

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for October 2005

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, October 2005

[Rates for infant deaths are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births; fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years; all other rates are per 1,000 total population. National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are subject to monthly reporting variation; see “Technical Notes”]

Item	October				January–October				12 months ending with October				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	345,000	350,000	13.7	14.0	3,456,000	3,440,000	14.0	14.1	4,138,000	4,104,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	65.4	66.6	...	...	66.8	66.5	...	...	66.6	66.2	65.6
Deaths	195,000	195,000	7.7	7.8	2,019,000	1,990,000	8.2	8.1	2,421,000	2,417,000	8.2	8.2	8.3
Infant deaths	2,200	2,300	6.4	6.5	23,200	23,000	6.7	6.7	27,600	27,400	6.7	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	150,000	155,000	6.0	6.2	1,437,000	1,450,000	5.8	6.0	1,717,000	1,687,000	5.8	5.8	5.7
Marriages ¹	206,000	212,000	8.2	8.5	1,895,000	1,972,000	7.7	8.1	2,203,000	2,275,000	7.4	7.8	7.8
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.7	3.8
Population base (in millions)	297.3	294.4	296.0	293.1	290.9

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--- Data not available.

¹Marriage rates, in 2003, may be underestimated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see “Technical Notes.”

²Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2005; California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana, in 2004; and California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma in 2003. Populations for these rates also exclude these States.

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Technical Notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). The provisional information in this report is based on a combination of counts of events (some of which may not have occurred in the specified month of this report) and registered vital events. Although monthly provisional data may be updated during the course of a data year, once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional data for a given year may not accurately reflect the final number of events registered.

Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates by place of occurrence for births, deaths (excluding fetal deaths) and marriages, and 12-month ending rates for divorces. These counts include events occurring in the United States to nonresidents of the United States. These data differ from the data

in preliminary and final reports that are based on place of residence. Birth, death, and infant death figures (death and infant death figures exclude fetal deaths) in Tables 1 and 2 for each state are estimates by state of residence. These estimates are derived by applying adjustment ratios to the number of events recorded as occurring in the state during a 1-month period. The adjustment ratios for each data year represent the observed relationship between final state occurrence figures and final state residence figures for the 3 most recent years for which final data were available and are expressed as a single ratio for each state for births, deaths, and infant deaths, respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 3 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to the National Center

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2004–October 2005

[National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are provisional and are subject to monthly reporting variation; see "Technical Notes"]

Period	Live births				Marriages		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years		Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹						
2004										
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	123,000	5.0	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1
February	317,000	13.7	64.4	65.6	151,000	6.5	203,000	8.8	2,300	7.2
March	347,000	14.0	66.1	67.6	159,000	6.4	212,000	8.5	2,300	6.7
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	174,000	7.2	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5
May	339,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	224,000	9.0	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.7
June	346,000	14.4	68.0	67.2	243,000	10.1	187,000	7.8	2,200	6.5
July	360,000	14.5	68.5	65.6	246,000	9.9	191,000	7.7	2,500	6.9
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
September	357,000	14.8	70.2	66.4	214,000	8.9	185,000	7.7	2,300	6.5
October	350,000	14.0	66.6	67.1	212,000	8.5	195,000	7.8	2,300	6.5
November	337,000	13.9	66.1	68.6	153,000	6.3	192,000	7.9	2,200	6.5
December	345,000	13.8	65.6	66.2	154,000	6.2	211,000	8.4	2,200	6.4
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.7	138,000	5.5	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	310,000	13.7	65.0	66.1	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9
March	349,000	13.9	66.2	67.8	156,000	6.2	228,000	9.1	2,500	7.0
April	332,000	13.7	65.1	65.9	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	6.9
May	346,000	13.8	65.6	66.0	185,000	7.4	199,000	7.9	2,400	7.0
June	351,000	14.4	68.7	67.9	227,000	9.3	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.6
July	358,000	14.2	67.8	64.9	228,000	9.0	189,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
August	369,000	14.6	69.9	67.4	235,000	9.3	189,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
September	364,000	14.9	71.2	67.4	222,000	9.1	185,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
October	345,000	13.7	65.4	65.9	206,000	8.2	195,000	7.7	2,200	6.4

¹The method of seasonal adjustment, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, is described in *The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program*, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967 revision).

