

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for March 2006

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, March 2006

[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	March				January–March				12 months ending with March				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Live births	355,000	350,000	14.0	13.9	1,015,000	991,000	13.8	13.6	4,166,000	4,115,000	14.0	14.0	14.1
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	67.3	66.3	...	...	66.3	64.8	...	...	67.0	66.3	66.1
Deaths	220,000	228,000	8.7	9.1	644,000	671,000	8.8	9.2	2,405,000	2,413,000	8.1	8.2	8.3
Infant deaths	2,300	2,500	6.5	7.0	6,800	7,000	6.6	7.0	27,700	27,300	6.7	6.6	6.7
Natural increase	135,000	122,000	5.3	4.8	371,000	320,000	5.0	4.4	1,761,000	1,702,000	5.9	5.8	5.8
Marriages ¹	155,000	156,000	6.2	6.2	415,000	429,000	5.7	5.9	2,216,000	2,276,000	7.5	7.7	7.7
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.8	3.8
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	298.2	295.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	297.3	294.4	292.2

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Marriage figures exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

²Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2006 and 2005; and California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004. Populations for divorce 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). Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of the report. Monthly provisional birth, death, and infant death data may be updated during the course of a data year. Updates based on registered events will be included in the month the event occurred. However, updates based on counts received from the states may include the event in the month it was processed rather than in the month it occurred. This 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 processed. Once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional birth, death, and infant death data may not accurately track either the preliminary or the final number of events registered.

Marriage and divorce data in this report are counts of all events occurring in the state 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 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. Marriage and divorce counts, unlike other provisional data, may be updated after the end of a data year if final counts are provided by the state. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2005–March 2006

[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 ¹		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 ²						
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	138,000	5.5	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	310,000	13.7	65.1	66.2	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9
March	350,000	13.9	66.3	67.9	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	7.0
May	347,000	13.8	65.7	66.1	186,000	7.4	200,000	8.0	2,400	7.0
June	351,000	14.4	68.8	67.9	227,000	9.3	187,000	7.7	2,300	6.6
July	358,000	14.2	67.7	64.8	228,000	9.0	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.7
August	370,000	14.7	70.1	67.6	235,000	9.3	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
September	364,000	14.9	71.3	67.4	222,000	9.1	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
October	344,000	13.6	65.2	65.7	206,000	8.2	195,000	7.7	2,300	6.7
November	339,000	13.9	66.3	68.8	176,000	7.2	196,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
December	347,000	13.7	65.7	66.3	158,000	6.2	214,000	8.5	2,200	6.4
2006										
January	340,000	13.4	64.5	67.2	124,000	5.0	221,000	8.7	2,300	6.7
February	320,000	14.0	67.2	68.7	136,000	6.0	203,000	8.9	2,100	6.7
March	355,000	14.0	67.3	68.8	155,000	6.2	220,000	8.7	2,300	6.5

¹Marriage figures exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

²The 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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Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates 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 and 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 Table 1 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 each 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 and deaths respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 2 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) and are not adjusted by state of residence.

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been discontinued. Further information on these changes has been provided in the National Vital Statistics Reports presenting provisional data for January (vol. 48, no. 1), February (vol. 48, no. 2), and March (vol. 48, no. 4) 1999, available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

NCHS has 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 2006 and 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; and in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana). 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 discontinued 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 2.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana suspended collection of marriage counts (Louisiana does not provide NCHS with divorce counts, see previous paragraph). National marriage counts and rates shown in Tables A and B exclude Louisiana data as of January 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

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. Monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events and are highly variable. As a result, NCHS has discontinued publishing provisional monthly state specific infant death rates. National monthly infant mortality rates will continue to be available in [Tables A](#) and [B](#).

