

Table 1-3. Birth Rates by Live-Birth Order and Race of Child: United States, Specified Years 1940-55 and Each Year 1960-80

(Rates are live births per 1,000 women 15-44 years in specified group. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Beginning in 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

NOTE: Data for 1981-98 are available in Births: Final Data for 1998, Table 5.

Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ALL RACES								
Registered births								
1980 (1)	68.4	29.5	21.8	10.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	0.4
1979 (1)	67.2	28.6	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1978 (1)	65.5	27.8	21.1	9.8	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1977 (1)	66.8	28.2	21.6	10.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	0.5
1976 (1)	65.0	27.5	20.8	9.5	3.8	1.6	1.2	0.6
1975 (1)	66.0	28.1	20.9	9.4	3.9	1.7	1.3	0.7
1974 (1)	67.8	28.7	21.4	9.5	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.8
1973 (1)	68.8	28.6	21.0	9.8	4.5	2.2	1.8	0.9
1972 (1)	73.1	29.8	21.4	10.6	5.3	2.6	2.2	1.2
1971 (2)	81.6	32.0	23.1	12.5	6.4	3.3	2.8	1.5
1970 (2)	87.9	34.2	24.2	13.6	7.2	3.8	3.2	1.8
1969 (2)	86.1	32.6	23.3	13.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	2.0
1968 (2)	85.2	31.9	22.4	13.1	7.5	4.2	3.9	2.3
1967 (3)	87.2	30.7	22.5	13.9	8.3	4.8	4.5	2.7
1966 (2)	90.8	30.9	22.4	14.7	9.1	5.4	5.2	3.1
1965 (2)	96.3	29.7	23.3	16.6	10.7	6.4	6.0	3.7
1964 (2)	104.7	30.3	25.1	18.7	12.2	7.3	6.9	4.1
1963 (2)	108.3	29.9	26.1	19.9	13.1	7.8	7.3	4.3
1962 (2)	112.0	29.9	26.9	21.0	13.8	8.2	7.6	4.5
1961 (2)	117.1	30.9	28.3	22.4	14.6	8.5	7.9	4.5
1960 (2)	118.0	31.1	29.2	22.8	14.6	8.3	7.6	4.3
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955	118.3	32.8	31.8	23.1	13.3	7.2	6.4	3.8
1950	106.2	33.3	32.1	18.4	9.2	4.8	4.7	3.6
1945	85.9	28.9	22.9	13.4	7.5	4.5	4.8	4.0
1940	79.9	29.3	20.0	10.9	6.4	4.1	4.8	4.3

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1980(1)	64.7	28.4	21.0	9.5	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1979(1)	63.4	27.4	20.8	9.4	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1978(1)	61.7	26.6	20.2	9.2	3.3	1.3	0.8	0.3
1977(1)	63.2	26.9	20.9	9.4	3.4	1.4	0.9	0.4
1976(1)	61.5	26.3	20.2	8.9	3.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1975(1)	62.5	26.7	20.3	8.8	3.5	1.5	1.1	0.5
1974(1)	64.2	27.2	20.8	9.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1973(1)	64.9	27.0	20.4	9.2	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.7
1972(1)	68.9	28.1	20.9	10.1	4.9	2.3	1.8	0.8
1971(2)	77.3	30.5	22.5	12.0	6.0	3.0	2.3	1.0
1970(2)	84.1	32.9	23.7	13.3	6.8	3.4	2.7	1.2
1969(2)	82.2	31.4	22.9	13.1	7.0	3.6	2.9	1.4
1968(2)	81.3	30.8	22.0	12.8	7.1	3.8	3.2	1.6
1967(3)	82.8	29.6	22.1	13.5	7.8	4.3	3.7	1.8
1966(2)	86.2	30.0	21.9	14.3	8.6	4.9	4.3	2.1
1965(2)	91.3	28.9	22.9	16.2	10.1	5.8	5.0	2.4
1964(2)	99.8	29.8	24.8	18.4	11.7	6.7	5.7	2.7
1963(2,5)	103.6	29.4	25.9	19.6	12.6	7.1	6.1	2.9
1962(2,5)	107.5	29.6	26.8	20.8	13.3	7.5	6.3	3.0
1961(2)	112.3	30.6	28.3	22.2	14.0	7.7	6.4	3.0
1960(2)	113.2	30.8	29.2	22.7	14.1	7.5	6.1	2.8

Births Adjusted for  
Underregistration(4)

