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		15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years (2)
		Total	15-17 years	18-19 years					
ALL RACES(3)									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
2003.....	44.9	34.8	20.3	57.6	71.2	65.7	44.0	22.3	5.8
2002.....	43.7	35.4	20.8	58.6	70.5	61.5	40.8	20.8	5.4
2001.....	43.8	37.0	22.0	60.6	71.3	59.5	40.4	20.4	5.3
2000.....	44.1	39.0	23.9	62.2	72.2	58.5	39.3	19.7	5.0
1999.....	43.3	39.7	25.0	62.3	70.8	56.9	38.1	19.0	4.6
1998.....	43.3	40.9	26.5	63.6	70.4	55.4	38.1	18.7	4.6
1997.....	42.9	41.4	27.7	63.9	68.9	53.4	37.9	18.7	4.6
1996.....	43.8	42.2	28.5	64.9	68.9	54.5	40.2	19.9	4.8
1995.....	44.3	43.8	30.1	66.5	68.7	54.3	38.9	19.3	4.7
1994.....	46.2	45.8	31.7	69.1	70.9	57.4	39.6	19.7	4.7
1993.....	44.8	44.0	30.3	66.2	68.5	55.9	38.0	18.9	4.4
1992.....	44.9	44.2	30.2	66.7	67.9	55.6	37.6	18.8	4.1
1991.....	45.0	44.6	30.8	65.4	67.8	56.0	37.9	17.9	3.8
1990.....	43.8	42.5	29.6	60.7	65.1	56.0	37.6	17.3	3.6
1989.....	41.6	40.1	28.7	56.0	61.2	52.8	34.9	16.0	3.4
1988.....	38.5	36.4	26.4	51.5	56.0	48.5	32.0	15.0	3.2
1987.....	36.0	33.8	24.5	48.9	52.6	44.5	29.6	13.5	2.9
1986.....	34.2	32.3	22.8	48.0	49.3	42.2	27.2	12.2	2.7
1985.....	32.8	31.4	22.4	45.9	46.5	39.9	25.2	11.6	2.5
1984(5).....	31.0	30.0	21.9	42.5	43.0	37.1	23.3	10.9	2.5
1983(5).....	30.3	29.5	22.0	40.7	41.8	35.5	22.4	10.2	2.6
1982(5).....	30.0	28.7	21.5	39.6	41.5	35.1	21.9	10.0	2.7
1981(5).....	29.5	27.9	20.9	39.0	41.1	34.5	20.8	9.8	2.6
1980(5).....	29.4	27.6	20.6	39.0	40.9	34.0	21.1	9.7	2.6
Estimated(6)									
1980(5).....	28.4	27.5	20.7	38.7	39.7	31.4	18.5	8.4	2.3
1979(5).....	27.2	26.4	19.9	37.2	37.7	29.9	17.7	8.4	2.3
1978(5).....	25.7	24.9	19.1	35.1	35.3	28.5	16.9	8.2	2.2
1977(5).....	25.6	25.1	19.8	34.6	34.0	27.7	16.9	8.4	2.4
1976(5).....	24.3	23.7	19.0	32.1	31.7	26.8	17.5	9.0	2.5
1975(5).....	24.5	23.9	19.3	32.5	31.2	27.5	17.9	9.1	2.6
1974(5).....	23.9	23.0	18.8	31.2	30.5	27.9	18.4	10.0	2.6
1973(5).....	24.3	22.7	18.7	30.4	31.5	29.6	20.3	10.8	3.0
1972(5).....	24.8	22.8	18.5	30.9	33.2	30.8	22.6	12.0	3.1
1971(7).....	25.5	22.3	17.5	31.7	35.5	34.5	25.2	13.3	3.5
1970(7).....	26.4	22.4	17.1	32.9	38.4	37.0	27.1	13.6	3.5
1969(7).....	24.8	20.4	15.2	30.8	37.3	37.9	27.0	13.5	3.6

