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# Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for November 2005

## Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, November 2005

[Rates for infant deaths are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births; fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years; all other rates are per 1,000 total population. National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are subject to monthly reporting variation; see "Technical Notes"]

	November				January-November				12 months ending with November				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
Item	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	332,000	337,000	13.6	13.9	3,788,000	3,777,000	14.0	14.1	4,133,000	4,119,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate			64.9	66.1			66.6	66.5			66.5	66.4	65.6
Deaths	195,000	192,000	8.0	7.9	2,217,000	2,182,000	8.2	8.1	2,428,000	2,412,000	8.2	8.2	8.3
Infant deaths	2,300	2,200	6.8	6.5	25,700	25,100	6.8	6.7	27,900	27,400	6.7	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	137,000	145,000	5.6	6.0	1,571,000	1,595,000	5.8	6.0	1,705,000	1,707,000	5.8	5.8	5.7
Marriages <sup>1</sup>	176,000	153,000	7.2	6.3	2,065,000	2,125,000	7.6	7.9	2,219,000	2,278,000	7.5	7.8	7.7
Divorces <sup>2</sup>											3.6	3.7	3.8
Population base (in millions)			297.6	294.7							296.3	293.4	291.1

<sup>...</sup> Category not applicable.

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# **Technical Notes**

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). The provisional information in this report is based on a combination of counts of events (some of which may not have occurred in the specified month of this report) and registered vital events. Although monthly provisional data may be updated during the course of a data year, once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional data for a given year may not accurately reflect the final number of events registered.

Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates by place of occurrence for births, deaths (excluding fetal deaths) and marriages, and 12-month ending rates for divorces. These counts include events occurring in the United States to nonresidents of the United States. These data differ from the data

in preliminary and final reports that are based on place of residence. Birth, death, and infant death figures (death and infant death figures exclude fetal deaths) in Tables 1 and 2 for each state are estimates by state of residence. These estimates are derived by applying adjustment ratios to the number of events recorded as occurring in the state during a 1-month period. The adjustment ratios for each data year represent the observed relationship between final state occurrence figures and final state residence figures for the 3 most recent years for which final data were available and are expressed as a single ratio for each state for births, deaths, and infant deaths, respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 3 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to the National Center



<sup>---</sup> Data not available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Marriage rates in 2003 may be underestimated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see "Technical Notes."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2005; California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004; and California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma in 2003. Populations for these rates also exclude these states.

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2004-November 2005

[National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are provisional and are subject to monthly reporting variation; see "Technical Notes"]

		Live b	oirths		٨	Marriages		Deaths	Infant deaths		
				Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years							
Period	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births	
2004											
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	123,000	5.0	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1	
February	317,000	13.7	64.4	65.6	151,000	6.5	203,000	8.8	2,300	7.2	
March	347,000	14.0	66.1	67.6	159,000	6.4	212,000	8.5	2,300	6.7	
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	174,000	7.2	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5	
May	339,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	224,000	9.0	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.7	
June	346.000	14.4	68.0	67.2	243,000	10.1	187,000	7.8	2,200	6.5	
July	360.000	14.5	68.5	65.6	246,000	9.9	191,000	7.7	2,500	6.9	
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.3	
September	357,000	14.8	70.2	66.4	214,000	8.9	185,000	7.7	2,300	6.5	
October	350,000	14.0	66.6	67.1	212,000	8.5	195,000	7.8	2,300	6.5	
November	337.000	13.9	66.1	68.6	153,000	6.3	192,000	7.9	2,200	6.5	
December		13.8	65.6	66.2	154,000	6.2	211,000	8.4	2,200	6.4	
2005											
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.7	131,000	5.2	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0	
February	310,000	13.7	65.0	66.1	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9	
March	349,000	13.9	66.2	67.8	156,000	6.2	228,000	9.1	2,500	7.0	
April	332,000	13.7	65.1	65.9	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	7.0	
May	346.000	13.8	65.6	66.0	185,000	7.4	200,000	7.9	2,400	7.0	
June	351,000	14.4	68.8	67.9	227,000	9.3	186,000	7.7	2,300	6.6	
July	358,000	14.2	67.9	64.9	228,000	9.0	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.7	
August	369,000	14.6	69.9	67.4	235,000	9.3	189,000	7.5	2,400	6.6	
September	364.000	14.9	71.3	67.5	222,000	9.1	187,000	7.6	2,200	6.3	
October	345.000	13.7	65.4	65.9	206,000	8.2	196,000	7.8	2,300	6.6	
November	332.000	13.6	64.9	67.4	176,000	7.2	195,000	8.0	2,300	6.8	