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, March 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	March		January–March			March		January–March		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Alabama	5,220	4,933	15,111	14,362	14,087	4,357	4,378	12,531	12,609	12,494
Alaska	901	970	2,553	2,536	2,607	285	277	794	793	698
Arizona	8,426	8,002	24,235	22,887	22,556	4,276	4,085	13,068	11,698	11,749
Arkansas	3,281	3,182	9,546	9,388	9,454	2,475	2,807	7,374	7,783	7,613
California	46,711	46,016	132,509	131,035	130,266	20,637	20,625	64,350	64,312	62,292
Colorado	5,970	6,106	16,724	16,882	16,548	2,698	2,747	7,750	7,943	7,565
Connecticut	3,458	3,628	9,920	9,912	10,161	2,642	2,368	7,591	7,576	8,008
Delaware	1,031	939	2,870	2,783	2,839	606	697	1,803	2,002	2,004
District of Columbia	651	594	1,842	1,786	1,811	469	528	1,333	1,543	1,469
Florida	19,564	18,543	56,869	54,050	52,109	15,900	16,244	46,707	46,470	46,584
Georgia	11,818	11,829	34,113	34,143	33,518	6,464	6,295	18,159	17,996	18,102
Hawaii	1,603	1,467	4,663	4,294	4,469	796	844	2,338	2,432	2,454
Idaho	2,068	1,958	5,722	5,513	5,351	927	970	2,705	2,863	2,553
Illinois	15,187	15,006	43,074	42,764	44,045	9,644	8,783	27,107	28,021	27,270
Indiana	7,445	7,513	21,395	21,026	21,650	5,215	5,490	14,421	15,411	14,643
Iowa	3,572	3,329	9,674	9,414	9,456	2,625	2,676	7,164	7,732	7,354
Kansas	3,503	3,438	9,884	9,601	9,775	2,234	2,479	6,736	6,867	6,565
Kentucky	4,993	4,726	13,979	13,379	13,566	3,673	4,035	10,592	11,153	10,888
Louisiana	5,273	5,388	16,068	15,587	15,712	3,895	3,846	11,293	11,542	11,108
Maine	1,210	1,276	3,371	3,404	3,294	1,094	1,183	3,544	3,681	3,386
Maryland	6,568	6,393	19,035	18,375	18,376	3,922	4,130	11,413	12,363	11,808
Massachusetts	6,473	6,724	18,459	18,251	19,005	5,002	4,984	15,257	15,318	15,071
Michigan	11,027	11,204	30,859	31,099	32,126	7,629	7,872	21,866	23,765	23,020
Minnesota	6,303	6,129	17,504	17,270	17,275	3,236	3,529	9,462	10,605	9,913
Mississippi	3,634	3,428	10,698	10,137	10,159	2,555	2,764	7,466	7,907	7,487
Missouri	6,933	6,729	19,627	18,757	18,785	5,060	5,504	14,807	14,921	14,477
Montana	1,078	978	2,884	2,689	2,658	762	820	2,176	2,400	2,094
Nebraska	2,246	2,231	6,317	6,211	6,411	1,452	1,380	4,179	4,131	3,999
Nevada	3,054	3,053	9,001	8,661	8,500	1,733	1,733	4,983	5,016	4,679
New Hampshire	1,195	1,250	3,423	3,459	3,642	915	903	2,542	2,811	2,718
New Jersey	9,551	9,771	27,515	27,208	27,932	6,934	6,920	20,641	20,628	20,518
New Mexico	2,459	2,435	7,074	6,819	6,755	1,452	1,449	4,028	4,018	3,763
New York	21,456	21,329	60,981	60,376	63,192	13,036	13,894	38,542	43,069	41,378
North Carolina	10,490	10,230	30,466	29,446	28,790	6,987	7,327	19,857	20,494	19,508
North Dakota	757	680	2,086	1,937	1,981	554	573	1,493	1,649	1,453
Ohio	12,808	12,645	36,396	35,303	36,686	8,840	11,222	26,343	30,502	29,337
Oklahoma	4,505	4,300	12,709	12,532	12,379	3,278	3,419	9,885	9,664	9,274
Oregon	4,127	4,004	11,386	10,844	10,957	2,828	2,887	7,896	8,476	7,983
Pennsylvania	11,466	12,110	34,384	34,413	35,084	11,672	12,635	32,931	36,608	35,426
Rhode Island	1,029	1,030	2,934	2,927	3,209	904	894	2,465	2,944	2,766
South Carolina	5,136	4,930	14,375	13,904	13,917	3,039	3,189	8,977	9,403	10,042
South Dakota	1,010	1,003	2,804	2,809	2,780	637	678	1,803	1,939	1,774
Tennessee	7,117	6,945	20,279	19,612	19,266	5,043	5,536	14,665	15,482	15,011
Texas	32,519	31,757	95,235	91,336	91,234	14,443	14,431	42,939	42,896	41,064
Utah	4,653	4,554	12,632	12,372	12,399	1,114	1,179	3,538	3,383	3,465
Vermont	558	563	1,484	1,530	1,583	316	464	1,158	1,375	1,309
Virginia	9,115	8,713	25,977	24,791	25,325	5,520	5,533	15,366	16,045	15,352
Washington	7,425	7,083	20,430	19,866	19,727	4,101	4,397	11,984	12,741	11,734
West Virginia	1,679	1,691	4,905	4,845	5,019	1,832	2,100	5,335	5,708	5,586
Wisconsin	6,023	6,238	16,952	16,989	17,392	4,190	4,310	11,859	13,068	12,455
Wyoming	625	667	1,763	1,760	1,559	373	393	1,107	1,095	1,000
Puerto Rico	3,881	4,074	11,359	11,942	12,138	2,471	2,572	7,030	8,061	7,628

