 | 2.8 | 0.5 |
| 1970 ³ ----- | 71.5 | 25.6 | 146.6 | 175.0 | 112.3 | 57.6 | 24.9 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| 1969----- | 70.1 | 24.1 | 143.6 | 172.9 | 111.8 | 58.5 | 25.5 | 9.3 | 3.3 | 0.6 |
| 1968----- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1967----- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1966----- | 73.5 | 22.1 | 160.7 | 161.7 | 121.0 | 68.2 | 30.6 | 12.0 | 4.2 | 0.8 |
| 1965----- | 77.4 | 20.0 | 163.2 | 193.7 | 131.8 | 73.9 | 34.0 | 13.2 | 4.7 | 0.8 |
| 1960----- | 94.8 | 21.5 | 232.2 | 232.6 | 154.2 | 87.4 | 42.6 | 16.7 | 6.2 | 1.0 |

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.²Rates computed by relating births to fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.³Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

11

Table 11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMACY RATES, AND ILLEGITIMACY RATIOS, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1971

[National estimates based on a 50-percent sample of births in 38 States and the District of Columbia which require reporting of legitimacy status. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age | Number ¹ | | | | Rates per 1,000 unmarried women in specified group | | | | Ratio per 1,000 live births | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro |
| All ages----- | 401,400 | 163,800 | 237,500 | 229,000 | 25.6 | 12.8 | 30.6 | 36.8 | 112.9 | 56.1 | 373.3 | 401.3 |
| Under 15 years----- | 9,500 | 2,500 | 7,100 | 6,900 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 220.8 | 605.3 | 353.3 | 349.9 |
| 15-19 years----- | 134,100 | 76,000 | 118,100 | 114,800 | 22.4 | 10.3 | 32.4 | 39.1 | 309.1 | 170.1 | 681.7 | 669.3 |
| 15 years----- | 20,400 | 6,500 | 15,300 | 15,600 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 652.6 | 416.8 | 891.4 | 877.8 |
| 16 years----- | 35,500 | 12,400 | 23,200 | 22,600 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 451.2 | 282.4 | 817.8 | 826.3 |
| 17 years----- | 44,900 | 17,300 | 27,600 | 26,900 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 365.3 | 205.0 | 716.3 | 732.2 |
| 18 years----- | 47,800 | 20,000 | 27,900 | 27,000 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 270.8 | 154.3 | 595.0 | 611.9 |
| 19 years----- | 45,400 | 19,800 | 25,600 | 24,800 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 201.7 | 114.8 | 493.3 | 513.2 |
| 20-24 years----- | 125,200 | 55,300 | 69,800 | 67,000 | 35.6 | 18.8 | 121.0 | 131.1 | 32.4 | 46.8 | 316.4 | 335.8 |
| 25-29 years----- | 40,900 | 17,200 | 22,700 | 22,400 | 34.7 | 18.6 | 92.3 | 100.4 | 45.2 | 20.9 | 195.4 | 221.3 |
| 30-34 years----- | 19,300 | 7,800 | 11,500 | 10,900 | 25.2 | 13.3 | 68.7 | 69.0 | 47.8 | 22.6 | 177.3 | 204.8 |
| 35-39 years----- | 9,400 | 3,800 | 5,600 | 5,300 | 13.5 | 4.2 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 57.8 | 26.7 | 165.4 | 207.0 |
| 40 years and over----- | 3,000 | 1,300 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 32.3 | --- | --- | --- | 65.7 | 35.8 | 182.3 | 187.2 |

¹Due to rounding estimates to the nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals.
²Rates computed by relating total illegitimate births, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women 15-44 years.
³Rates computed by relating illegitimate births to mothers aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years.
⁴Rates computed by relating illegitimate births to mothers aged 35 years and over to unmarried women aged 35-44 years.