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		Total	15-17 years	18-19 years					
1968(7)	24.3	19.7	14.7	29.6	37.2	38.3	27.8	14.8	3.8
1967(8)	23.7	18.5	13.8	27.6	38.1	41.1	28.9	15.3	4.0
1966(7)	23.3	17.5	13.1	25.6	39.0	45.1	32.7	16.3	4.1
1965(7)	23.4	16.7	---	---	39.6	49.1	37.2	17.4	4.5
1964(7)	23.0	15.9	---	---	39.5	49.9	36.9	16.3	4.4
1963(7)	22.5	15.3	---	---	39.9	48.8	33.1	16.1	4.3
1962(7)	21.9	14.8	---	---	40.7	46.6	29.6	15.6	4.1
1961(7)	22.7	16.0	---	---	41.4	46.4	28.2	15.4	3.9
1960(7)	21.6	15.3	---	---	39.7	45.1	27.8	14.1	3.6
1955	19.3	15.1	---	---	33.5	33.5	22.0	10.5	2.7
1950	14.1	12.6	---	---	21.3	19.9	13.3	7.2	2.0
1940	7.1	7.4	---	---	9.5	7.2	5.1	3.4	1.2
WHITE, TOTAL									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
Race of mother									
2003	40.4	30.1	17.2	50.4	63.0	60.8	42.0	21.2	5.5
2002	38.9	30.4	17.5	51.0	61.6	56.8	38.3	19.4	5.0
2001	38.5	31.3	18.1	52.1	61.8	54.6	37.2	18.6	4.9
2000	38.2	32.7	19.7	53.1	61.7	52.9	35.9	17.9	4.5
1999	37.4	33.2	20.6	52.9	60.2	50.8	34.9	17.4	4.1
1998	36.9	33.6	21.5	53.1	59.5	48.6	34.1	16.9	4.1
1997	36.3	33.6	22.0	52.9	57.9	47.0	33.6	16.6	3.9
1996	37.0	34.0	22.3	53.5	57.9	48.1	35.4	17.7	4.3
1995	37.0	35.0	23.3	54.7	57.2	47.4	33.7	16.8	4.2
1994	37.8	35.8	23.9	55.8	57.5	48.6	33.8	17.2	4.3
1993	35.6	33.3	21.9	52.0	53.8	46.0	31.9	16.3	3.9
1992	35.0	32.7	21.4	51.2	52.4	44.8	31.3	16.1	3.6
1991	34.5	32.7	21.7	49.4	51.4	44.3	30.9	15.2	3.2
1990	32.9	30.6	20.4	44.9	48.2	43.0	29.9	14.5	3.2
1989	30.2	28.0	19.3	40.2	43.8	39.1	26.8	13.1	2.9
1988	27.4	25.3	17.6	36.8	39.2	35.4	24.2	12.1	2.7
1987	25.3	23.2	16.2	34.5	36.6	32.0	22.3	10.7	2.4
1986	23.9	21.8	14.9	33.5	34.2	30.5	20.1	9.7	2.2
1985	22.5	20.8	14.5	31.2	31.7	28.5	18.4	9.0	2.0
1984(5)	20.6	19.3	13.7	27.9	28.5	25.5	16.8	8.4	2.0
1983(5)	19.8	18.7	13.6	26.4	27.1	23.8	15.9	7.8	2.0
1982(5)	19.3	18.0	13.1	25.3	26.5	23.1	15.3	7.4	2.1
1981(5)	18.6	17.2	12.6	24.6	25.8	22.3	14.2	7.2	1.9
1980(5)	18.1	16.5	12.0	24.1	25.1	21.5	14.1	7.1	1.8

