

VIII. OUT-OF-WEDLOCK PREGNANCIES AND BIRTHS

An additional central objective of TANF is to “prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies.”

Out-of-Wedlock Births in TANF Families

The TANF statute requires the Department to rank States based on a ratio of the total number of out-of-wedlock births in TANF families to the total number of births in TANF families and to show the net changes in the ratios between the current year and the previous year. (See Table 8:1 for FY 2001 data and net changes between FY 2000 and FY 2001.)

States were required to report data on out-of-wedlock births in TANF families for the first time in 2001 for the period FY 2000. Some States had difficulty in reporting, and some State data may have been incomplete or inaccurate. Many of these data issues have since been resolved. Currently, the Department does not have enough information to analyze thoroughly these data or identify State trends.

Out-of-Wedlock Birth Reduction Bonus

Also as provided in the TANF statute, the Department awards a “Bonus to Reward Decrease in Illegitimacy Ratio” to as many as five States (and three Territories, if eligible) that achieve the largest decrease in out-of-wedlock births without experiencing an increase in their abortion rates above 1995 levels.

The Administration for Children and Families issued final regulations on this bonus provision on April 14, 1999, implementing section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act. As specified in the statute, up to \$100 million annually is available in each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002. Potentially eligible States include the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. The amount of any award for Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa will be 25 percent of their mandatory TANF ceiling amount. The remainder of the \$100 million will be divided equally among the other eligible States up to a maximum of \$25 million for each eligible recipient.

Bonuses are awarded as follows:

- The ratio of out-of-wedlock births to total births is calculated for each State for the most recent two-year period for which data are available and for the prior two-year period. To compute these ratios, HHS uses the vital statistics data compiled annually by the National Center for Health Statistics, based on records submitted by the States.

- The five States that had the largest proportionate decrease in their ratios between the most recent two-year period for which data are available and the prior two-year period are identified. These States are potentially eligible.
- If Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa had a comparable decrease in their ratios (i.e., a decrease at least as large as the smallest decrease among the other qualifying States or a decrease that ranks among the top five decreases when all States and Territories are ranked together), they are potentially eligible.
- The potentially eligible States and Territories are notified that, to be considered for the bonus, they need to submit data on the number of abortions performed in their jurisdiction for the most recent year and for 1995.
- HHS determines which of the potentially eligible States and Territories also experienced a decrease in their rate of abortions (defined for the purposes of this bonus to be the ratio of abortions to live births) for the most recent calendar year compared to 1995, the base year specified in the Act. These States and Territories will receive a bonus award.
- While the criteria for determining bonus eligibility for Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and American Samoa are the same as for the States, their eligibility is determined separately and their bonus amount is different, as specified in the statute, i.e., sections 403(a)(2)(B)(ii) (Amount of Grant) and 403(a)(2)(C)(i)(I) (Definition of Eligible State).

In 1999 and 2000, five States were awarded a bonus. In 2001, only three States received a bonus. In 2002, six jurisdictions received a bonus: Alabama, Colorado, District of Columbia, Michigan, Texas, and the Virgin Islands. (Tables 8:5 through 8:8 contain the information on which these awards were based.)

Out-of-Wedlock and Teen Births Among the General Population

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in HHS is responsible for collecting and analyzing vital statistics data. Based on preliminary numbers of births for 2001, NCHS data show that the birth rate for unmarried women aged 15-44 years declined slightly in 2001 to 44.9 births per 1,000 women, compared with 45.2 in 2000. The preliminary 2001 birth rate is still four percent below the 1994 peak (46.9). The proportion of all births that were out-of-wedlock rose to 33.4 percent in 2001, compared with 33.2 in 2000. Since 1994, the proportion has changed very little, ranging from 32.2 to 33.4 percent (Tables 8:2 through 8:4). After several decades of sharp increases, non-marital childbearing leveled off during the second half of the 1990s and 2000-2001.

