

Table 80. Births and Birth Rates by Plurality of Birth and Race and Hispanic-Origin Status of Mother: 1990 to 2005

[Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See headnote, Table 78. See Appendix III]

Birth order	1990 ¹	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
All births, total number ²	4,158,212	4,058,814	4,021,726	4,089,950	4,112,052	4,138,349
Twin births	93,865	118,916	125,134	128,665	132,219	133,122
Triplet and higher order multiple births	3,028	7,325	7,401	7,663	7,275	6,694
Multiple birth rate ³	23.3	31.1	33.0	33.3	33.9	33.8
Twin birth rate ⁴	22.6	29.3	31.1	31.5	32.2	32.2
Triplet and higher order multiple birth rate ⁵	72.8	180.5	184.0	187.4	176.9	161.8
Non-Hispanic White births, total number	2,626,500	2,362,968	2,298,156	2,321,904	2,296,683	2,279,768
Twin births	60,210	76,018	79,949	81,691	83,346	82,223
Triplet and higher order multiple births	2,358	5,821	5,754	5,922	5,590	4,966
Multiple birth rate ³	23.8	34.6	37.3	37.7	38.7	38.2
Twin birth rate ⁴	22.9	32.2	34.8	35.2	36.3	36.1
Non-Hispanic Black births, total number	661,701	604,346	578,335	576,033	578,772	583,759
Twin births	17,646	20,173	20,064	20,010	20,605	21,254
Triplet and higher order multiple births	306	506	591	631	577	616
Multiple birth rate ³	27.1	34.2	35.7	35.8	36.6	37.5
Twin birth rate ⁴	26.7	33.4	34.7	34.7	35.6	36.4
Hispanic births, total number	595,073	815,868	876,642	912,329	946,349	985,505
Twin births	10,713	16,470	18,128	19,472	20,351	21,723
Triplet and higher order multiple births	235	659	737	784	723	761
Multiple birth rate ³	18.4	21.0	21.5	22.2	22.3	22.8
Twin birth rate ⁴	18.0	20.2	20.7	21.3	21.5	22.0

¹ Data by Hispanic-origin status exclude data for New Hampshire and Oklahoma, which did not report Hispanic origin.

² Includes other races not shown separately. ³ Number of live births in all multiple deliveries per 1,000 live births. ⁴ Number of live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births. ⁵ Number of live births in triplet and other higher-order deliveries per 100,000 live births.

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