<sup>1</sup>The method of seasonal adjustment, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, is described in The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967

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for Health Statistics (NCHS) and in the extent to which the states update their counts of marriages and divorces as new information is received. Therefore, counts vary in their completeness. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Delay in the receipt of certificates in a registration office may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed records were received. Data for previous months include revisions states might have provided to correct for delayed reporting; therefore, figures may differ from those previously published.

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. These corrections compensated for delays in reporting. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been dropped. Further information on these changes has been provided in the National Vital Statistics Reports presenting provisional data for January, February, and March 1999 (vol. 48, nos. 1, 2, and 4, respectively) available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs.

Moreover, NCHS ceased publishing divorce counts and rates based on provisional data from the combined 50 states because it is no longer statistically feasible to calculate estimates of monthly divorce counts for nonreporting states (in 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana; and in 2003, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma). Instead, NCHS publishes only the 12-month divorce rates shown in Table A, based solely on the combined counts and populations for reporting states and the District of Columbia. Aggregate 1-month, cumulative counts and rates, and 12-month counts for divorces have been dropped because of their very limited usefulness when based on less than the full complement of states. Monthly marriage and divorce counts as reported by each state will continue to be shown in Table 3.

Because of incomplete reporting, 2003 marriage and divorce counts for Oklahoma are not included in Table 3 showing provisional data by state. Divorce rates for 2003 shown in Table A exclude Oklahoma, which was treated as a nonreporting state in that year because of incomplete reporting (see earlier discussion). Because all other states reported marriages in 2003, marriage rates shown in Table A include Oklahoma data. The impact of the missing marriages on the 2003 national rate is negligible (estimated at less than 1 percent). Previous reports also excluded Oklahoma divorce data for 2004; however, complete marriage and divorce data are now available for 2004 and are included in this report.

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, November 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