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Table 8:1

Number of Total and Out-of-Wedlock Births in TANF Families for Fiscal Year 2001;
 Ratio of Out-of-Wedlock to Total Births for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, with State Ranks from High to Low;
 and Change in Net Ratios from Fiscal Year 2000 to Fiscal Year 2001, with State Ranks from Low to High
 (listed alphabetically by State)*

State	Fiscal Year 2001				Fiscal Year 2000		Change from FY 2000 to FY 2001	
	Total Births in TANF Families	Out-of-Wedlock Births among TANF Families	Ratio of Out-of-Wedlock to Total Births	State Rank (High to Low)	Ratio of Out-of-Wedlock to Total Births	State Rank (High to Low)	Net Change in Ratio	State Rank (Low to High)
U.S. Totals	207,099	158,943	76.75%		66.90%		9.85%	
**Alabama	671	550	81.97%	25	80.11%	16	1.85%	35
Alaska	376	313	83.24%	22	73.43%	31	9.82%	44
Arizona	461	306	66.38%	40	77.43%	21	-11.05%	3
Arkansas	10	3	30.00%	46	14.40%	46	15.60%	48
**California	31,000	23,566	76.02%	8	76.40%	26	-0.38%	17
Colorado	1,845	1,304	70.68%	37	68.22%	39	2.45%	37
**Connecticut	2,179	1,922	88.21%	13	79.73%	17	8.48%	43
**Delaware	397	43	10.83%	47	76.72%	23	-65.89%	1
Dist. of Col.	107	94	87.85%	21	70.85%	33	17.00%	50
**Florida	2,313	1,949	84.26%	14	82.78%	13	1.48%	32
**Georgia	3,247	2,739	84.35%	15	86.35%	5	-1.99%	8
Guam	0	0	--	49	--	49	--	54
**Hawaii	2,729	2,170	79.52%	24	79.10%	18	0.42%	27
Idaho	61	55	90.16%	1	76.00%	27	14.16%	46
Illinois	15,674	12,420	79.24%	28	68.85%	37	10.39%	45
**Indiana	11,970	9,881	82.55%	20	83.36%	12	-0.81%	13
Iowa	1,376	153	11.12%	45	14.75%	45	-3.63%	5
Kansas	3,775	2,897	76.74%	33	76.56%	25	0.18%	24
Kentucky	3,116	2,351	75.45%	35	72.51%	32	2.94%	40
Louisiana	4,928	4,363	88.53%	5	88.15%	3	0.38%	26
Maine	490	431	87.96%	3	88.81%	2	-0.85%	12
**Maryland	2,845	2,374	83.44%	19	80.99%	15	2.45%	37
Massachusetts	6,423	5,581	86.89%	10	86.57%	4	0.32%	25
Michigan	13,292	11,348	85.37%	12	85.89%	7	-0.52%	15
Minnesota	5,843	4,387	75.08%	32	75.10%	30	-0.02%	20
Mississippi	3,891	3,237	83.19%	18	84.28%	8	-1.09%	10
Missouri	5,376	3,988	74.18%	36	76.62%	24	-2.44%	7
Montana	224	129	57.59%	43	69.81%	36	-12.22%	2
**Nebraska	2,240	1,975	88.17%	7	89.26%	1	-1.09%	10
Nevada	1,400	1,223	87.36%	6	42.61%	42	44.75%	52
New Hampshire	112	93	83.04%	17	77.56%	19	5.47%	42
**New Jersey	742	601	81.00%	26	81.81%	14	-0.81%	13
New Mexico	1,375	0	0.00%	49	0.00%	49	0.00%	21
New York	14,393	11,161	77.54%	30	75.36%	28	2.18%	36
North Carolina	2,153	705	32.75%	44	32.77%	43	-0.03%	19
**North Dakota	156	0	0.00%	49	0.00%	49	0.00%	21
Ohio	4,472	3,407	76.19%	31	77.40%	22	-1.22%	9
**Oklahoma	7,890	4,884	61.90%	41	19.80%	44	42.10%	51
Oregon	2,793	2,306	82.56%	29	0.00%	49	82.56%	53
Pennsylvania	25,255	19,144	75.80%	34	75.25%	29	0.55%	28
**Puerto Rico	197	0	0.00%	49	0.00%	49	0.00%	21
Rhode Island	1,607	1,266	80.02%	27	77.55%	20	2.48%	39
South Carolina	1,100	940	85.45%	9	83.89%	9	1.57%	33
**South Dakota	205	175	85.37%	2	83.53%	11	1.84%	34
**Tennessee	7,976	6,671	83.64%	16	83.68%	10	-0.04%	18
Texas	1,188	1,028	86.53%	4	85.91%	6	0.62%	29
**Utah	1,318	762	57.81%	42	58.25%	41	-0.44%	16
Vermont	395	344	87.09%	11	70.40%	34	16.69%	49
**Virgin Islands	97	1	1.03%	49	0.00%	49	1.03%	31
**Virginia	211	12	5.69%	48	4.80%	47	0.89%	30
Washington	3,512	2,413	68.71%	38	65.15%	40	3.56%	41
West Virginia	737	484	65.67%	39	70.18%	35	-4.51%	4
Wisconsin	923	774	83.86%	23	68.53%	38	15.33%	47
Wyoming	33	0	0.00%	49	3.23%	48	-3.23%	6