Table 12. LIVE BIRTHS BY INTERVAL SINCE LAST LIVE BIRTH, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to second and higher order births occurring within the areas reporting date of last live birth to residents of these areas. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

| Interval since last live birth and race | Total, second and higher order births ¹ | Live-birth order | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 and over |
| Total----- | 1,567,682 | 731,693 | 335,292 | 202,856 | 105,034 | 56,136 | 31,070 | 45,536 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries)----- | 17,320 | 5,142 | 4,850 | 3,026 | 1,684 | 1,034 | 582 | 932 |
| 1-11 months----- | 34,544 | 17,216 | 8,352 | 4,068 | 2,058 | 1,118 | 714 | 930 |
| 12-17 months----- | 204,432 | 99,548 | 43,536 | 25,000 | 12,734 | 7,194 | 4,250 | 7,287 |
| 18-23 months----- | 212,010 | 107,706 | 49,262 | 25,004 | 12,700 | 6,910 | 3,840 | 6,588 |
| 24-35 months----- | 350,704 | 189,303 | 80,044 | 37,712 | 19,012 | 9,814 | 5,693 | 9,126 |
| 36-47 months----- | 222,780 | 111,932 | 56,558 | 25,548 | 12,532 | 6,936 | 3,693 | 5,556 |
| 48-49 months----- | 142,386 | 61,698 | 39,808 | 19,044 | 9,694 | 5,218 | 2,930 | 3,996 |
| 60-71 months----- | 92,278 | 35,054 | 27,256 | 14,854 | 7,810 | 4,124 | 2,322 | 2,888 |
| 72 months and over----- | 199,144 | 94,712 | 61,568 | 33,230 | 21,714 | 10,916 | 5,430 | 5,874 |
| Not stated----- | 92,054 | 52,384 | 17,928 | 9,372 | 5,216 | 2,872 | 1,626 | 2,686 |
| White----- | 1,306,922 | 627,528 | 334,898 | 169,068 | 85,592 | 42,532 | 22,030 | 28,284 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries)----- | 13,924 | 4,216 | 4,132 | 2,508 | 1,334 | 788 | 402 | 544 |
| 1-11 months----- | 24,896 | 13,132 | 6,006 | 2,822 | 1,382 | 642 | 420 | 492 |
| 12-17 months----- | 159,178 | 79,880 | 39,072 | 19,184 | 9,128 | 5,044 | 2,804 | 4,126 |
| 18-23 months----- | 174,692 | 91,616 | 40,850 | 20,360 | 9,804 | 5,122 | 2,702 | 4,118 |
| 24-35 months----- | 301,436 | 169,266 | 68,730 | 31,766 | 15,232 | 7,502 | 4,116 | 5,854 |
| 36-47 months----- | 181,860 | 98,924 | 49,312 | 21,576 | 10,270 | 5,432 | 2,774 | 3,572 |
| 48-49 months----- | 121,282 | 53,576 | 34,802 | 16,110 | 7,822 | 4,098 | 2,198 | 2,616 |
| 60-71 months----- | 77,784 | 28,230 | 23,718 | 12,606 | 6,452 | 3,220 | 1,702 | 1,856 |
| 72 months and over----- | 168,772 | 46,104 | 34,004 | 18,216 | 9,720 | 5,082 | 3,928 | 3,534 |
| Not stated----- | 73,094 | 43,644 | 13,976 | 7,142 | 3,782 | 1,974 | 984 | 1,592 |
| Negro----- | 223,640 | 87,500 | 51,286 | 30,260 | 18,908 | 12,056 | 8,070 | 15,550 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries)----- | 3,058 | 812 | 726 | 454 | 238 | 232 | 168 | 368 |
| 1-11 months----- | 8,494 | 3,522 | 2,092 | 1,122 | 606 | 434 | 266 | 452 |
| 12-17 months----- | 38,674 | 15,612 | 8,848 | 5,092 | 3,118 | 1,918 | 1,280 | 2,796 |
| 18-23 months----- | 31,480 | 13,256 | 7,058 | 3,966 | 2,460 | 1,532 | 1,006 | 2,202 |
| 24-35 months----- | 41,250 | 17,148 | 9,382 | 5,034 | 3,262 | 2,048 | 1,366 | 2,960 |
| 36-47 months----- | 25,968 | 10,718 | 5,934 | 3,420 | 1,962 | 1,302 | 794 | 1,778 |
| 48-49 months----- | 18,088 | 6,842 | 4,210 | 2,550 | 1,566 | 1,014 | 630 | 1,256 |
| 60-71 months----- | 12,454 | 4,102 | 2,968 | 1,924 | 1,204 | 786 | 564 | 906 |
| 72 months and over----- | 26,608 | 7,454 | 6,302 | 4,542 | 3,086 | 1,856 | 1,364 | 1,904 |
| Not stated----- | 17,566 | 8,034 | 3,706 | 2,106 | 1,346 | 844 | 602 | 928 |

¹Excludes not stated birth order.