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		15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years (2)
		Total	15-17 years	18-19 years					
Estimated(6)									
Race of child									
1980(5)	16.2	15.9	11.7	22.8	22.4	17.3	10.5	5.3	1.4
1979(5)	14.9	14.6	10.8	21.0	20.3	15.9	10.0	5.1	1.4
1978(5)	13.7	13.6	10.3	19.3	18.1	14.8	9.4	4.8	1.3
1977(5)	13.5	13.4	10.5	18.7	17.4	14.4	9.3	4.9	1.4
1976(5)	12.6	12.3	9.7	16.9	15.8	14.0	10.1	5.5	1.4
1975(5)	12.4	12.0	9.6	16.5	15.5	14.8	9.8	5.4	1.5
1974(5)	11.7	11.0	8.8	15.3	15.0	14.7	9.5	5.5	1.5
1973(5)	11.8	10.6	8.4	14.9	15.5	15.9	10.6	5.9	1.7
1972(5)	11.9	10.4	8.0	15.1	16.6	16.5	12.1	6.5	1.6
1971(7)	12.5	10.3	7.4	15.8	18.7	18.5	13.2	7.2	1.9
1970(7)	13.9	10.9	7.5	17.6	22.5	21.1	14.2	7.6	2.0
1969(7)	13.4	9.9	6.6	16.6	23.0	22.5	15.1	7.6	2.0
1968(7)	13.1	9.7	6.2	16.6	23.0	22.1	15.0	4.7(2)	
1967(8)	12.5	8.9	5.6	15.3	23.0	22.7	14.0	4.7(2)	
1966(7)	11.9	8.5	5.4	14.1	22.6	23.4	15.7	4.9(2)	
1965(7)	11.6	7.9	---	---	22.0	24.3	16.6	4.9(2)	
1964(7)	11.0	7.4	---	---	21.1	24.0	15.9	4.8(2)	
1963(7)	10.5	7.0	---	---	20.7	21.9	14.2	4.6(2)	
1962(7)	9.8	6.5	---	---	19.9	19.8	12.6	4.3(2)	
1961(7)	10.0	7.1	---	---	19.7	19.4	11.3	4.2(2)	
1960(7)	9.2	6.6	---	---	18.2	18.2	10.8	3.9(2)	
1955	7.9	6.0	---	---	15.0	13.3	8.6	2.8(2)	
1950	6.1	5.1	---	---	10.0	8.7	5.9	2.0(2)	
1940	3.6	3.3	---	---	5.7	4.0	2.5	1.2(2)	
WHITE, NON-HISPANIC									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
Race of mother									
2003	28.6	21.5	11.0	37.9	47.2	40.8	27.8	14.7	4.1
2002	27.8	22.1	11.5	38.8	46.1	38.5	26.0	13.5	3.7
2001	27.8	23.1	12.1	40.3	46.4	37.5	25.4	13.2	3.6
2000	28.0	24.7	13.6	42.1	47.0	36.9	24.8	12.9	3.3
1999	27.9	25.6	14.6	42.7	46.3	36.2	24.8	13.0	3.1
1998	27.9	26.2	15.5	43.1	46.3	35.4	25.0	13.1	3.1
1997	27.5	26.4	16.2	43.3	44.8	34.4	24.9	12.7	2.9

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1996.....	28.2	27.0	16.9	43.9	44.5	35.0	26.4	13.8	3.3
1995.....	28.1	27.7	17.6	44.6	43.9	34.4	25.1	12.9	3.2
1994.....	28.4	28.1	17.9	45.0	43.8	34.7	24.6	12.8	3.1
1993.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1992.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1991.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1990(9).....	24.4	25.0	16.2	37.0	36.4	30.3	20.5	6.1	---
BLACK, TOTAL									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
Race of mother									
2003.....	66.3	62.2	38.1	100.4	118.0	90.4	51.2	25.3	6.5
2002.....	66.2	64.8	39.9	104.1	119.2	85.9	49.9	24.9	6.3
2001.....	68.1	69.9	43.8	110.2	122.8	84.1	51.1	25.4	6.3
2000.....	70.5	75.0	48.3	115.0	129.0	85.9	50.2	25.4	6.3
1999.....	69.7	76.5	50.0	115.8	126.8	85.5	49.0	24.2	5.8
1998.....	71.6	81.5	55.0	121.5	127.8	86.5	50.5	24.3	6.0
1997.....	71.5	84.5	59.0	124.8	124.2	81.4	51.0	24.3	6.5
1996.....	72.8	87.5	62.6	127.2	122.6	81.2	53.4	25.2	6.1
1995.....	74.5	91.2	67.4	129.2	124.6	82.3	53.3	25.3	6.0
1994.....	80.8	99.3	73.9	139.6	135.2	91.3	56.5	26.0	5.9
1993.....	83.0	101.2	75.9	140.0	139.9	92.8	56.7	25.7	5.8
1992.....	85.7	104.8	77.2	146.4	142.6	96.8	57.3	25.6	5.4
1991.....	89.0	107.8	79.9	147.7	146.4	100.0	59.8	25.5	5.4
1990.....	90.5	106.0	78.8	143.7	144.8	105.3	61.5	25.5	5.1
1989.....	90.7	104.5	78.9	140.9	142.4	102.9	60.5	24.9	5.0
1988.....	86.5	96.1	73.5	130.5	133.6	97.2	57.4	24.1	5.0
1987.....	82.6	90.9	69.9	123.0	126.1	91.6	53.1	22.4	4.7
1986.....	79.0	88.5	67.0	121.1	118.0	84.6	50.0	20.6	4.4
1985.....	77.0	87.6	66.8	117.9	113.1	79.3	47.5	20.4	4.3
1984(5).....	75.2	86.1	66.5	113.6	107.9	77.8	43.8	19.4	4.3
1983(5).....	76.2	85.5	66.8	111.9	107.2	79.7	43.8	19.4	4.8
1982(5).....	77.9	85.1	66.3	112.7	109.3	82.7	44.1	19.5	5.2
1981(5).....	79.4	85.0	65.9	114.2	110.7	83.1	45.5	19.6	5.6
1980(5).....	81.1	87.9	68.8	118.2	112.3	81.4	46.7	19.0	5.5

