

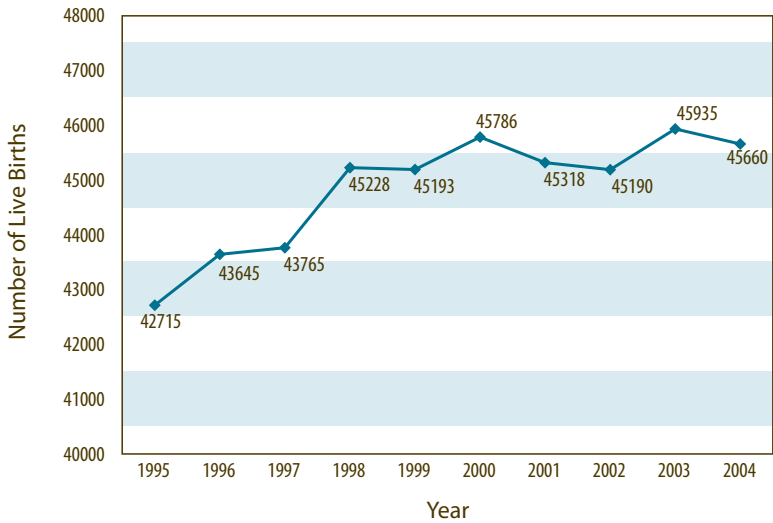
BIRTH TRENDS & GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

- From 1995-2004, the population of Oregon increased from 3,184,369 to 3,594,586 – an increase of 12.9 percent.
- From 1995-2004, the number of live births in Oregon increased by 6.9 percent. However, during this same period the crude birth rate* decreased 6.6 percent – from 13.4 per 1,000 population in 1995 to 12.7 per 1,000 population in 2004.
- In 2004, 63.8 percent of all live births were to women residing in 5 of Oregon's 36 counties – Multnomah, Washington, Marion, Clackamas and Lane.
- In 2004, over three-fourths of all live births occurred in counties that were along the I-5 corridor.

*Crude birth rate is the number of births that occur per 1,000 population.

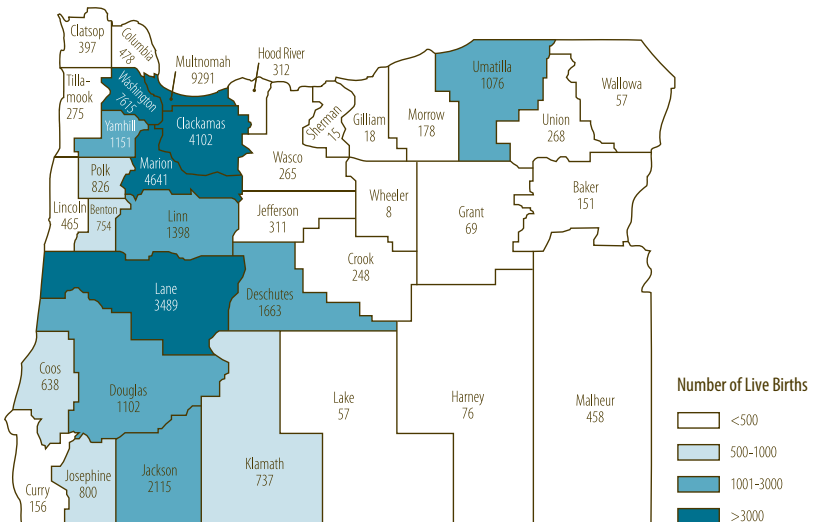
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Number of Live Births by Year, Oregon, 1995-2004



Data Source: Oregon Vital Statistics

Live Births by County of Maternal Residence, Oregon, 2004



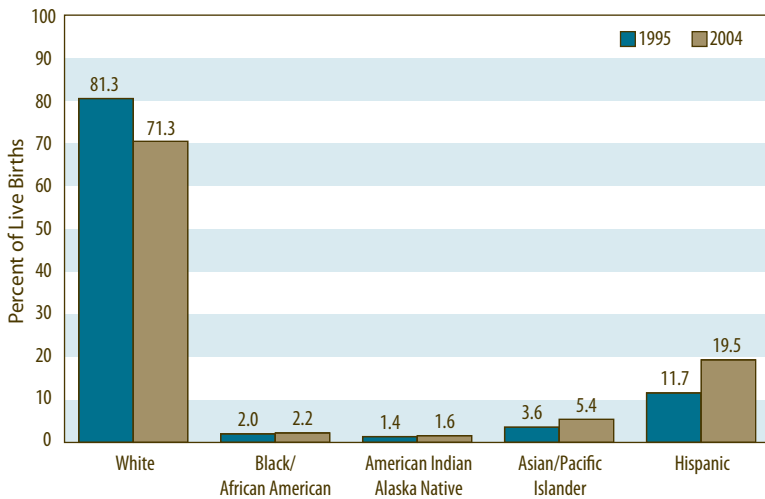
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RACE/ETHNICITY