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 13. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER AND FATHER, BY RACE OF CHILD: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

| Years of school completed | Mother | | | Father | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Total | White | Negro | Total | White | Negro |
| Total----- | 2,376,612 | 1,955,280 | 375,948 | 2,376,612 | 1,955,280 | 375,948 |
| 0-5 years----- | 22,740 | 17,014 | 4,200 | 27,768 | 20,406 | 6,016 |
| 6 years----- | 17,338 | 12,376 | 4,044 | 19,218 | 14,924 | 3,672 |
| 7 years----- | 26,536 | 17,784 | 8,026 | 23,464 | 18,156 | 4,852 |
| 8 years----- | 101,336 | 76,416 | 22,404 | 108,122 | 92,422 | 15,770 |
| 9 years----- | 125,538 | 91,374 | 31,500 | 82,576 | 68,908 | 12,160 |
| 10 years----- | 204,610 | 150,348 | 50,432 | 135,846 | 111,292 | 22,366 |
| 11 years----- | 218,204 | 152,956 | 61,318 | 142,042 | 109,336 | 30,300 |
| 12 years----- | 1,094,144 | 927,754 | 140,854 | 891,744 | 765,794 | 101,456 |
| 13 years----- | 144,136 | 126,790 | 15,038 | 116,146 | 104,322 | 9,960 |
| 14 years----- | 113,760 | 99,576 | 11,908 | 145,534 | 131,350 | 11,678 |
| 15 years----- | 56,714 | 51,296 | 4,366 | 57,780 | 52,256 | 4,542 |
| 16 years----- | 157,530 | 144,342 | 9,140 | 192,854 | 181,396 | 8,022 |
| 17 years and over----- | 43,566 | 38,246 | 2,254 | 145,284 | 135,990 | 3,956 |
| Not stated----- | 60,730 | 48,018 | 10,464 | 296,214 | 148,730 | 143,198 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and father, and Maryland which did not require reporting of these items in standard form.

Table 14. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Years of school completed by mother | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Total | 0-8 years | 9-11 years | 12 years | 13-15 years | 16 years and over | Not stated |
| Total----- | 2,376,612 | 167,450 | 546,452 | 1,064,144 | 314,640 | 200,696 | 60,730 |
| Under 15 years----- | 7,494 | 5,340 | 1,790 | 50 | 10 | 2 | 302 |
| 15-19 years----- | 412,146 | 36,330 | 211,499 | 141,566 | 13,960 | 254 | 9,842 |
| 20-24 years----- | 936,326 | 44,776 | 169,824 | 477,262 | 147,152 | 44,762 | 21,658 |
| 25-29 years----- | 654,920 | 35,170 | 91,264 | 288,216 | 102,176 | 101,162 | 15,912 |
| 30-34 years----- | 274,504 | 24,240 | 46,222 | 118,920 | 36,254 | 41,008 | 7,864 |
| 35-39 years----- | 110,460 | 16,026 | 21,624 | 46,468 | 12,078 | 11,030 | 3,204 |
| 40 years and over----- | 30,756 | 6,366 | 6,102 | 11,862 | 3,030 | 2,448 | 948 |
| White----- | 1,955,280 | 123,590 | 394,678 | 927,744 | 277,652 | 182,588 | 49,018 |
| Under 15 years----- | 2,564 | 1,808 | 550 | 30 | 2 | - | 124 |
| 15-19 years----- | 292,896 | 24,892 | 141,604 | 108,170 | 10,156 | 210 | 6,774 |
| 20-24 years----- | 750,374 | 35,300 | 129,116 | 406,980 | 128,568 | 40,592 | 17,758 |
| 25-29 years----- | 535,436 | 27,122 | 69,926 | 205,186 | 95,118 | 93,206 | 14,496 |
| 30-34 years----- | 231,364 | 18,172 | 33,622 | 103,708 | 32,474 | 36,664 | 6,524 |
| 35-39 years----- | 90,142 | 11,116 | 15,338 | 40,360 | 10,590 | 9,754 | 2,604 |
| 40 years and over----- | 24,484 | 4,350 | 4,192 | 10,318 | 2,724 | 2,182 | 758 |
| Negro----- | 375,948 | 36,674 | 143,250 | 140,854 | 31,312 | 11,394 | 10,464 |
| Under 15 years----- | 4,806 | 3,504 | 1,218 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 174 |
| 15-19 years----- | 113,640 | 10,418 | 66,282 | 30,540 | 3,602 | 36 | 2,920 |
| 20-24 years----- | 150,960 | 8,116 | 57,518 | 61,832 | 15,998 | 3,272 | 3,514 |
| 25-29 years----- | 64,144 | 6,276 | 19,374 | 28,610 | 7,204 | 4,644 | 2,056 |
| 30-34 years----- | 36,248 | 4,962 | 11,418 | 13,330 | 3,002 | 2,400 | 1,146 |
| 35-39 years----- | 17,320 | 3,756 | 5,850 | 5,310 | 1,244 | 848 | 492 |
| 40 years and over----- | 3,040 | 1,752 | 1,790 | 1,372 | 254 | 190 | 162 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother, and Maryland which did not require reporting of this item in standard form.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 15. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES, 1971
 [Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