*Data may be taken from samples for some States.

**These States do not serve two-parent families in their TANF programs.

Source: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

Table 8:2

Number, Rate, and Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women:
United States, 1980 and 1985-2001

Year	Births to unmarried women		
	Number	Rate (1)	Percent (2)
2001	1,350,154	44.9	33.4
2000	1,347,043	45.2	33.2
1999	1,308,560	44.4	33.0
1998	1,293,567	44.3	32.8
1997	1,257,444	44.0	32.4
1996	1,260,306	44.8	32.4
1995	1,253,976	45.1	32.2
1994	1,289,592	46.9	32.6
1993	1,240,172	45.3	31.0
1992	1,224,876	45.2	30.1
1991	1,213,769	45.2	29.5
1990	1,165,384	43.8	28.0
1989	1,094,169	41.6	27.1
1988	1,005,299	38.5	25.7
1987	933,013	36.0	24.5
1986	878,477	34.2	23.4
1985	828,174	32.8	22.0
1980	665,747	29.4	18.4

(1) Births to unmarried women per 1,000 unmarried women aged 15-44 years.

(2) Percent of all births to unmarried women.

NOTE: For most States, data on births to unmarried women are based on a direct question on the birth certificate or are based on a direct question on the birth certificate or in the electronic birth registration process, asking if the mother is married. In 1998-2001, mother's marital status for two states was inferred from other information on the birth certificate. Data for 2001 are preliminary.

Source: *Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics.*

Table 8:3

Number and Percent of Births to Unmarried Women: United States and Each State and Territory, 2000, and Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, United States and Each State and Territory, 1996-2001, by Place of Residence