			Live births			Deaths					
	Nove	ember	Ja	nuary-Novemb	per	Nove	mber	Jai	nuary-Novemb	per	
Area	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	
Alabama	5,076	5,074	55,021	53,985	53,917	3,916	3,658	42,884	41,834	41,739	
Alaska	871	815	9,523	9,468	9,245	212	264	2,761	2,781	2,888	
Arizona	7,989	8,040	87,909	85,638	83,003	3,681	3,381	41,005	39,160	39,040	
Arkansas	3,176	3,199	35,670	35,265	34,706	2,275	2,113	25,744	25,129	25,025	
California	44,924	45,463	503,167	499,365	495,747	18,476	19,795	211,865	214,975	201,526	
Colorado	5,471	5,552	63,418	62,909	63,739	2,358	2,325	26,980	25,820	26,643	
Connecticut	3,185	3,310	38,079	38,745	39,791	2,943	2,417	26,822	26,503	26,369	
Delaware	929	924	10,596	10,499	10,546	588	571	6,695	6,479	6,496	
District of Columbia	579	622	6,624	6,836	6,829	423	424	4,947	4,873	4,974	
Florida	19,623	18,387	206,837	198,597	193,511	13,247	13,240	155,213	154,217	152,617	
Georgia	9,315	11,443	127,280	126,863	124,606	4,786	5,313	60,271	60,003	59,836	
Hawaii	1,568	1,424	16,394	16,677	16,503	721	590	8,336	8,128	8,148	
Idaho	1,837	1,819	21,184	20,633	20,026	874	881	9,763	9,175	9,505	
Illinois	13,570	14,436	163,455	165,623	166,939	9,126	8,401	94,384	93,017	95,319	
Indiana	6,910	7,114	79,550	80,447	79,615	4,198	4,461	50,377	49,529	50,263	
	3,142	3,129	35,763	35,211	35,095	2,301	2,288	25,356	24,614	25,263	
lowa	3,278						,			22,242	
Kansas	,	3,220	36,869	36,936	37,193	1,921	1,941	22,396	21,816	,	
Kentucky	4,582	4,606	51,439	50,864	50,355	3,166	3,017	36,678	35,480	36,195	
Louisiana	5,449	5,501	59,180	59,531	59,188	3,340	3,308	38,834	38,387	38,612	
Maine	1,083	1,069	13,043	12,734	12,754	995	974	11,781	11,360	11,287	
Maryland	6,040	6,010	69,455	68,756	69,109	3,568	3,497	40,231	39,509	40,202	
Massachusetts	6,090	6,250	70,541	72,245	74,024	3,913	4,252	48,268	48,462	52,482	
Michigan	9,942	10,190	117,284	119,339	120,345	7,072	6,973	79,525	77,595	78,549	
Minnesota	5,538	5,646	65,213	64,914	64,536	3,113	3,014	34,117	33,695	34,159	
Mississippi	3,518	3,699	38,475	38,846	38,173	2,274	2,122	26,629	25,375	25,071	
Missouri	6,349	6,247	71,778	70,690	69,593	4,388	4,371	49,816	49,148	49,553	
Montana	893	915	10,664	10,651	10,484	681	646	7,836	7,412	7,498	
Nebraska	2,115	2,144	23,986	24,035	23,644	1,212	1,213	13,697	13,431	13,871	
Nevada	2,934	2,951	33,029	32,151	30,738	1,510	1,435	16,975	16,253	16,065	
New Hampshire	1,220	1,048	13,433	13,583	13,217	806	880	9,088	9,211	8,832	
New Jersey	9,043	9,106	104,347	105,935	107,268	4,946	5,430	65,426	65,521	66,581	
New Mexico	2,301	2,271	26,358	25,836	25,342	1,168	1,102	13,356	12,811	13,181	
New York	20,007	20,539	230,482	237,074	239,649	12,554	12,044	140,416	139,157	142,360	
North Carolina	10,119	10,069	112,582	109,535	108,252	6,171	5,940	68,021	65,980	65,844	
North Dakota	688	642	7,657	7,534	7,292	463	485	5,245	5,122	5,555	
Ohio	11,878	11,891	134,458	136,881	137,168	8,897	7,509	98,698	93,975	97,845	
Oklahoma	4,155	4,277	47,318	46,830	46,690	2,997	2,816	32,936	31,549	32,170	
Oregon	3,587	3,567	42,020	41,764	42,250	2,530	2,414	28,374	27,659	27,997	
Pennsylvania	9,567	11,965	130,116	133,337	130,776	10,083	9,807	117,691	115,579	116,456	
Rhode Island	825	964	11,476	11,702	12,045	818	817	9,160	8,960	9,074	
South Carolina	4,718	4,717	52,769	51,645	51,027	3,479	3,058	33,484	33,826	34,333	
South Dakota	913	991	10,589	10,564	10,328	586	553	6,420	6,217	6,392	
Tennessee	6,676	6.694	74,575	72,602	72,104	4,755	4,586	51,995	50,606	51,021	
Texas	32,455	32,051	352,586	350,288	344,914	12,142	11,924	140,977	138,507	139,599	
Vormant	4,032 636	3,835	47,339	46,697	45,975	1,123	1,053	12,111	12,201	12,062	
Vermont		513	5,854	6,002	6,070	381	398	4,577	4,516	4,554	
Virginia	8,518	8,251	96,158	95,432	92,798	4,686	4,681	52,685	51,658	52,159	
Washington	6,672	6,360	76,033	75,266	73,931	3,092	3,460	41,307	40,561	40,778	
West Virginia	1,677	1,621	18,856	19,003	19,009	1,702	1,716	18,813	18,811	18,852	
Wisconsin	5,657	5,510	65,173	64,372	64,318	3,813	3,710	42,487	41,664	41,829	
Wyoming	571	541	6,635	6,178	6,063	339	278	3,699	3,545	3,750	
Puerto Rico	4,554	4,394	46,126	46,199	45,995	2,161	1,956	26,696	25,346	24,889	