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Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, March 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	March		January–March			March		January–March		
	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004
Alabama	3,089	3,317	6,874	7,513	9,230	1,639	2,074	4,441	4,873	5,458
Alaska	366	401	1,105	1,070	923	214	121	592	1,271	650
Arizona ²	3,508	4,211	9,625	9,379	8,906	2,089	2,213	5,857	6,030	5,586
Arkansas	3,041	3,058	7,266	7,294	8,269	1,474	1,717	3,720	3,895	4,073
California	19,588	19,844	49,176	49,806	48,244	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,225	1,350	6,740	5,347	5,774	1,720	1,705	5,384	4,901	4,868
Connecticut	871	738	2,371	2,178	2,804	1,013	875	2,578	2,508	2,835
Delaware	569	265	1,253	478	797	288	120	645	611	779
District of Columbia	184	194	419	395	414	85	93	262	267	163
Florida	14,358	13,649	37,701	36,459	39,114	7,012	6,626	21,328	19,908	20,032
Georgia	2,862	5,517	10,450	14,981	13,891	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	2,134	2,302	4,428	5,454	6,167	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,228	907	2,816	2,719	2,597	734	685	1,956	1,757	1,652
Illinois	5,154	2,665	12,550	10,091	13,114	2,642	2,966	7,050	7,742	7,799
Indiana	4,550	3,770	12,977	11,352	13,253	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	809	916	2,781	2,735	2,638	584	546	2,019	1,887	2,054
Kansas	1,763	1,379	3,330	3,424	3,391	789	883	2,262	2,025	2,062
Kentucky	2,750	1,954	7,695	6,931	6,839	1,902	1,392	6,416	4,141	4,984
Louisiana	---	2,159	---	6,803	7,914	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	323	352	850	888	1,202	350	515	538	677	1,290
Maryland	2,316	2,270	5,831	5,722	6,153	1,273	1,557	3,597	3,956	4,034
Massachusetts	1,353	1,238	5,639	5,083	4,287	935	2,696	4,011	4,155	3,834
Michigan	2,942	3,158	8,507	8,811	8,214	3,142	3,175	9,166	9,120	8,631
Minnesota	1,313	1,185	4,177	3,661	3,672	---	---	---	---	3,624
Mississippi	1,250	1,228	3,384	3,882	3,549	1,007	835	3,222	2,966	3,142
Missouri	2,258	2,046	6,824	12,708	6,525	1,650	1,540	5,511	5,023	4,909
Montana	307	347	886	888	905	317	342	845	818	882
Nebraska	743	684	2,016	2,076	1,847	532	512	1,548	1,575	1,412
Nevada	13,523	13,523	37,583	37,583	34,404	1,838	1,838	4,932	4,176	2,985
New Hampshire	406	387	1,234	1,178	1,350	299	259	963	766	1,294
New Jersey	2,763	1,908	6,243	7,009	7,551	2,638	2,308	7,009	6,460	6,805
New Mexico ^{3,4}	919	897	2,569	2,690	3,165	777	835	2,198	2,273	2,415
New York ²	6,102	8,790	19,475	27,229	21,755	3,700	5,000	9,399	12,300	14,030
North Carolina	7,508	3,695	15,779	11,327	11,026	2,606	3,044	11,046	7,329	8,332
North Dakota	199	230	581	553	545	140	146	434	358	488
Ohio	4,378	3,649	12,293	12,050	11,421	3,036	2,956	9,943	10,321	9,883
Oklahoma	2,248	1,982	5,708	5,119	4,380	1,673	1,706	4,586	4,334	4,237
Oregon	1,546	1,420	4,753	4,397	4,625	1,293	1,224	3,349	3,873	3,460
Pennsylvania	4,341	4,059	10,055	9,162	11,526	2,408	2,508	6,119	6,676	9,013
Rhode Island	318	294	826	907	1,048	304	357	793	899	939
South Carolina	2,730	2,869	5,176	6,377	4,427	1,338	1,029	2,595	2,901	2,543
South Dakota	285	318	914	906	848	231	211	645	576	570
Tennessee	3,364	3,827	14,429	12,739	13,472	2,131	1,750	6,734	6,852	7,067
Texas	11,599	15,677	29,836	31,272	41,415	9,163	8,770	20,903	22,726	19,604
Utah	1,919	1,666	4,316	4,146	4,135	889	849	2,188	2,251	2,495
Vermont	219	265	722	722	707	130	226	710	614	564
Virginia	4,429	4,132	11,107	11,597	10,737	2,882	2,611	7,156	6,082	6,764
Washington	2,190	2,898	7,082	6,546	6,635	1,821	2,058	5,738	6,756	6,429
West Virginia	720	881	2,207	2,253	2,178	925	969	2,472	2,109	2,314
Wisconsin	1,564	1,512	3,570	4,378	4,168	1,484	1,412	3,573	4,644	4,474
Wyoming	302	303	829	765	765	283	236	745	658	602
Puerto Rico	1,822	1,757	5,293	4,895	5,497	2,140	1,208	5,413	4,677	3,885

--- Data not available.

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

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