State	Number 2000	Percent of All Births to Unmarried Women					
		2001 *	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
United States	1,347,043	33.4	33.2	33.0	32.8	32.4	32.4
Alabama	21,696	34.4	34.3	33.3	34.1	33.9	33.7
Alaska	3,291	32.7	33.0	33.2	31.1	30.6	31.0
Arizona	33,475	39.5	39.3	38.8	38.4	37.6	38.8
Arkansas	13,490	36.1	35.7	35.2	35.0	34.2	33.9
California	174,050	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.8	32.8	31.4
Colorado	16,369	25.0	25.0	25.4	25.6	25.2	24.8
Connecticut	12,591	28.9	29.3	29.0	31.2	32.7	31.3
Delaware	4,193	39.9	37.9	38.8	37.1	36.0	35.5
Dist. of Columb	4,626	57.1	60.3	61.7	62.9	63.6	66.1
Florida	78,068	39.0	38.2	37.5	36.6	36.0	35.9
Georgia	49,058	37.3	37.0	36.6	36.2	35.4	35.0
Hawaii	5,658	33.0	32.2	32.8	31.5	29.9	30.3
Idaho	4,392	22.0	21.6	21.6	22.0	20.7	21.3
Illinois	63,852	34.1	34.5	34.1	34.1	33.4	33.7
Indiana	30,409	35.5	34.7	34.5	33.5	32.6	32.3
Iowa	10,711	28.8	28.0	27.5	27.2	26.2	26.3
Kansas	11,497	29.9	29.0	28.6	27.8	27.6	26.9
Kentucky	17,377	31.6	31.0	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.6
Louisiana	30,980	46.2	45.6	44.8	44.9	43.9	43.4
Maine	4,222	31.8	31.0	31.3	30.6	29.7	28.7
Maryland	25,726	34.4	34.6	34.9	34.4	33.5	33.5
Massachusetts	21,654	26.7	26.5	26.5	26.1	25.9	25.5
Michigan	45,354	34.2	33.3	33.1	33.9	33.2	33.8
Minnesota	17,468	26.3	25.8	25.9	25.6	25.0	24.8
Mississippi	20,267	46.3	46.0	45.9	45.4	45.4	45.0
Missouri	26,436	34.6	34.6	34.1	34.1	33.1	33.2
Montana	3,378	31.4	30.8	30.0	29.9	28.7	27.9
Nebraska	6,692	27.7	27.2	25.9	26.2	25.8	24.8
Nevada	11,213	37.1	36.4	35.7	35.0	35.5	42.7
New Hampshire	3,603	24.2	24.7	24.2	24.1	23.8	23.4
New Jersey	33,464	29.0	28.9	28.5	28.3	28.0	28.0
New Mexico	12,401	46.2	45.6	45.1	44.0	43.5	42.1
New York	94,594	35.6	36.6	36.6	34.9	35.2	39.6
North Carolina	40,118	34.3	33.3	33.2	32.8	32.2	32.0
North Dakota	2,173	27.9	28.3	27.5	27.0	26.0	25.1
Ohio	53,864	35.1	34.6	34.1	34.0	33.9	33.1
Oklahoma	17,054	34.7	34.3	33.2	33.2	32.4	30.9
Oregon	13,793	30.4	30.1	30.4	29.7	28.8	29.7
Pennsylvania	47,839	33.7	32.7	32.9	32.8	32.8	32.3
Rhode Island	4,435	33.8	35.5	34.3	33.9	33.1	33.3
South Carolina	22,341	39.9	39.8	39.0	38.8	38.0	37.3
South Dakota	3,462	33.6	33.5	31.8	32.0	31.1	29.5
Tennessee	27,505	35.7	34.5	34.7	34.9	34.1	33.4
Texas	110,985	30.6	30.5	31.3	31.5	30.7	30.4
Utah	8,186	17.4	17.3	16.7	17.1	16.6	16.2
Vermont	1,827	31.0	28.1	28.9	28.0	26.1	26.4
Virginia	29,617	30.3	29.9	29.7	29.8	29.3	28.6
Washington	22,852	28.7	28.2	28.1	27.9	27.1	27.3
West Virginia	6,608	32.6	31.7	31.7	32.4	31.3	31.3
Wisconsin	20,327	29.9	29.3	29.2	28.5	28.1	27.4
Wyoming	1,802	29.6	28.8	29.0	29.6	27.4	27.0
Puerto Rico	29,507	50.7	49.7	48.1	47.0	45.8	44.2
Virgin Islands	1,043	67.0	66.7	67.1	69.6	67.8	64.3
Guam	2,064	54.4	54.8	55.9	54.2	49.3	48.5
American Samoa	614	---	35.5	35.5	34.2	34.7	34.0
Northern Mariana	---	---	---	47.4	45.6	---	---

--- Data not available.

* Preliminary data only.

NOTE: In 1998 and 1999, for 48 States and the District of Columbia, marital status of mother is determined from a direct question in the birth registration process. In two States, Michigan and New York, mother's marital status is inferred. Marital status was inferred in four States and the District of Columbia in 1997, and in five States and the District of Columbia in 1996. Data for 2001 are preliminary.

Source: Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, various reports.