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each state and Puerto Rico, 12 months ending with November 2004 and 2'005

[Data are estimates by state of residence. Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified area]

12 months ending with November 2005 2004 Rate Area Number Rate Number 529 8.8 514 8.7 59 5.7 66 6.4 Arizona..... 660 6.9 629 6.7 288 7.4 347 9.0 Arkansas......................... 2791 5.1 2769 5.1 451 6.5 438 6.4 221 5.3 232 5.5 90 7.8 88 7.7 80 10.8 76 10.5 1649 7.3 1509 6.9 1110 8.0 8.6 1195 118 6.6 104 5.7 7.0 149 6.5 157 Idaho....... 1330 7.5 1213 6.7 693 8.0 724 8.3 203 5.2 5.3 205 268 6.6 286 7.1 360 6.4 343 6.2 Kentucky....... 618 648 99 9.5 90 6.3 81 5.9 614 8.1 653 8.7 Massachusetts 393 5.1 333 4.2 1004 7.9 1004 7.7 374 5.0 5.3 352 Mississippi..... 439 10.4 390 9.1 579 7.4 550 7.1 Missouri 72 6.2 56 4.8 152 5.8 181 6.9 197 5.5 225 6.4 81 5.5 83 5.6 601 5.3 4.9 571 167 5.8 174 6.2 1479 5.9 1575 6.1 1050 8.6 1026 8.6 52 6.3 45 5.5 1210 8.2 1127 7.6 420 8.1 420 8.2 257 5.6 261 5.7 1017 7.2 1008 7.0 77 6.2 57 4.5 497 8.6 494 8.7 83 7.2 88 7.7 719 8.8 691 8.7 2342 2429 6.3 6.1 Texas 230 4.5 254 5.0 34 5.4 4.8 31 788 7.5 740 7.1 430 5.2 432 5.3 169 8.2 126 6.1 459 6.5 420 6.0 5.5 40 9.5 Wyoming..... 64 435 8.6 407 7.9

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, November 2004 and 2005, and