- Nearly three-fourths (71.3 percent) of Oregon live births in 2004 were to white women, and nearly one-fifth (19.5 percent) were born to Hispanic women. Infants born to Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, and black/African American mothers combined made up less than 10 percent of live births.
- Over the last ten years, the percent distribution of live births by race/ethnicity has changed. Since 1995, the percentage of infants born to Hispanic women increased by 67 percent.
- Although making up over two-thirds of the live birth population, the percentage of infants born to white mothers significantly decreased – from 81.3 percent in 1995 to 71.3 percent in 2004.
- Oregon’s distribution of live births for Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native race/ethnic groups was similar to the U.S. in 2004. However, the percentage of infants born to white mothers was 25 percent higher in Oregon.
- In 2004, 2.2 percent of Oregon live births were to black/African American women – compared to 14.2 percent for the U.S.

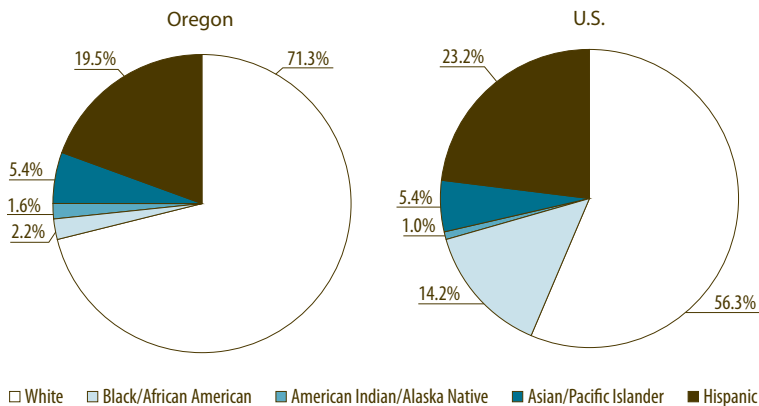
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Distribution of Live Births by Race/Ethnicity, Oregon, 1995 & 2004



Data Source: Oregon Vital Statistics

Distribution of Live Births by Race/Ethnicity, Oregon & U.S., 2004



Data Source: Oregon Vital Statistics; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics. VitalStats. Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/vitalstats.htm>. [cited 2007 July]

AGE, EDUCATION & MARITAL STATUS

During 2004, there were 45,660 live births in Oregon. Of these:

- over half were to women age 25–34 years and one-fourth were to women age 20–24 years;
- approximately half were to women who had more than a high school education, 30.3 percent had a high school education, and 20.1 percent had not completed high school;
- nearly 70 percent occurred among married women.

Compared to the U.S., Oregon women who had a live birth in 2004 were:

- less likely to have been under 18 years of age – 2.7 percent of Oregon mothers were under 18 years of age compared to 3.4 percent of U.S. mothers;
- more likely to have been married – 67.5 percent of Oregon mothers were married compared to 64.2 percent of U.S. mothers.

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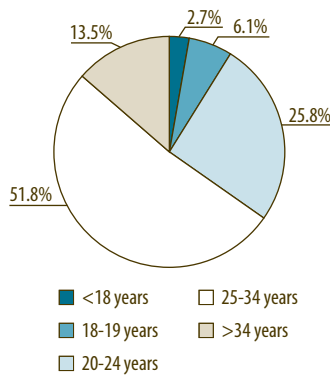
Demographics of Women With Live Births, Oregon & U.S., 2004

	Oregon Birth Rate*	Oregon Percent	U.S. Percent
Maternal Race/Ethnicity			
White	10.8	71.3	56.3
Black/African American	14.5	2.2	14.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	14.8	1.6	1.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.7	5.4	5.4
Hispanic	25.8	19.5	23.2
Maternal Age			
<18 years	2.9	2.7	3.4
18-19 years	58.8	6.1	6.8
20-24 years	95.2	25.8	25.2
25-34 years	97.0	51.8	50.3
>34 years	15.9	13.5	14.2
Maternal Education			
<12 years		20.1	22.2
12 years		30.3	29.9
>12 years		49.6	47.9
Marital Status			
Married		67.5	64.2
Unmarried		32.5	35.8

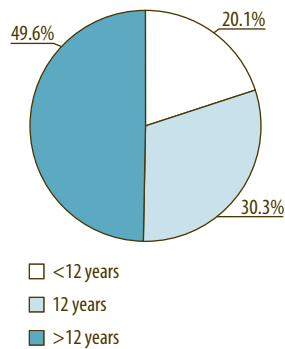
*Crude birth rate per 1,000 population for race/ethnicity; Age-specific birth rate per 1,000 women in specified age range for maternal age.

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Live Births by Maternal Age, Oregon, 2004



Live Births by Maternal Education, Oregon, 2004



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