Table 8:4

Number and Percent of Births to Unmarried Women: United States and Each State and Territory, 2000, in Ascending Rank Order by Percent

State	Number	Percent
United States	1,347,043	33.2
Utah	8,186	17.3
Idaho	4,392	21.6
New Hampshire	3,603	24.7
Colorado	16,369	25.0
Minnesota	17,468	25.8
Massachusetts	21,654	26.5
Nebraska	6,692	27.2
Iowa	10,711	28.0
Vermont	1,827	28.1
Washington	22,852	28.2
North Dakota	2,173	28.3
Wyoming	1,802	28.8
New Jersey	33,464	28.9
Kansas	11,497	29.0
Wisconsin	20,327	29.3
Connecticut	12,591	29.3
Virginia	29,617	29.9
Oregon	13,793	30.1
Texas	110,985	30.5
Montana	3,378	30.8
Maine	4,222	31.0
Kentucky	17,377	31.0
West Virginia	6,608	31.7
Hawaii	5,658	32.2
Pennsylvania	47,839	32.7
California	174,050	32.7
Alaska	3,291	33.0
North Carolina	40,118	33.3
Michigan	45,354	33.3
South Dakota	3,462	33.5
Oklahoma	17,054	34.3
Alabama	21,696	34.3
Tennessee	27,505	34.5
Illinois	63,852	34.5
Ohio	53,864	34.6
Missouri	26,436	34.6
Maryland	25,726	34.6
Indiana	30,409	34.7
Rhode Island	4,435	35.5
Arkansas	13,490	35.7
Nevada	11,213	36.4
New York	94,594	36.6
Georgia	49,058	37.0
Delaware	4,193	37.9
Florida	78,068	38.2
Arizona	33,475	39.3
South Carolina	22,341	39.8
Louisiana	30,980	45.6
New Mexico	12,401	45.6
Mississippi	20,267	46.0
Dist. of Columbia	4,626	60.3
American Samoa	614	35.5
Puerto Rico	29,507	49.7
Guam	2,064	54.8
Virgin Islands	1,043	66.7
Northern Marianas	---	---

--- Data not available.

Source: *Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, Births: Final data for 2000. National vital statistics reports, 50(5).*

Table 8:5

Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1994-95 Average and 1996-97 Average, and Percent Change in the Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1994-95 to 1996-97, United States and Each Territory (alphabetically ordered)

[State Data for the FY1999 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards]

State	State Data for the FY1999 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards		
	Percent Unmarried, 1996-97	Percent Unmarried, 1994-95	Percent Change in Percent Unmarried, 1994-95 to 1996-97
United States ^{1/}	32.394%	32.392%	0.003%
Alabama	33.773%	34.470%	-2.022%
Alaska	30.815%	29.567%	4.220%
Arizona	38.232%	38.289%	-0.148%
Arkansas	34.061%	32.763%	3.962%
California	30.422%	32.248%	-5.665%
Colorado	25.045%	24.918%	0.511%
Connecticut	32.035%	30.547%	4.872%
Delaware	35.751%	34.821%	2.669%
District of Columbia	64.889%	67.388%	-3.708%
Florida	35.980%	35.743%	0.662%
Georgia	35.222%	35.336%	-0.324%
Hawaii	30.092%	28.760%	4.630%
Idaho	21.009%	19.299%	8.862%
Illinois	33.569%	34.064%	-1.452%
Indiana	32.457%	31.735%	2.272%
Iowa	26.235%	25.008%	4.908%
Kansas	27.213%	25.916%	5.004%
Kentucky	29.612%	28.076%	5.471%
Louisiana	43.688%	42.546%	2.684%
Maine	29.221%	27.970%	4.469%
Maryland	33.489%	33.523%	-0.102%
Massachusetts	25.706%	26.095%	-1.493%
Michigan	33.510%	34.676%	-3.361%
Minnesota	24.914%	23.932%	4.104%
Mississippi	45.228%	45.396%	-0.371%
Missouri	33.137%	32.294%	2.609%
Montana	28.311%	25.989%	8.934%
Nebraska	25.289%	24.546%	3.028%
Nevada	39.550%	36.727%	7.686%
New Hampshire	23.598%	22.159%	6.493%
New Jersey	27.988%	27.872%	0.418%
New Mexico	42.821%	42.111%	2.270%
New York	39.403%	37.748%	4.384%
North Carolina	32.100%	31.645%	1.437%
North Dakota	25.587%	23.253%	10.036%
Ohio	33.520%	32.972%	1.663%
Oklahoma	31.682%	30.143%	5.105%
Oregon	29.257%	28.798%	1.593%
Pennsylvania	32.544%	32.612%	-0.211%
Rhode Island	33.202%	31.636%	4.949%
South Carolina	37.677%	37.140%	1.445%
South Dakota	30.306%	27.862%	8.772%
Tennessee	33.750%	33.249%	1.505%
Texas	30.565%	29.437%	5.042%
Utah	16.388%	15.707%	4.336%
Vermont	26.260%	25.092%	4.655%
Virginia	29.065%	29.235%	-0.583%
Washington	27.223%	26.345%	3.335%
West Virginia	31.338%	30.367%	3.199%
Wisconsin	27.771%	27.270%	1.838%
Wyoming	27.176%	26.937%	0.888%
Puerto Rico	44.975%	37.153%	21.055%
Virgin Islands	65.987%	64.701%	1.988%
Guam	48.926%	46.496%	5.226%
American Samoa	34.351%	32.925%	4.332%