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

cumulative figures, 2003-05

			Marriages	urriages			Divorces					
-	Nove	mber	Ja	nuary-Novemb	er	Nove	mber	Ja	nuary-Novem	ber		
Area	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003		
Alabama	4,019	2,962	40,737	39,368	39,964	2,117	1,734	20,555	20,667	21,598		
Alaska	303	329	5,161	5,169	4,871	232	209	3,543	2,625	2,355		
Arizona <sup>2</sup>	3,320	3,407	35,312	34,910	33,281	1,819	2,031	22,591	22,246	21,986		
Arkansas	2,403	2,415	32,589	34,136	33,523	1,356	1,337	15,265	15,534	15,084		
California	14,295	14,579	212,803	211,676	198,690							
Colorado	1,727	1,607	27,768	31,644	33,120	1,791	1,633	18,788	18,484	17,421		
Connecticut	1,217	1,236	17,988	19,235	18,086	589	932	8,625	10,033	10,234		
Delaware	566	328	4,381	4,809	4,619	564	222	2,942	2,790	2,906		
District of Columbia	183	75	1,915	2,497	2,814	106	112	996	953	1,057		
Florida	13,022	11,993	145,735	143,359	141,134	6,002	7.005	75,325	76,125	78,027		
	5,837			63,632	55,315		7,005	7 3,023	70,123			
Georgia		4,745	57,782							25,118		
Hawaii	2,428	2,018	25,597	26,845	25,569							
Idaho	1,560	953	14,032	13,940	13,897	628	577	6,492	6,323	6,403		
Illinois	5,490	5,911	68,951	74,943	76,386	2,783	2,994	29,878	29,965	31,457		
Indiana	4,110	3,912	44,407	44,809	40,632							
lowa	1,153	1,157	19,418	19,316	19,293	528	613	7,424	7,562	7,509		
Kansas	1,697	2,117	17,766	17,858	16,389	720	695	7,888	8,350	7,233		
Kentucky	2,625	2,283	35,223	33,877	34,814	1,727	1,515	17,473	18,566	18,721		
Louisiana	2,737	2,737	33,848	33,561	34,669							
Maine	692	466	10,027	10,688	10,483	459	432	4,240	5,191	5,278		
Maryland	2,798	2,615	34,683	35,758	35,686	1,379	1,293	15,401	16,077	15,751		
Massachusetts	3,229	2,149	36,303	39,632	34,501	2,149	1,133	12,841	12,949	14,633		
Michigan	3,697	3,238	58,333	58,518	59,486	2,679	2,716	32,116	31,996	32,838		
Minnesota	1,675	1,748	28,810	28,854	30,275		959		12,946	13,479		
Mississippi	1,297	1,172	16,112	16,346	16,460	722	1,112	11,987	12,030	12,260		
		,		38,285			,					
Missouri	7,385	2,511	38,760		39,009	1,504	1,851	19,750	19,769	20,143		
Montana	328	345	6,416	6,539	6,249	299	243	3,231	3,199	3,211		
Nebraska	684	725	11,580	11,758	11,473	479	485	5,444	5,433	5,481		
Nevada	11,698	11,827	135,658	133,783	132,146	1,565	1,359	17,058	13,483	14,945		
New Hampshire	546	445	8,382	9,853	9,786	455	411	4,138	4,748	4,857		
New Jersey	4,156	3,643	41,496	47,593	47,339	1,771	1,685	23,355	23,806	25,167		
New Mexico <sup>3,4</sup>	771	904	11,718	13,058	11,847	739	620	8,198	8,212	8,927		
New York <sup>2</sup>	11,372	8,284	127,584	122,742	123,027	4,524	3,600	48,744	53,430	55,683		
North Carolina	5,527	4,077	51,906	57,780	57,703	2,228	3,017	29,025	33,374	32,664		
North Dakota	287	221	3,890	4,163	4,278	113	163	1,379	1,795	1,688		
Ohio	9,613	4,043	70,657	71,096	72,341	2,301	3,072	37,310	37,652	39,023		
Oklahoma	1,797	1,678	23,892	20,816	<sup>(5</sup> )	1,545	1,321	18,411	15,776	( <sup>5</sup> )		
Oregon	2,032	1,689	25,011	27,520	23,902	1,119	1,488	14,140	13,586	13,935		
Pennsylvania	3,693	4,559	55,244	70,032	68,802	2,429	2,947	26,299	33,529	34,282		
Rhode Island	432	424	7,113	7,827	7,869	277	272	2,940	3,041	3,116		
South Carolina	2,902	2,684	32,578	30,455	34,767	1,204	1,156	11,402	12,071	12,510		
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South Dakota	300	274	6,179	6,126	6,058	164	193	2,137	2,232	2,179		
Tennessee	4,766	4,432	57,434	62,456	64,657	2,455	2,261	25,781	26,641	26,886		
Texas	12,169	13,065	153,325	165,413	165,857	5,821	6,283	69,538	74,676	77,188		
Utah	1,212	1,542	20,434	21,951	22,179	649	826	8,843	8,996	8,698		
Vermont	622	250	5,282	5,533	5,659	183	197	1,975	2,204	2,225		
Virginia	3,990	4,075	57,491	57,510	57,332	1,922	2,320	25,948	26,615	26,645		
Washington	3,784	2,231	37,333	37,443	37,204	1,472	2,154	23,144	24,320	24,443		
West Virginia	1,241	845	12,470	12,649	12,752	824	667	8,402	8,343	8,620		
Wisconsin	2,064	1,589	32,444	32,346	32,595	1,198	1,351	15,010	15,413	15,738		
Wyoming	288	250	4,490	4,448	4,400	170	223	2,412	2,442	2,476		
Puerto Rico	2,092	2,022	20,680	20,549	22,103	963	998	17,337	14,651	13,017		
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NOTE: The completeness of marriage and divorce counts at any given time varies among states. Figures include all revisions received from the states and, therefore, may differ from those previously published; see "Technical Notes."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Figures based on monthly counts and may be under reported.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Data incomplete

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