| Live-birth order and race | Total | Years of school completed by mother | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | 0-8 years | 9-11 years | 12 years | 13-15 years | 16 years and over | Not stated |
| Total----- | 2,276,612 | 167,850 | 348,452 | 1,084,144 | 314,640 | 200,836 | 60,730 |
| First child----- | 902,264 | 42,793 | 193,126 | 412,710 | 139,106 | 91,044 | 17,490 |
| Second child----- | 659,762 | 35,789 | 131,420 | 321,930 | 94,456 | 64,564 | 13,554 |
| Third child----- | 261,050 | 26,946 | 85,672 | 171,792 | 43,304 | 25,670 | 7,506 |
| Fourth child----- | 187,490 | 19,102 | 52,956 | 85,230 | 13,693 | 9,636 | 3,878 |
| Fifth child----- | 97,956 | 15,428 | 30,730 | 33,762 | 8,253 | 5,642 | 2,176 |
| Sixth child----- | 52,203 | 9,146 | 17,090 | 19,180 | 3,774 | 1,555 | 1,280 |
| Seventh child----- | 29,452 | 6,552 | 10,094 | 9,800 | 1,820 | 706 | 660 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 43,676 | 13,503 | 14,542 | 11,424 | 2,062 | 898 | 1,242 |
| Not stated----- | 42,684 | 2,892 | 6,422 | 34,276 | 5,172 | 2,998 | 12,924 |
| White----- | 1,955,280 | 123,590 | 394,678 | 927,754 | 277,652 | 182,588 | 49,018 |
| First child----- | 748,992 | 31,042 | 144,338 | 355,402 | 121,752 | 82,398 | 14,060 |
| Second child----- | 559,046 | 26,832 | 98,850 | 278,768 | 84,234 | 59,040 | 11,262 |
| Third child----- | 301,892 | 21,573 | 64,726 | 147,440 | 38,736 | 25,398 | 6,114 |
| Fourth child----- | 152,622 | 14,774 | 38,362 | 70,972 | 16,648 | 8,910 | 3,084 |
| Fifth child----- | 76,088 | 10,062 | 20,928 | 32,920 | 7,233 | 3,356 | 1,574 |
| Sixth child----- | 38,210 | 6,293 | 10,964 | 15,334 | 3,284 | 1,426 | 904 |
| Seventh child----- | 19,900 | 4,076 | 5,650 | 7,590 | 1,530 | 634 | 420 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 25,166 | 6,942 | 6,534 | 8,396 | 1,696 | 848 | 690 |
| Not stated----- | 33,324 | 1,998 | 4,326 | 11,022 | 2,474 | 2,578 | 10,938 |
| Negro----- | 275,948 | 38,674 | 143,250 | 140,884 | 31,312 | 11,394 | 10,464 |
| First child----- | 136,232 | 10,538 | 51,120 | 51,320 | 14,734 | 5,398 | 3,122 |
| Second child----- | 89,602 | 5,878 | 30,062 | 33,942 | 8,454 | 3,414 | 2,052 |
| Third child----- | 52,442 | 4,543 | 19,586 | 21,614 | 3,606 | 1,444 | 1,244 |
| Fourth child----- | 31,480 | 3,674 | 13,648 | 11,148 | 1,760 | 492 | 758 |
| Fifth child----- | 19,860 | 2,324 | 9,128 | 6,206 | 894 | 200 | 528 |
| Sixth child----- | 12,808 | 2,506 | 5,902 | 3,532 | 436 | 86 | 344 |
| Seventh child----- | 8,760 | 1,922 | 4,188 | 2,070 | 262 | 54 | 224 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 17,080 | 5,822 | 7,606 | 2,850 | 336 | 40 | 426 |
| Not stated----- | 8,486 | 802 | 2,010 | 2,992 | 620 | 266 | 1,766 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and Maryland which did not require reporting of this item in standard form.