States and data in bold type are those for which adjusted birth data were provided because the states changed their methodology or procedures for reporting the mother's marital status. Calculations for all other states were done on the basis of data files provided by each state to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which has tabulated the entire national birth file by mother's place of residence.

^{1/} Excludes data for the territories.

NOTE: Separate tables are available from NCHS for the adjusted birth data for California, Nevada, and New York City.

Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS, from published birth data and special tabulations provided by California, Nevada, and New York City.

Table 8:6

Percent Change in the Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1995-96 Average and 1997-98 Average, Percent Change in the Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1995-96 to 1997-98, United States, Each State and Territory (alphabetically ordered)

[State Data for the FY 2000 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards]

State	State Data for the FY 2000 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards		
	Percent Unmarried, 1997-98	Percent Unmarried, 1995-96	Percent Change in Percent Unmarried, 1995-96 to 1997-98
United States 1/	32.611%	32.271%	1.054%
Alabama	33.972%	34.071%	-0.290%
Alaska	30.876%	30.427%	1.474%
Arizona	38.005%	38.537%	-1.380%
Arkansas	34.617%	33.438%	3.523%
California	32.765%	31.741%	3.226%
Colorado	25.407%	24.846%	2.258%
Connecticut	28.616%	27.318%	4.753%
Delaware	36.566%	35.204%	3.868%
District of Columbia	63.249%	65.973%	-4.130%
Florida	36.315%	35.849%	1.301%
Georgia	35.808%	35.083%	2.065%
Hawaii	30.724%	29.725%	3.361%
Idaho	21.365%	20.619%	3.618%
Illinois	33.753%	33.760%	-0.022%
Indiana	33.067%	32.136%	2.896%
Iowa	26.719%	25.730%	3.843%
Kansas	27.654%	26.358%	4.916%
Kentucky	29.755%	29.146%	2.087%
Louisiana	44.429%	42.939%	3.471%
Maine	30.133%	28.254%	6.648%
Maryland	33.918%	33.420%	1.490%
Massachusetts	25.990%	25.529%	1.806%
Michigan	33.595%	34.050%	-1.336%
Minnesota	25.338%	24.335%	4.121%
Mississippi	45.413%	45.196%	0.480%
Missouri	33.591%	32.619%	2.982%
Montana	29.334%	27.166%	7.979%
Nebraska	26.015%	24.533%	6.042%
Nevada	35.036%	34.041%	0.560%
New Hampshire	23.958%	22.817%	5.003%
New Jersey	28.138%	27.787%	1.263%
New Mexico	43.789%	42.345%	3.411%
New York	35.069%	35.048%	0.061%
North Carolina	32.502%	31.710%	2.497%
North Dakota	26.509%	24.342%	8.904%
Ohio	33.948%	33.071%	2.653%
Oklahoma	32.838%	30.691%	6.998%
Oregon	29.287%	29.287%	-0.001%
Pennsylvania	32.800%	32.381%	1.292%
Rhode Island	33.516%	32.181%	4.147%
South Carolina	38.424%	37.382%	2.786%
South Dakota	31.582%	28.752%	9.842%
Tennessee	34.490%	33.234%	3.780%
Texas	31.088%	30.221%	2.872%
Utah	16.872%	15.959%	5.718%
Vermont	27.045%	25.646%	5.457%
Virginia	29.553%	29.051%	1.730%
Washington	27.512%	27.016%	1.836%
West Virginia	31.849%	30.939%	2.942%
Wisconsin	28.296%	27.395%	3.286%
Wyoming	28.460%	26.700%	6.592%
Puerto Rico	46.348%	43.420%	6.743%
Virgin Islands	68.666%	63.206%	8.640%
Guam	51.780%	47.470%	9.079%
American Samoa	34.467%	34.022%	1.308%
Northern Marianas	45.622%	---	---

--- Data not available.