1955	113.7	32.6	32.0	22.9	12.6	6.2	4.9	2.5
1950	102.3	33.3	32.3	17.9	8.4	4.1	3.7	2.5
1945	83.4	29.0	23.3	13.2	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.0
1940	77.1	29.4	20.0	10.5	5.9	3.6	4.1	3.5

ALL OTHER

1980(1)	88.6	35.6	26.2	14.4	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9
1979(1)	88.5	35.7	26.2	14.2	6.4	2.9	2.1	1.0
1978(1)	87.0	35.0	25.8	13.8	6.3	2.9	2.2	1.1
1977(1)	87.7	35.6	25.7	13.5	6.2	3.0	2.4	1.3
1976(1)	85.8	35.2	24.7	12.8	6.0	3.0	2.5	1.5
1975(1)	87.7	36.7	24.6	12.6	6.1	3.1	2.8	1.8
1974(1)	89.8	37.7	24.7	12.5	6.3	3.3	3.1	2.1
1973(1)	93.4	38.8	24.4	13.0	6.9	3.9	3.7	2.6
1972(1)	99.5	40.6	25.0	13.7	7.7	4.6	4.6	3.4
1971(2)	109.1	41.6	26.8	15.5	9.0	5.6	5.9	4.6
1970(2)	113.0	42.4	26.9	15.9	9.7	6.1	6.7	5.3
1969(2)	111.6	41.0	25.6	15.4	9.8	6.5	7.2	6.1
1968(2)	111.9	39.5	24.6	15.3	10.1	6.8	8.3	7.2
1967(3)	117.1	37.6	25.3	16.5	11.2	7.9	9.9	8.8
1966(2)	123.5	36.6	25.5	17.7	12.6	9.2	11.4	10.5

1965 (2)	131.9	35.3	26.2	19.3	14.4	10.7	13.6	12.4
1964 (2)	140.0	34.4	27.1	20.9	15.8	12.0	15.6	14.3
1963 (2,5)	143.7	33.5	27.4	21.6	16.8	13.0	16.4	15.0
1962 (2,5)	147.8	32.9	27.8	22.7	17.7	13.6	17.5	15.6
1961 (2)	153.0	33.5	28.7	23.6	18.7	14.0	18.4	16.0
1960 (2)	153.6	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6

Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)

1955	154.3	34.8	30.5	24.2	19.0	14.5	17.3	14.0
1950	137.3	33.8	30.3	22.9	15.3	10.4	12.6	12.0
1945	106.0	27.9	20.1	14.7	11.3	8.7	11.3	11.9
1940	102.4	28.6	19.6	14.1	10.5	7.8	10.4	11.3

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1980 (1)	88.1	35.2	25.7	14.5	6.7	3.0	2.1	0.9
1979 (1)	88.3	35.3	25.8	14.4	6.6	3.0	2.2	1.0
1978 (1)	86.7	34.6	25.4	13.9	6.5	3.0	2.3	1.1
1977 (1)	88.1	35.6	25.5	13.6	6.4	3.1	2.4	1.4
1976 (1)	85.8	35.2	24.4	12.9	6.2	3.1	2.6	1.5
1975 (1)	87.9	36.9	24.2	12.6	6.3	3.2	2.9	1.9
1974 (1)	89.7	37.7	24.2	12.6	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.2
1973 (1)	93.6	38.9	24.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	3.9	2.8
1972 (1)	99.9	40.7	24.6	13.7	7.9	4.7	4.8	3.6
1971 (2)	109.7	41.7	26.6	15.5	9.2	5.7	6.2	4.8
1970 (2)	115.4	43.3	27.1	16.1	10.0	6.4	7.0	5.6
1969 (2)	112.1	41.2	25.4	15.4	9.9	6.6	7.4	6.3
1968 (2)	112.7	39.8	24.4	15.3	10.2	7.0	8.5	7.5
1967 (3)	118.5	38.0	25.3	16.5	11.4	8.1	10.1	9.1
1966 (2)	124.7	36.9	25.5	17.7	12.7	9.4	11.7	10.8
1965 (2)	133.2	35.6	26.1	19.3	14.5	10.9	14.0	12.7
1964 (2)	142.6	35.0	27.3	21.1	16.1	12.3	16.1	14.7
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1960 (2)	153.5	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6

--- Data not available.

- 1/ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.
- 2/ Based on a 50-percent sample of births.
- 3/ Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.
- 4/ For method of adjustment, see Technical Appendix.
- 5/ Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see Technical Appendix.