

**Table 81. Births and Birth Rates by Plurality of Birth and Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother: 1990 to 2006**

[Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See headnote, Table 79. See Appendix III]

Birth order	1990 <sup>1</sup>	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All births, total number</b> <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	<b>4,158,212</b>	<b>4,058,814</b>	<b>4,089,950</b>	<b>4,112,052</b>	<b>4,138,349</b>	<b>4,265,555</b>
Twin births . . . . .	93,865	118,916	128,665	132,219	133,122	137,085
Triplet and higher order multiple births . . . . .	3,028	7,325	7,663	7,275	6,694	6,540
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	23.3	31.1	33.3	33.9	33.8	33.7
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	22.6	29.3	31.5	32.2	32.2	32.1
Triplet and higher order multiple birth rate <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	72.8	180.5	187.4	176.9	161.8	153.3
<b>Non-Hispanic White births, total number</b> . . .	<b>2,626,500</b>	<b>2,362,968</b>	<b>2,321,904</b>	<b>2,296,683</b>	<b>2,279,768</b>	<b>2,308,640</b>
Twin births . . . . .	60,210	76,018	81,691	83,346	82,223	83,108
Triplet and higher order multiple births . . . . .	2,358	5,821	5,922	5,590	4,966	4,805
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	23.8	34.6	37.7	38.7	38.2	38.1
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	22.9	32.2	35.2	36.3	36.1	36.0
<b>Non-Hispanic Black births, total number</b> . . .	<b>661,701</b>	<b>604,346</b>	<b>576,033</b>	<b>578,772</b>	<b>583,759</b>	<b>617,247</b>
Twin births . . . . .	17,646	20,173	20,010	20,605	21,254	22,702
Triplet and higher order multiple births . . . . .	306	506	631	577	616	580
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	27.1	34.2	35.8	36.6	37.5	37.7
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	26.7	33.4	34.7	35.6	36.4	36.8
<b>Hispanic births, total number</b> . . . . .	<b>595,073</b>	<b>815,868</b>	<b>912,329</b>	<b>946,349</b>	<b>985,505</b>	<b>1,039,077</b>
Twin births . . . . .	10,713	16,470	19,472	20,351	21,723	22,698
Triplet and higher order multiple births . . . . .	235	659	784	723	761	787
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	18.4	21.0	22.2	22.3	22.8	22.6
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	18.0	20.2	21.3	21.5	22.0	21.8

<sup>1</sup> Data by Hispanic-origin status exclude data for New Hampshire and Oklahoma, which did not report Hispanic origin.

<sup>2</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> Number of live births in all multiple deliveries per 1,000 live births. <sup>4</sup> Number of live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births. <sup>5</sup> Number of live births in triplet and other higher-order deliveries per 100,000 live births.