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NOTE: Separate tables are available from NCHS for the adjusted birth data for Connecticut, Nevada and New York City.

Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS, from published birth data and special tabulations provided by Connecticut, Nevada, and New York City.

Table 8:7

Percent Change in the Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1996-97
Average and 1998-99 Average, Percent Change in the Percent of Births
to Unmarried Women, 1996-97 to 1998-99, United States, each State and Territory
(alphabetically ordered)

[State Data for the FY 2001 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards]

State	State Data for the FY2001 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus awards		
	Percent Unmarried, 1998-99	Percent Unmarried, 1996-97	Percent Change in Percent Unmarried, 1996-97 to 1998-99
United States 1/	32.934%	32.394%	1.669%
Alabama	33.689%	33.773%	-0.249%
Alaska	32.144%	30.815%	4.315%
Arizona	38.569%	38.232%	0.881%
Arkansas	35.116%	34.061%	3.097%
California	32.806%	32.072%	2.290%
Colorado	25.500%	25.045%	1.816%
Connecticut	28.934%	27.701%	4.453%
Delaware	37.974%	35.751%	6.219%
District of Columbia	62.309%	64.889%	-3.976%
Florida	37.042%	35.980%	2.953%
Georgia	36.372%	35.222%	3.267%
Hawaii	32.168%	30.092%	6.901%
Idaho	21.820%	21.009%	3.856%
Illinois	34.087%	33.569%	1.542%
Indiana	34.001%	32.457%	4.757%
Iowa	27.372%	26.235%	4.332%
Kansas	28.186%	27.213%	3.578%
Kentucky	30.228%	29.612%	2.078%
Louisiana	44.880%	43.688%	2.729%
Maine	30.923%	29.221%	5.825%
Maryland	34.610%	33.489%	3.347%
Massachusetts	26.293%	25.706%	2.282%
Michigan	33.507%	33.510%	-0.009%
Minnesota	25.759%	24.914%	3.391%
Mississippi	45.675%	45.228%	0.988%
Missouri	34.090%	33.137%	2.878%
Montana	29.944%	28.311%	5.768%
Nebraska	26.030%	25.289%	2.930%
Nevada	35.504%	34.894%	1.746%
New Hampshire	24.169%	23.598%	2.421%
New Jersey	28.394%	27.988%	1.451%
New Mexico	44.589%	43.067%	3.535%
New York	35.752%	35.495%	0.725%
North Carolina	33.008%	32.100%	2.829%
North Dakota	27.243%	25.587%	6.473%
Ohio	34.049%	33.520%	1.578%
Oklahoma	33.193%	31.682%	4.769%
Oregon	30.072%	29.257%	2.786%
Pennsylvania	32.890%	32.544%	1.064%
Rhode Island	34.092%	33.202%	2.680%
South Carolina	38.914%	37.677%	3.283%
South Dakota	31.924%	30.306%	5.338%
Tennessee	34.781%	33.750%	3.056%
Texas	31.378%	30.921%	1.476%
Utah	16.907%	16.388%	3.163%
Vermont	28.458%	26.260%	8.372%
Virginia	29.743%	29.065%	2.333%
Washington	27.973%	27.223%	2.752%
West Virginia	32.058%	31.338%	2.297%
Wisconsin	28.835%	27.771%	3.830%
Wyoming	29.303%	27.176%	7.827%
Puerto Rico	47.532%	44.975%	5.684%
Virgin Islands	68.395%	65.987%	3.650%
Guam	55.007%	48.926%	12.428%
American Samoa	34.871%	34.351%	1.515%
Northern Marianas	46.500%	---	---

--- Data not available.

1/ Excludes data for the territories.