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for Health Statistics (NCHS) and in the extent to which the states update their counts of marriages and divorces as new information is received. Therefore, counts vary in their completeness. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Delay in the receipt of certificates in a registration office may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed records were received. Data for previous months include revisions states might have provided to correct for delayed reporting; therefore, figures may differ from those previously published.

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. These corrections compensated for delays in reporting. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been dropped. Further information on these changes has been provided in the *National Vital Statistics Reports* presenting provisional data for January, February, and March 1999 (vol. 48, nos. 1, 2, and 4, respectively) available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

Moreover, NCHS ceased publishing divorce counts and rates based on provisional data from the combined 50 states because it is no longer statistically feasible to calculate estimates of monthly divorce

counts for nonreporting states (in 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana; and in 2003, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma). Instead, NCHS publishes only the 12-month divorce rates shown in [Table A](#), based solely on the combined counts and populations for reporting states and the District of Columbia. Aggregate 1-month, cumulative counts and rates, and 12-month counts for divorces have been dropped because of their very limited usefulness when based on less than the full complement of states. Monthly marriage and divorce counts as reported by each state will continue to be shown in [Table 3](#).

Because of incomplete reporting, 2003 marriage and divorce counts for Oklahoma are not included in [Table 3](#) showing provisional data by state. Divorce rates for 2003 shown in [Table A](#) exclude Oklahoma, which was treated as a nonreporting state in that year because of incomplete reporting (see earlier discussion). Because all other states reported marriages in 2003, marriage rates shown in [Table A](#) include Oklahoma data. The impact of the missing marriages on the 2003 national rate is negligible (estimated at less than 1 percent). Previous reports also excluded Oklahoma divorce data for 2004; however, complete marriage and divorce data are now available for 2004 and are included in this report.

