

**Table 80. Births, Birth Rates, and Fertility Rates by Race, Sex, and Age: 1980 to 2008**

[Births in thousands (3,612 represents 3,612,000). Except as indicated, births by race of mother. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States. For population bases used to derive these data; see text, this section and Appendix III]

Item	1980	1990	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Live births<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>4,112</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>4,266</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>4,248</b>
White	2,936	3,290	3,194	3,178	3,175	3,226	3,223	3,229	3,310	3,337	3,274
Black	568	684	623	606	594	600	616	633	666	676	671
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	29	39	42	42	42	43	44	45	47	49	50
Asian or Pacific Islander	74	142	201	200	211	221	229	231	241	254	253
Male	1,853	2,129	2,077	2,058	2,058	2,094	2,105	2,119	2,184	2,208	2,173
Female	1,760	2,029	1,982	1,968	1,964	1,996	2,007	2,019	2,081	2,108	2,074
Males per 100 females (sex ratio)	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105
Age of mother:											
Under 20 years	562	533	478	454	433	421	422	421	442	451	441
20 to 24 years	1,226	1,094	1,018	1,022	1,022	1,032	1,034	1,040	1,081	1,082	1,052
25 to 29 years	1,108	1,277	1,088	1,058	1,060	1,086	1,104	1,132	1,182	1,208	1,196
30 to 34 years	550	886	929	943	951	976	966	951	950	962	957
35 to 39 years	141	318	452	452	454	468	476	483	499	500	489
40 to 44 years	(NA)	(NA)	90	93	96	101	104	105	106	105	106
45 to 54 years	(NA)	(NA)	4	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7
Mean age of mother at first birth (years)	22.7	24.2	24.9	25.0	25.1	25.2	25.2	25.2	25.0	25.0	25.1
<b>Birth rate per 1,000 population</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>
White	15.1	15.8	13.9	13.7	13.5	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.7	13.7	13.4
Black	21.3	22.4	17.0	16.3	15.7	15.7	16.0	16.2	16.8	16.9	16.6
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	20.7	18.9	14.0	13.7	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.2	14.9	15.3	14.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	19.9	19.0	17.1	16.4	16.5	16.8	16.8	16.5	16.6	17.2	16.8
Age of mother:											
10 to 14 years	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
15 to 19 years	53.0	59.9	47.7	45.3	43.0	41.6	41.1	40.4	41.9	42.5	41.5
20 to 24 years	115.1	116.5	109.7	106.2	103.6	102.6	101.7	102.2	105.9	106.3	103.0
25 to 29 years	112.9	120.2	113.5	113.4	113.6	115.6	115.5	115.5	116.7	117.5	115.1
30 to 34 years	61.9	80.8	91.2	91.9	91.5	95.1	95.3	95.8	97.7	99.9	99.3
35 to 39 years	19.8	31.7	39.7	40.6	41.4	43.8	45.4	46.3	47.3	47.5	46.9
40 to 44 years	3.9	5.5	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.4	9.5	9.8
45 to 54 years <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
<b>Fertility rate per 1,000 women<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>68.6</b>
White	65.6	68.3	65.3	65.0	64.8	66.1	66.1	66.3	68.0	68.8	67.8
Black	84.9	84.8	70.0	67.6	65.8	66.3	67.6	69.0	72.1	72.7	71.9
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut <sup>3</sup>	82.7	76.2	58.7	58.1	58.0	58.4	58.9	59.9	63.1	64.9	64.6
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>3</sup>	73.2	69.6	65.8	64.2	64.1	66.3	67.1	66.6	67.5	71.3	71.3

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> The number of births shown is the total for women aged 45–54 years. The rate is computed by relating the births to women aged 45–54 years to women aged 45–49 years. <sup>3</sup> Number of live births per 1,000 women, 15 to 44 years old in specified group.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports (NVSR), *Births: Final Data for 2008*, Vol. 59, No. 1, December 2010.

**Table 81. Births and Multiple Births by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother: 1990 to 2008**

[Represents registered births. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States. Data are based on Hispanic origin and race of mother. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See Appendix III]

Birth order	1990 <sup>1</sup>	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>All births, total number<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4,158,212</b>	<b>4,058,814</b>	<b>4,138,349</b>	<b>4,265,555</b>	<b>4,316,233</b>	<b>4,247,694</b>
Twin births	93,865	118,916	133,122	137,085	138,961	138,660
Triplet and higher order multiple births	3,028	7,325	6,694	6,540	6,427	6,268
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup>	23.3	31.1	33.8	33.7	33.7	34.1
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup>	22.6	29.3	32.2	32.1	32.2	32.6
Triplet and higher order multiple birth rate <sup>5</sup>	72.8	180.5	161.8	153.3	148.9	147.6
<b>Non-Hispanic White births, total number</b>	<b>2,626,500</b>	<b>2,362,968</b>	<b>2,279,768</b>	<b>2,308,640</b>	<b>2,310,333</b>	<b>2,267,817</b>
Twin births	60,210	76,018	82,223	83,108	83,632	82,903
Triplet and higher order multiple births	2,358	5,821	4,966	4,805	4,559	4,493
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup>	23.8	34.6	38.2	38.1	38.2	38.5
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup>	22.9	32.2	36.1	36.0	36.2	36.6
<b>Non-Hispanic Black births, total number</b>	<b>661,701</b>	<b>604,346</b>	<b>583,759</b>	<b>617,247</b>	<b>627,191</b>	<b>623,029</b>
Twin births	17,646	20,173	21,254	22,702	23,101	22,924
Triplet and higher order multiple births	306	506	616	580	612	569
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup>	27.1	34.2	33.8	37.7	37.8	37.7
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup>	26.7	33.4	32.2	36.8	36.8	36.8
<b>Hispanic births, total number</b>	<b>595,073</b>	<b>815,868</b>	<b>985,505</b>	<b>1,039,077</b>	<b>1,062,799</b>	<b>1,041,239</b>
Twin births	10,713	16,470	21,723	22,698	23,405	23,266
Triplet and higher order multiple births	235	659	761	787	857	834
Multiple birth rate <sup>3</sup>	18.4	21.0	22.8	22.6	22.8	23.1
Twin birth rate <sup>4</sup>	18.0	20.2	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.3

<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> Births in greater than twin deliveries per 100,000 live births.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Report (NVSR), *Births: Final Data for 2008*, Vol. 59, No. 1, December 2010.