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NOTE: Separate tables are available from CDC/NCHS for the adjusted birth data for Connecticut, Nevada, and New York City.

Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS, CDC, from published birth data and special tabulations provided by Connecticut, Nevada, and New York City.

Table 8:8

Percent Change in the Percent of Births to Unmarried Women, 1997-98
Average and 1999-2000 Average, Percent Change in the Percent of Births
to Unmarried Women, 1997-98 to 1999-2000, United States, each State and Territory
(alphabetically ordered)

[State Data for the FY 2002 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards]

State	State Data for the FY 2002 Out-of-Wedlock Bonus Awards		
	Percent Unmarried, 1999-2000	Percent Unmarried, 1997-98	Percentage Change in Percent Unmarried, 1997-98 to 1999-2000
United States 1/	33.120%	32.574%	1.674%
Alabama	33.797%	33.972%	-0.515%
Alaska	33.086%	30.876%	7.157%
Arizona	39.021%	38.005%	2.673%
Arkansas	35.460%	34.617%	2.436%
California	32.788%	32.765%	0.070%
Colorado	25.224%	25.407%	-0.720%
Connecticut	29.134%	28.616%	1.808%
Delaware	38.385%	36.566%	4.977%
District of Columbia	61.022%	63.249%	-3.521%
Florida	37.864%	36.315%	4.265%
Georgia	36.777%	35.808%	2.708%
Hawaii	32.528%	30.724%	5.871%
Idaho	21.606%	21.365%	1.129%
Illinois	34.306%	33.753%	1.641%
Indiana	34.565%	33.067%	4.529%
Iowa	27.750%	26.719%	3.859%
Kansas	28.803%	27.654%	4.154%
Kentucky	30.713%	29.755%	3.220%
Louisiana	45.240%	44.429%	1.825%
Maine	31.162%	30.133%	3.416%
Maryland	34.733%	33.918%	2.404%
Massachusetts	26.533%	25.990%	2.087%
Michigan	33.190%	33.595%	-1.207%
Minnesota	25.853%	25.338%	2.032%
Mississippi	45.958%	45.413%	1.202%
Missouri	34.348%	33.591%	2.252%
Montana	30.402%	29.334%	3.642%
Nebraska	26.513%	26.015%	1.914%
Nevada	36.045%	35.224%	2.332%
New Hampshire	24.440%	23.958%	2.011%
New Jersey	28.737%	28.138%	2.129%
New Mexico	45.343%	43.789%	3.548%
New York	36.591%	35.069%	4.341%
North Carolina	33.289%	32.502%	2.423%
North Dakota	27.894%	26.509%	5.225%
Ohio	34.378%	33.948%	1.264%
Oklahoma	33.713%	32.838%	2.664%
Oregon	30.264%	29.287%	3.339%
Pennsylvania	32.817%	32.800%	0.054%
Rhode Island	34.888%	33.516%	4.095%
South Carolina	39.421%	38.424%	2.596%
South Dakota	32.632%	31.582%	3.325%
Tennessee	34.613%	34.490%	0.356%
Texas	30.902%	31.088%	-0.598%
Utah	16.988%	16.872%	0.688%
Vermont	28.530%	27.045%	5.489%
Virginia	29.809%	29.553%	0.866%
Washington	28.133%	27.512%	2.254%
West Virginia	31.710%	31.849%	-0.437%
Wisconsin	29.253%	28.296%	3.384%
Wyoming	28.913%	28.460%	1.593%
Puerto Rico	48.921%	46.348%	5.551%
Virgin Islands	66.893%	68.666%	-2.582%
Guam	55.349%	51.780%	6.893%
American Samoa	35.477%	34.467%	2.931%
Northern Marianas	---	---	---

1/ Excludes data for the territories.

Connecticut data are shown in bold type because the State provided adjusted birth data to account for changes in methodology and procedures for reporting the mother's marital status. Calculations for all other states were done on the basis of data files provided by each State to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) which has tabulated the entire national birth file by mother's place of residence.

NOTE: A separate table is available from CDC/NCHS for the adjusted birth data for Connecticut.

Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS, CDC, from published birth data and special tabulations provided by Connecticut.