Table 16. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas.]

| Race and birth weight | Month of pregnancy prenatal care began | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| | Total | 1st or 2d month | 3d month | 4th month | 5th month | 6th month | 7th month | 8th month | 9th month | No prenatal care | Not stated |
| Total----- | 2,894,390 | 1,150,030 | 755,486 | 338,294 | 200,450 | 130,283 | 87,334 | 51,154 | 19,208 | 45,260 | 116,886 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 219,556 | 75,740 | 51,850 | 27,148 | 18,078 | 12,094 | 7,832 | 4,046 | 1,476 | 9,814 | 11,488 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 2,674,834 | 1,074,290 | 703,636 | 311,146 | 182,372 | 118,189 | 79,502 | 47,108 | 17,732 | 35,446 | 105,398 |
| Not stated----- | 7,242 | 1,816 | 1,170 | 512 | 342 | 234 | 163 | 92 | 126 | 222 | 2,560 |
| White----- | 2,383,262 | 1,024,252 | 647,618 | 280,026 | 139,876 | 87,094 | 58,612 | 34,900 | 13,244 | 26,264 | 91,366 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 155,016 | 61,226 | 39,274 | 17,626 | 10,588 | 6,614 | 4,336 | 2,362 | 886 | 4,668 | 7,436 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 2,228,246 | 963,026 | 608,344 | 262,400 | 129,288 | 80,480 | 54,276 | 32,538 | 12,358 | 21,596 | 83,930 |
| Not stated----- | 5,816 | 1,556 | 960 | 354 | 203 | 146 | 118 | 66 | 102 | 120 | 2,206 |
| All other----- | 511,128 | 125,778 | 107,868 | 78,268 | 60,574 | 43,204 | 28,722 | 16,254 | 5,964 | 18,996 | 25,500 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 64,540 | 14,514 | 12,576 | 9,522 | 7,490 | 5,470 | 3,496 | 1,694 | 590 | 5,146 | 4,052 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 446,588 | 110,984 | 95,092 | 68,598 | 52,950 | 37,646 | 25,176 | 14,544 | 5,350 | 13,748 | 21,094 |
| Not stated----- | 1,426 | 280 | 210 | 158 | 134 | 88 | 50 | 26 | 24 | 102 | 354 |
| Negro----- | 448,924 | 105,656 | 92,702 | 70,094 | 55,336 | 39,288 | 25,944 | 14,142 | 5,048 | 17,112 | 23,602 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 58,894 | 13,064 | 11,496 | 8,904 | 7,090 | 5,212 | 3,278 | 1,570 | 542 | 4,872 | 3,876 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 387,764 | 92,344 | 81,024 | 61,038 | 48,128 | 33,992 | 22,618 | 12,554 | 4,494 | 12,150 | 19,432 |
| Not stated----- | 1,266 | 248 | 192 | 152 | 118 | 84 | 48 | 18 | 22 | 90 | 294 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Table 17. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1971

