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	15-44 years (1)	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)									
1999.....	44.4	40.4	25.5	63.3	72.9	60.2	39.3	19.3	4.6
1998.....	44.3	41.5	27.0	64.5	72.3	58.4	39.1	19.0	4.6
1997.....	44.0	42.2	28.2	65.2	71.0	56.2	39.0	19.0	4.6
1996.....	44.8	42.9	29.0	65.9	70.7	56.8	41.1	20.1	4.8
1995.....	45.1	44.4	30.5	67.6	70.3	56.1	39.6	19.5	4.7
1994.....	46.9	46.4	32.0	70.1	72.2	59.0	40.1	19.8	4.7
1993.....	45.3	44.5	30.6	66.9	69.2	57.1	38.5	19.0	4.4
1992.....	45.2	44.6	30.4	67.3	68.5	56.5	37.9	18.8	4.1
1991.....	45.2	44.8	30.9	65.7	68.0	56.5	38.1	18.0	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

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	15-44 years (1)	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years (2)
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1969 (7)	24.8	20.4	15.2	30.8	37.3	37.9	27.0	13.5	3.6
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									
1999	38.1	33.7	21.0	53.3	61.4	53.4	35.8	17.5	4.1
1998	37.5	34.0	21.8	53.5	60.5	50.9	34.9	17.0	4.0
1997	37.0	34.2	22.4	53.6	59.2	49.3	34.4	16.7	3.9
1996	37.6	34.5	22.7	54.1	59.0	49.9	36.1	17.8	4.3
1995	37.5	35.5	23.6	55.4	58.0	48.7	34.2	16.9	4.2
1994	38.3	36.2	24.1	56.4	58.1	49.7	34.2	17.3	4.3
1993	35.9	33.6	22.1	52.4	54.2	46.7	32.2	16.4	3.9
1992	35.2	33.0	21.6	51.5	52.7	45.4	31.5	16.2	3.6
1991	34.6	32.8	21.8	49.6	51.5	44.6	31.1	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

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1980 (5).....	18.1	16.5	12.0	24.1	25.1	21.5	14.1	7.1	1.8
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									
1999.....	27.9	25.5	14.6	42.3	46.0	37.0	25.0	13.0	3.1
1998.....	28.0	26.1	15.6	42.8	46.0	36.1	25.2	13.1	3.0

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1997.....	27.6	26.4	16.2	43.1	44.8	35.2	25.1	12.7	2.9
1996.....	28.3	27.0	16.9	43.8	44.5	35.7	26.6	13.9	3.3
1995.....	28.2	27.7	17.6	44.5	43.8	34.9	25.3	13.0	3.2
1994.....	28.5	28.1	18.0	45.0	43.8	35.0	24.8	12.9	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									
1999.....	71.5	78.4	51.5	117.9	130.3	89.6	50.3	24.7	5.9
1998.....	73.3	83.4	56.5	123.5	131.0	90.3	51.7	24.7	6.1
1997.....	73.4	86.4	60.6	127.2	127.8	85.2	52.3	24.7	6.5
1996.....	74.4	89.2	64.0	129.2	125.8	84.5	54.5	25.5	6.1
1995.....	75.9	92.8	68.6	131.2	127.7	84.8	54.3	25.6	6.0
1994.....	82.1	100.9	75.1	141.6	138.1	93.6	57.2	26.3	5.9
1993.....	84.0	102.4	76.8	141.6	142.2	94.5	57.3	25.9	5.8
1992.....	86.5	105.9	78.0	147.8	144.3	98.2	57.7	25.8	5.4
1991.....	89.5	108.5	80.4	148.7	147.5	100.9	60.1	25.6	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
HISPANIC (10)									
Reported/Inferred (4)									
Race of mother									
1999	93.4	73.8	52.4	107.6	143.3	143.6	93.3	44.1	11.3
1998	90.1	73.9	53.0	107.8	135.0	136.0	85.4	40.1	12.0
1997	91.4	75.2	55.0	109.5	139.1	135.0	86.1	42.0	12.2
1996	93.2	74.5	53.4	110.4	146.5	139.1	90.8	42.3	12.3
1995	95.0	78.7	56.3	117.9	148.9	133.8	89.2	43.4	12.2
1994	101.2	82.6	59.0	123.6	154.8	141.6	95.5	48.4	14.0
1993	95.2	74.6	51.9	114.6	140.5	137.7	90.9	47.8	14.1
1992	95.3	72.9	51.0	110.5	142.2	138.3	91.8	48.1	14.5
1991	93.7	72.4	50.5	109.6	135.4	137.5	89.1	47.7	14.2
1990	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 the District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate. Rate shown for ages 35-39 years is based on births to unmarried women aged 35-44 years.
- 10/ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Rates cannot be computed for unmarried non-Hispanic black women because the necessary populations are not available.