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable, and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, October 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Alabama	5,010	5,054	49,955	48,911	49,212	3,768	3,669	38,967	38,176	37,965
Alaska	836	873	8,648	8,653	8,483	251	246	2,541	2,517	2,656
Arizona	8,115	8,361	79,902	77,598	75,771	3,516	3,460	37,316	35,779	35,548
Arkansas	3,226	3,335	32,521	32,066	31,713	2,250	2,275	23,469	23,016	22,669
California	46,464	47,782	458,169	453,902	453,397	18,609	18,933	193,389	195,180	186,479
Colorado	5,606	5,737	57,944	57,357	58,545	2,380	2,409	24,622	23,495	24,201
Connecticut	3,381	3,530	34,894	35,435	36,510	2,321	2,403	23,879	24,086	23,984
Delaware	947	976	9,667	9,575	9,615	616	629	6,106	5,908	5,937
District of Columbia	581	635	6,045	6,214	6,246	420	456	4,524	4,449	4,568
Florida	19,392	18,911	187,210	180,210	176,322	13,222	13,632	141,966	140,977	139,243
Georgia	11,865	11,849	117,972	115,420	113,715	5,496	5,289	54,553	54,690	54,457
Hawaii	1,493	1,581	14,824	15,253	14,994	734	735	7,615	7,538	7,403
Idaho	1,913	1,923	19,344	18,814	18,392	868	822	8,889	8,294	8,560
Illinois	15,363	14,911	150,649	151,187	152,866	8,608	8,469	85,258	84,616	86,864
Indiana	7,203	7,250	72,718	73,333	72,743	3,929	4,607	45,308	45,068	45,771
Iowa	3,216	3,187	32,619	32,082	32,196	2,288	2,314	23,051	22,326	23,009
Kansas	3,275	3,370	33,591	33,716	34,077	2,056	1,973	20,472	19,875	20,133
Kentucky	4,680	4,549	46,842	46,258	46,028	3,149	3,058	33,464	32,463	32,971
Louisiana	5,685	5,677	53,725	54,030	53,876	3,473	3,457	35,490	35,079	34,997
Maine	1,135	1,102	11,960	11,665	11,682	1,093	1,055	10,779	10,386	10,314
Maryland	6,357	6,259	63,400	62,746	63,248	3,563	3,587	36,655	36,012	36,578
Massachusetts	6,384	6,520	64,410	65,995	67,827	4,546	4,379	44,700	44,210	46,070
Michigan	10,389	10,690	107,313	109,149	110,367	7,101	7,166	72,349	70,622	71,480
Minnesota	5,733	5,801	59,662	59,268	59,113	3,085	3,120	30,972	30,681	31,003
Mississippi	3,608	3,623	34,958	35,147	34,336	2,205	2,202	24,161	23,253	23,134
Missouri	6,418	6,557	65,383	64,443	63,767	4,422	4,493	45,403	44,777	45,078
Montana	917	965	9,771	9,736	9,637	656	686	7,155	6,766	6,769
Nebraska	2,168	2,225	21,871	21,891	21,633	1,266	1,260	12,485	12,218	12,567
Nevada	3,100	3,083	30,095	29,200	28,049	1,377	1,462	15,465	14,818	14,487
New Hampshire	1,161	1,290	12,172	12,535	12,167	847	865	8,282	8,331	8,035
New Jersey	8,894	9,526	94,950	96,829	98,241	5,708	4,661	60,480	60,091	60,619
New Mexico	2,406	2,465	24,048	23,565	23,145	1,104	1,204	12,017	11,709	11,936
New York	20,722	21,483	210,473	216,535	219,167	12,951	13,012	127,407	127,113	129,581
North Carolina	10,308	10,228	102,463	99,466	98,846	6,088	6,036	61,846	60,040	59,914
North Dakota	727	723	6,968	6,892	6,680	484	479	4,781	4,637	5,036
Ohio	12,319	12,310	122,580	124,990	125,645	7,920	7,658	89,801	86,466	88,449
Oklahoma	4,343	4,442	43,148	42,553	42,770	2,923	2,729	29,934	28,733	29,127
Oregon	3,282	3,773	37,964	38,197	38,700	2,586	2,483	25,838	25,245	25,368
Pennsylvania	11,830	12,364	120,549	121,372	118,631	10,402	10,457	107,483	105,772	106,591
Rhode Island	999	1,028	10,651	10,738	11,040	741	816	8,342	8,143	8,289
South Carolina	4,879	4,729	48,023	46,928	46,542	3,070	3,004	30,005	30,768	31,293
South Dakota	921	990	9,676	9,573	9,444	586	596	5,834	5,664	5,800
Tennessee	6,775	6,669	67,899	65,908	65,821	4,590	4,587	47,227	46,020	46,256
Texas	33,072	33,411	320,061	318,237	314,810	12,315	12,298	128,089	126,583	126,565
Utah	4,124	4,107	43,299	42,862	42,271	1,081	1,155	10,979	11,148	10,906
Vermont	395	557	5,219	5,489	5,587	397	445	4,178	4,118	4,141
Virginia	8,709	8,797	87,629	87,181	84,907	4,607	4,714	47,935	46,977	47,422
Washington	6,836	6,691	69,353	68,906	67,890	3,609	3,690	38,215	37,101	37,197
West Virginia	1,700	1,757	17,177	17,382	17,396	1,632	1,777	17,111	17,095	17,049
Wisconsin	5,722	5,749	59,517	58,862	59,042	3,888	3,829	38,674	37,954	37,963
Wyoming	537	583	6,061	5,637	5,545	327	324	3,360	3,267	3,397
Puerto Rico	4,448	4,569	41,576	41,805	41,815	2,083	2,114	24,188	23,390	22,941

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each state and Puerto Rico, 12 months ending with October 2004 and 2005

[Data are estimates by state of residence. Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified area]