[Based on a 50-percent sample of births. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the first day of last normal menstrual period (LMP) to residents of these areas]

| Period of gestation and race | Total | Birth weight ¹ | | | | | | | | | | Not stated | |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | | 1,000 grams or less | 1,001-1,999 grams | 1,001-1,999 grams | 1,001-2,999 grams | 2,000-2,999 grams | 2,501-2,999 grams | 3,001-3,999 grams | 3,001-4,999 grams | 4,001-4,999 grams | 4,501-5,000 grams | | 5,001 grams or more |
| Total----- | 2,526,880 | 2,800 | 10,710 | 16,248 | 37,826 | 150,132 | 462,916 | 888,358 | 688,980 | 169,560 | 33,838 | 4,634 | 6,828 |
| Under 20 weeks----- | 802 | 144 | 157 | 15 | 32 | 30 | 70 | 114 | 100 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 56 |
| 20-27 weeks----- | 19,645 | 1,232 | 4,238 | 2,006 | 608 | 614 | 784 | 824 | 510 | 76 | 32 | 76 | 282 |
| 28-31 weeks----- | 22,496 | 14 | 1,348 | 1,304 | 1,528 | 2,730 | 2,430 | 2,630 | 1,162 | 234 | 28 | 20 | 212 |
| 32-35 weeks----- | 36,174 | 6 | 282 | 4,370 | 16,096 | 21,130 | 23,530 | 20,168 | 8,906 | 1,878 | 314 | 64 | 350 |
| 36 weeks----- | 63,358 | 2 | 46 | 281 | 3,096 | 11,274 | 22,342 | 18,194 | 7,496 | 1,066 | 328 | 56 | 124 |
| 37-39 weeks----- | 715,064 | 30 | 128 | 181 | 1,104 | 34,892 | 184,764 | 322,680 | 164,580 | 32,180 | 4,614 | 620 | 1,070 |
| 40 weeks----- | 471,424 | 16 | 73 | 130 | 340 | 3,780 | 68,860 | 138,154 | 150,310 | 38,900 | 5,906 | 890 | 586 |
| 41-42 weeks----- | 300,124 | 10 | 64 | 112 | 736 | 4,070 | 57,398 | 182,286 | 177,030 | 60,454 | 11,790 | 1,482 | 632 |
| 43 weeks and over----- | 107,068 | 10 | 40 | 120 | 436 | 4,750 | 21,402 | 60,138 | 55,032 | 20,172 | 4,498 | 738 | 210 |
| Not stated----- | 110,110 | 734 | 5,304 | 4,706 | 3,742 | 30,112 | 100,716 | 191,598 | 124,944 | 33,980 | 6,024 | 884 | 3,306 |
| White----- | 2,127,146 | 1,472 | 7,000 | 10,816 | 21,816 | 88,070 | 362,206 | 812,468 | 602,496 | 170,892 | 30,404 | 4,010 | 5,454 |
| Under 20 weeks----- | 514 | 84 | 82 | 26 | 16 | 22 | 40 | 114 | 68 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 36 |
| 20-27 weeks----- | 8,170 | 240 | 3,620 | 1,274 | 418 | 312 | 448 | 436 | 376 | 56 | 28 | 48 | 208 |
| 28-31 weeks----- | 14,790 | 38 | 918 | 4,204 | 3,644 | 1,632 | 1,430 | 1,572 | 768 | 196 | 22 | 16 | 150 |
| 32-35 weeks----- | 66,094 | 6 | 184 | 1,636 | 6,606 | 18,428 | 18,886 | 13,124 | 6,234 | 1,366 | 240 | 54 | 268 |
| 36 weeks----- | 47,510 | 2 | 26 | 178 | 1,500 | 8,308 | 16,696 | 13,342 | 5,610 | 1,282 | 248 | 38 | 80 |
| 37-39 weeks----- | 612,240 | 16 | 66 | 408 | 3,088 | 28,632 | 141,380 | 283,302 | 141,208 | 28,176 | 4,008 | 502 | 834 |
| 40 weeks----- | 404,422 | 8 | 38 | 94 | 688 | 7,414 | 64,740 | 165,682 | 132,906 | 35,320 | 5,436 | 618 | 460 |
| 41-42 weeks----- | 140,478 | 4 | 52 | 68 | 548 | 6,140 | 46,312 | 157,444 | 160,670 | 56,328 | 11,014 | 1,358 | 542 |
| 43 weeks and over----- | 142,726 | 6 | 24 | 64 | 332 | 2,720 | 16,848 | 80,258 | 48,918 | 18,524 | 4,176 | 680 | 176 |
| Not stated----- | 390,302 | 468 | 1,360 | 2,802 | 6,216 | 19,462 | 63,426 | 147,084 | 104,532 | 29,624 | 5,228 | 694 | 2,700 |
| Negro----- | 409,808 | 802 | 3,554 | 1,088 | 10,998 | 34,286 | 106,040 | 156,416 | 73,086 | 15,356 | 2,592 | 532 | 1,208 |
| Under 20 weeks----- | 270 | 14 | 50 | 22 | 14 | 6 | 28 | 40 | 30 | 4 | - | - | 20 |
| 20-27 weeks----- | 4,200 | 362 | 1,140 | 626 | 270 | 296 | 322 | 354 | 124 | 16 | 4 | 28 | 68 |
| 28-31 weeks----- | 7,132 | 16 | 424 | 1,172 | 1,366 | 1,084 | 1,046 | 980 | 360 | 48 | 6 | 4 | 56 |
| 32-35 weeks----- | 26,656 | 2 | 96 | 636 | 3,234 | 6,124 | 7,130 | 6,432 | 2,388 | 456 | 68 | 10 | 80 |
| 36 weeks----- | 14,718 | - | 18 | 74 | 146 | 2,230 | 5,046 | 4,304 | 1,570 | 342 | 72 | 18 | 36 |
| 37-39 weeks----- | 122,280 | 14 | 36 | 178 | 1,322 | 8,228 | 37,638 | 50,726 | 19,392 | 3,318 | 496 | 106 | 220 |
| 40 weeks----- | 56,280 | 8 | 14 | 36 | 226 | 2,162 | 12,292 | 24,678 | 13,360 | 2,928 | 396 | 56 | 114 |
| 41-42 weeks----- | 30,174 | 6 | 8 | 44 | 236 | 1,778 | 3,666 | 20,924 | 13,364 | 3,318 | 250 | 98 | 8 |
| 43 weeks and over----- | 20,488 | 4 | 16 | 34 | 122 | 980 | 4,436 | 6,574 | 5,082 | 1,302 | 248 | 46 | 32 |
| Not stated----- | 106,816 | 316 | 1,308 | 1,788 | 3,322 | 3,466 | 28,434 | 38,392 | 17,446 | 3,614 | 652 | 166 | 500 |

