

Table 79. Births and Birth Rates by Race, Sex, and Age: 1980 to 2005

[Births in thousands (3,612 represents 3,612,000). Births by race of mother. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States. For population bases used to derive these data, see text this section, and Appendix III]

Item	1980	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005, prel.
Live births ¹	3,612	3,761	4,158	3,900	3,959	4,059	4,026	4,022	4,090	4,112	4,140
White	2,936	3,038	3,290	3,099	3,133	3,194	3,178	3,175	3,226	3,223	3,232
Black	568	582	684	603	606	623	606	594	600	616	633
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut.	29	34	39	37	41	42	42	42	43	44	45
Asian or Pacific Islander	74	105	142	160	182	201	200	211	221	229	231
Male	1,853	1,928	2,129	1,996	2,027	2,077	2,058	2,058	2,094	2,105	(NA)
Female	1,760	1,833	2,029	1,903	1,933	1,982	1,968	1,964	1,996	2,007	(NA)
Males per 100 females.	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	(NA)
Age of mother:											
Under 20 years old	562	478	533	512	485	478	454	433	421	422	421
20 to 24 years old	1,226	1,141	1,094	966	982	1,018	1,022	1,022	1,032	1,034	1,040
25 to 29 years old	1,108	1,201	1,277	1,064	1,078	1,088	1,058	1,060	1,086	1,104	1,132
30 to 34 years old	550	696	886	905	892	929	943	951	976	966	952
35 to 39 years old	141	214	318	384	434	452	452	454	468	476	483
40 to 44 years old	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83	90	93	96	101	104	105
45 to 49 years old	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4	4	5	5	6	6	7
Mean age of mother at first birth (years)	22.7	23.7	24.2	24.5	(NA)	24.9	25.0	25.1	25.2	25.2	(NA)
Birth rate per 1,000 population	15.9	15.8	16.7	14.6	14.2	14.4	14.1	13.9	14.1	14.0	14.0
White	15.1	15.0	15.8	14.1	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.5	13.6	13.5	(NA)
Black	21.3	20.4	22.4	17.8	16.8	17.0	16.3	15.7	15.7	16.0	(NA)
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut.	20.7	19.8	18.9	15.3	14.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	19.9	18.7	19.0	16.7	15.9	17.1	16.4	16.5	16.8	16.8	16.5
Age of mother:											
10 to 14 years old	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
15 to 19 years old	53.0	51.0	59.9	56.0	48.8	47.7	45.3	43.0	41.6	41.1	40.4
20 to 24 years old	115.1	108.3	116.5	107.5	107.9	109.7	106.2	103.6	102.6	101.7	102.2
25 to 29 years old	112.9	111.0	120.2	108.8	111.2	113.5	113.4	113.6	115.6	115.5	115.6
30 to 34 years old	61.9	69.1	80.8	81.1	87.1	91.2	91.9	91.5	95.1	95.3	95.9
35 to 39 years old	19.8	24.0	31.7	34.0	37.8	39.7	40.6	41.4	43.8	45.4	46.3
40 to 44 years old	3.9	4.0	5.5	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.7	8.9	9.1
45 to 49 years old ²	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Fertility rate per 1,000 women ³	68.4	66.2	70.9	64.6	64.4	65.9	65.3	64.8	66.1	66.3	66.7
White ³	65.6	64.1	68.3	63.6	64.0	65.3	65.0	64.8	66.1	66.1	(NA)
Black ³	84.9	78.8	84.8	71.0	68.5	70.0	67.6	65.8	66.3	67.6	(NA)
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut ³	82.7	78.6	76.2	63.0	59.0	58.7	58.1	58.4	58.4	58.9	59.9
Asian or Pacific Islander ³	73.2	68.4	69.6	62.6	60.9	65.8	64.2	64.1	66.3	67.1	66.6

NA Not available. ¹ Includes other races not shown separately. ² Beginning 1999, rates computed by relating births to women aged 45 to 54 years old to women 45 to 49 years old. ³ Number of live births per 1,000 women, 15 to 44 years old in specified group.

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