Area	12 months ending with October			
	2005		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	532	8.8	508	8.6
Alaska	60	5.8	62	6.1
Arizona	660	6.9	620	6.7
Arkansas	297	7.6	345	9.0
California	2,770	5.0	2,743	5.1
Colorado	460	6.6	446	6.5
Connecticut	223	5.4	238	5.6
Delaware	85	7.4	92	8.0
District of Columbia	77	10.6	78	10.5
Florida	1,600	7.1	1,516	7.0
Georgia	1,107	7.8	1,180	8.5
Hawaii	99	5.6	112	6.1
Idaho	145	6.3	155	7.0
Illinois	1,355	7.6	1,168	6.5
Indiana	689	7.9	726	8.3
Iowa	204	5.2	196	5.1
Kansas	255	6.3	289	7.2
Kentucky	370	6.6	344	6.2
Louisiana	619	9.5	652	10.0
Maine	87	6.1	79	5.7
Maryland	622	8.2	649	8.7
Massachusetts	386	5.0	375	4.8
Michigan	991	7.7	1,021	7.9
Minnesota	366	5.2	345	4.9
Mississippi	406	9.6	399	9.3
Missouri	597	7.6	539	7.0
Montana	77	6.7	51	4.4
Nebraska	150	5.7	180	6.9
Nevada	190	5.3	219	6.3
New Hampshire	78	5.4	82	5.6
New Jersey	560	4.9	574	5.0
New Mexico	166	5.8	179	6.4
New York	1,467	5.8	1,609	6.2
North Carolina	1,029	8.4	1,022	8.6
North Dakota	48	5.8	44	5.4
Ohio	1,211	8.2	1,125	7.6
Oklahoma	425	8.2	412	8.1
Oregon	251	5.5	267	5.9
Pennsylvania	999	6.9	1,002	6.9
Rhode Island	75	5.9	60	4.7
South Carolina	488	8.4	486	8.6
South Dakota	85	7.3	85	7.5
Tennessee	712	8.7	693	8.8
Texas	2,395	6.2	2,354	6.2
Utah	226	4.4	270	5.3
Vermont	33	5.3	30	4.7
Virginia	775	7.4	749	7.2
Washington	445	5.4	440	5.4
West Virginia	168	8.2	130	6.2
Wisconsin	455	6.4	431	6.2
Wyoming	42	5.8	58	8.6
Puerto Rico	436	8.6	410	8.0