¹Equivalents of the gram weight in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:

- 500 grams or less = 1 lb. 1 oz. or less
- 501-1,000 grams = 1 lb. 2 oz.-2 lb. 3 oz.
- 1,001-1,500 gm = 2 lb. 4 oz.-3 lb. 4 oz.
- 1,501-2,000 grams = 3 lb. 5 oz.- 4 lb. 6 oz.
- 2,001-2,500 grams = 4 lb. 7 oz.-5 lb. 8 oz.
- 2,501-3,000 grams = 5 lb. 9 oz.-6 lb. 9 oz.
- 3,001-3,500 grams = 6 lb. 10 oz.-7 lb. 11 oz.
- 3,501-4,000 grams = 7 lb. 12 oz.-8 lb. 13 oz.
- 4,001-4,500 grams = 8 lb. 14 oz.-9 lb. 14 oz.
- 4,501-5,000 grams = 9 lb. 15 oz.-11 lb. 0 oz.
- 5,001 grams or more = 11 lb. 1 oz. or more

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin which did not require reporting of first day of last normal menstrual period.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES

| | |
|--|-----|
| Data not available----- | --- |
| Category not applicable----- | ... |
| Quantity zero----- | - |
| Quantity more than 0 but less than 0.05----- | 0.0 |
| Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision-- | * |

MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
Public Health Service
HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20852
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use, \$300

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF H.E.W.
H E W 390
FIRST CLASS MAIL