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Estimated(6)									
Race of child									
1980(5).....	83.2	90.3	70.6	121.8	116.0	82.9	47.0	18.5	5.5
1979(5).....	83.0	91.0	71.0	123.3	114.1	80.0	44.8	19.3	5.9
1978(5).....	81.1	87.9	68.8	119.6	111.4	79.6	43.9	18.5	6.2
1977(5).....	82.6	90.9	73.0	121.7	110.1	78.6	45.7	19.0	6.6
1976(5).....	81.6	89.7	73.5	117.9	107.2	78.0	45.0	19.2	7.0
1975(5).....	84.2	93.5	76.8	123.8	108.0	75.7	50.0	20.5	7.2
1974(5).....	85.5	93.8	78.6	122.2	109.8	80.3	51.8	24.3	6.7
1973(5).....	88.6	94.9	81.2	120.5	116.0	84.5	57.8	27.6	7.7
1972(5).....	91.6	98.2	82.8	128.2	121.2	88.3	57.4	30.4	8.5
1971(7).....	96.1	98.6	80.7	135.2	130.6	99.6	68.6	32.7	10.1
1970(7).....	95.5	96.9	77.9	136.4	131.5	100.9	71.8	32.9	10.4
1969(7).....	90.6	90.3	72.0	128.4	125.3	99.5	70.1	34.3	10.1
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER, TOTAL									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
Race of mother									
2003.....	22.2	13.1	7.5	21.4	26.6	30.7	31.5	19.8	7.9
2002.....	21.3	13.4	7.5	22.2	26.5	27.5	28.6	18.7	6.8
2001.....	21.2	14.6	8.7	23.0	25.2	26.7	29.4	19.7	6.3
2000.....	20.9	15.2	9.6	23.2	24.2	25.4	29.7	18.4	6.9
HISPANIC(10)									
Reported/Inferred(4)									
Race of mother									
2003.....	92.2	66.6	43.0	107.0	133.7	136.0	99.2	54.7	13.3
2002.....	87.9	66.1	43.0	105.3	131.4	123.1	88.1	51.3	12.7
2001.....	87.8	67.1	44.2	104.3	132.3	120.7	91.4	49.7	12.2
2000.....	87.3	68.5	47.0	102.2	130.5	121.6	89.4	46.1	12.2
1999.....	84.9	68.6	48.7	99.9	119.6	119.6	84.2	42.4	11.2
1998.....	82.8	69.3	49.8	101.2	120.6	115.9	78.2	38.8	12.0
1997.....	83.2	69.2	50.7	100.6	122.8	114.8	78.8	40.5	12.1
1996.....	86.2	69.3	49.7	102.3	131.6	122.0	84.6	41.2	12.3

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1995.....	88.8	73.2	52.8	108.6	135.8	122.3	84.1	42.2	12.1
1994.....	95.8	77.7	55.7	115.4	144.5	131.7	91.2	47.4	13.9
1993.....	91.4	71.1	49.6	108.8	134.3	130.4	87.8	47.1	14.1
1992.....	92.8	70.3	49.2	106.6	138.2	133.4	89.9	47.8	14.6
1991.....	92.5	71.0	49.5	107.5	134.2	135.1	88.2	47.6	14.1
1990(9).....	89.6	65.9	45.9	98.9	129.8	131.7	88.1	50.8	13.7
1990(9).....	89.6	65.9	45.9	98.9	129.8	131.7	88.1	50.8	13.7

--- Data not available.

- (1) Rates computed by relating total births to unmarried women, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women aged 15-44 years.
- (2) Rates computed by relating births to unmarried women aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years. Rates by race for years prior to 1969 are computed by relating births to unmarried women aged 35 years and over to unmarried women aged 35-44 years.
- (3) Includes races other than white and black.
- (4) Data for states in which marital status was not reported have been inferred from other items on the birth certificate and included with data from the reporting states; see "Technical Appendix."
- (5) Based on 100 percent of births in selected states and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other states; see "Technical Appendix."
- (6) Births to unmarried women are estimated for the United States from data for registration areas in which marital status of mother was reported; see "Technical Appendix."
- (7) Based on a 50-percent sample of births.
- (8) Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.
- (9) Rates for 1990 based on data for 48 states and District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate. Rates shown for ages 35-39 years for non-Hispanic white women are based on births to unmarried women aged 35-44 years.
- (10) Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTES: Rates cannot be computed for unmarried non-Hispanic black women because the necessary populations are not available. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. See "Technical Appendix." Six states reported multiple-race data for 2003. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states; see "Technical Appendix."