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, October 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003
Alabama	4,019	3,714	36,718	36,406	36,984	2,117	1,676	18,438	18,933	20,065
Alaska	445	358	4,858	4,840	4,528	248	257	3,311	2,416	2,240
Arizona ²	3,433	3,103	31,992	31,503	30,642	2,106	2,001	20,772	20,215	20,153
Arkansas	3,282	3,329	30,186	31,721	31,093	1,262	1,330	13,887	14,197	13,886
California	16,728	17,191	198,508	197,097	187,445	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,579	2,858	26,041	30,037	31,203	1,640	1,745	16,997	16,851	15,962
Connecticut	2,368	2,429	16,771	17,999	16,755	882	898	8,036	9,101	9,439
Delaware	562	604	3,815	4,481	4,264	122	195	2,378	2,568	2,677
District of Columbia	285	476	1,969	2,422	2,662	116	116	996	841	972
Florida	12,019	12,520	132,713	131,366	128,175	5,548	6,006	69,323	69,120	72,179
Georgia	5,572	6,334	51,945	58,887	50,233	---	---	---	---	23,077
Hawaii	2,517	2,704	23,169	24,827	23,442	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,336	1,069	12,472	12,987	13,013	429	489	5,864	5,746	5,914
Illinois	8,190	8,099	63,461	69,032	71,215	1,855	2,414	27,095	26,971	28,976
Indiana	4,259	3,597	40,297	40,897	37,165	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	2,693	2,310	18,265	18,159	18,008	861	669	6,896	6,949	6,926
Kansas	1,411	1,480	16,069	15,741	14,953	645	785	7,168	7,655	6,449
Kentucky	3,693	3,689	32,598	31,594	32,304	1,544	1,678	15,746	17,051	17,186
Louisiana	3,287	3,287	31,111	30,824	31,523	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	1,068	1,266	9,335	10,222	9,959	407	543	3,781	4,759	4,836
Maryland	4,131	4,172	31,885	33,143	32,973	1,401	1,442	14,022	14,784	14,518
Massachusetts	4,146	5,056	33,074	37,483	32,179	4,132	1,163	10,692	11,816	13,615
Michigan	6,420	6,631	54,636	55,280	55,919	3,189	2,816	29,437	29,280	30,765
Minnesota	3,421	3,588	27,135	27,106	28,567	---	1,123	---	11,987	12,375
Mississippi	1,183	1,507	14,815	15,174	15,143	1,263	914	11,265	10,918	11,308
Missouri	3,666	4,618	37,950	35,774	36,402	2,006	1,750	18,246	17,918	18,430
Montana	485	443	6,088	6,194	5,960	244	277	2,932	2,956	2,934
Nebraska	908	1,190	10,896	11,033	10,705	462	466	4,965	4,948	5,049
Nevada	11,695	12,041	123,960	121,956	122,568	1,400	1,189	12,676	12,124	13,751
New Hampshire	1,173	1,319	7,836	9,408	9,203	418	424	3,683	4,337	4,493
New Jersey	6,654	6,050	37,340	43,950	43,603	2,295	2,068	21,584	22,121	23,480
New Mexico ^{3,4}	951	1,070	10,947	12,154	11,079	722	629	7,459	7,592	8,243
New York ²	14,916	12,742	116,212	114,458	114,778	4,220	4,700	44,220	49,830	51,490
North Carolina	5,381	6,331	46,379	53,703	53,424	2,902	2,856	26,797	30,357	30,105
North Dakota	473	421	3,603	3,942	4,018	106	175	1,266	1,632	1,571
Ohio	6,284	8,225	61,044	67,053	67,402	2,072	3,312	35,009	34,580	36,196
Oklahoma	2,183	1,671	22,095	19,138	(⁵)	1,646	1,270	16,866	14,455	(⁵)
Oregon	2,585	2,562	22,979	25,831	22,523	1,257	1,204	13,021	12,098	12,843
Pennsylvania	5,562	6,549	51,551	65,473	64,842	2,270	2,879	23,870	30,582	31,456
Rhode Island	892	994	6,681	7,403	7,352	285	274	2,663	2,769	2,911
South Carolina	2,955	3,857	29,676	27,771	32,200	906	1,266	10,198	10,915	11,410
South Dakota	523	547	5,879	5,852	5,730	151	215	1,973	2,039	1,990
Tennessee	5,224	6,683	52,668	58,024	59,713	1,856	2,283	23,326	24,380	24,588
Texas	15,979	15,787	141,156	152,348	152,452	6,851	6,603	63,717	68,393	71,169
Utah	1,537	1,791	19,222	20,409	20,637	949	791	8,194	8,170	8,039
Vermont	969	655	4,660	5,283	5,407	145	189	1,792	2,007	2,042
Virginia	6,216	6,376	53,501	53,435	53,047	2,304	2,366	24,026	24,295	24,511
Washington	4,385	3,022	33,549	35,212	34,800	2,558	2,084	21,672	22,166	22,819
West Virginia	1,151	1,287	11,229	11,804	11,904	771	785	7,578	7,676	7,908
Wisconsin	4,314	4,350	30,380	30,757	30,808	1,495	1,455	13,812	14,062	14,518
Wyoming	359	327	4,202	4,198	4,148	243	224	2,242	2,219	2,266
Puerto Rico	1,405	1,500	18,588	18,527	19,785	1,536	1,312	16,374	13,653	12,220

--- Data not available.

¹Figures based on monthly counts and may be under reported.²Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.³Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.⁴Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.⁵Data incomplete.

NOTE: The completeness of marriage and divorce counts at any given time varies among states. Figures include all revisions received from the states and, therefore, may differ from those previously published; see "Technical Notes."

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