

Table 1-18. Birth Rates for Unmarried Women by Age of Mother, According to Race: United States, Selected Years, 1940-97

(Rates are live births to unmarried women per 1,000 women in the specified group. Beginning 1970 excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

NOTE: Birth rates by Hispanic origin are available in Births: Final Data for 1997, Table 18.

Year and race	Age of mother								
	15-44 years (1)	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years (2)
		Total	15-17 years	18-19 years					
ALL RACES									
Reported/Inferred(3)									
1997.....	44.0	42.2	28.2	65.2	71.0	56.2	39.0	19.0	4.6
1996.....	44.8	42.9	29.0	65.9	70.7	56.8	41.1	20.1	4.8
1995.....	45.1	44.4	30.5	67.6	70.3	56.1	39.6	19.5	4.7
1994.....	46.9	46.4	32.0	70.1	72.2	59.0	40.1	19.8	4.7
1993.....	45.3	44.5	30.6	66.9	69.2	57.1	38.5	19.0	4.4
1992.....	45.2	44.6	30.4	67.3	68.5	56.5	37.9	18.8	4.1
1991.....	45.2	44.8	30.9	65.7	68.0	56.5	38.1	18.0	3.8
1990.....	43.8	42.5	29.6	60.7	65.1	56.0	37.6	17.3	3.6
1989.....	41.6	40.1	28.7	56.0	61.2	52.8	34.9	16.0	3.4
1988.....	38.5	36.4	26.4	51.5	56.0	48.5	32.0	15.0	3.2
1987.....	36.0	33.8	24.5	48.9	52.6	44.5	29.6	13.5	2.9
1986.....	34.2	32.3	22.8	48.0	49.3	42.2	27.2	12.2	2.7
1985.....	32.8	31.4	22.4	45.9	46.5	39.9	25.2	11.6	2.5
1984(4).....	31.0	30.0	21.9	42.5	43.0	37.1	23.3	10.9	2.5
1983(4).....	30.3	29.5	22.0	40.7	41.8	35.5	22.4	10.2	2.6
1982(4).....	30.0	28.7	21.5	39.6	41.5	35.1	21.9	10.0	2.7
1981(4).....	29.5	27.9	20.9	39.0	41.1	34.5	20.8	9.8	2.6
1980(4).....	29.4	27.6	20.6	39.0	40.9	34.0	21.1	9.7	2.6
Estimated(5)									
1980(4).....	28.4	27.5	20.7	38.7	39.7	31.4	18.5	8.4	2.3
1979(4).....	27.2	26.4	19.9	37.2	37.7	29.9	17.7	8.4	2.3
1978(4).....	25.7	24.9	19.1	35.1	35.3	28.5	16.9	8.2	2.2
1977(4).....	25.6	25.1	19.8	34.6	34.0	27.7	16.9	8.4	2.4
1976(4).....	24.3	23.7	19.0	32.1	31.7	26.8	17.5	9.0	2.5
1975(4).....	24.5	23.9	19.3	32.5	31.2	27.5	17.9	9.1	2.6
1974(4).....	23.9	23.0	18.8	31.2	30.5	27.9	18.4	10.0	2.6
1973(4).....	24.3	22.7	18.7	30.4	31.5	29.6	20.3	10.8	3.0

1972(4)	24.8	22.8	18.5	30.9	33.2	30.8	22.6	12.0	3.1
1971(6)	25.5	22.3	17.5	31.7	35.5	34.5	25.2	13.3	3.5
1970(6)	26.4	22.4	17.1	32.9	38.4	37.0	27.1	13.6	3.5
1969(6)	24.8	20.4	15.2	30.8	37.3	37.9	27.0	13.5	3.6
1968(6)	24.3	19.7	14.7	29.6	37.2	38.3	27.8	14.8	3.8
1967(7)	23.7	18.5	13.8	27.6	38.1	41.1	28.9	15.3	4.0
1966(6)	23.3	17.5	13.1	25.6	39.0	45.1	32.7	16.3	4.1
1965(6)	23.4	16.7	---	---	39.6	49.1	37.2	17.4	4.5
1964(6)	23.0	15.9	---	---	39.5	49.9	36.9	16.3	4.4
1963(6)	22.5	15.3	---	---	39.9	48.8	33.1	16.1	4.3
1962(6)	21.9	14.8	---	---	40.7	46.6	29.6	15.6	4.1
1961(6)	22.7	16.0	---	---	41.4	46.4	28.2	15.4	3.9
1960(6)	21.6	15.3	---	---	39.7	45.1	27.8	14.1	3.6
1955	19.3	15.1	---	---	33.5	33.5	22.0	10.5	2.7
1950	14.1	12.6	---	---	21.3	19.9	13.3	7.2	2.0
1940	7.1	7.4	---	---	9.5	7.2	5.1	3.4	1.2

WHITE

Reported/Inferred(3)

Race of mother

1997	37.0	34.2	22.4	53.6	59.2	49.3	34.4	16.7	3.9
1996	37.6	34.5	22.7	54.1	59.0	49.9	36.1	17.8	4.3
1995	37.5	35.5	23.6	55.4	58.0	48.7	34.2	16.9	4.2
1994	38.3	36.2	24.1	56.4	58.1	49.7	34.2	17.3	4.3
1993	35.9	33.6	22.1	52.4	54.2	46.7	32.2	16.4	3.9
1992	35.2	33.0	21.6	51.5	52.7	45.4	31.5	16.2	3.6
1991	34.6	32.8	21.8	49.6	51.5	44.6	31.1	15.2	3.2
1990	32.9	30.6	20.4	44.9	48.2	43.0	29.9	14.5	3.2
1989	30.2	28.0	19.3	40.2	43.8	39.1	26.8	13.1	2.9
1988	27.4	25.3	17.6	36.8	39.2	35.4	24.2	12.1	2.7
1987	25.3	23.2	16.2	34.5	36.6	32.0	22.3	10.7	2.4
1986	23.9	21.8	14.9	33.5	34.2	30.5	20.1	9.7	2.2
1985	22.5	20.8	14.5	31.2	31.7	28.5	18.4	9.0	2.0
1984(4)	20.6	19.3	13.7	27.9	28.5	25.5	16.8	8.4	2.0
1983(4)	19.8	18.7	13.6	26.4	27.1	23.8	15.9	7.8	2.0
1982(4)	19.3	18.0	13.1	25.3	26.5	23.1	15.3	7.4	2.1
1981(4)	18.6	17.2	12.6	24.6	25.8	22.3	14.2	7.2	1.9
1980(4)	18.1	16.5	12.0	24.1	25.1	21.5	14.1	7.1	1.8

Estimated(5)

Race of child

1980(4)	16.2	15.9	11.7	22.8	22.4	17.3	10.5	5.3	1.4
1979(4)	14.9	14.6	10.8	21.0	20.3	15.9	10.0	5.1	1.4
1978(4)	13.7	13.6	10.3	19.3	18.1	14.8	9.4	4.8	1.3
1977(4)	13.5	13.4	10.5	18.7	17.4	14.4	9.3	4.9	1.4

1976(4)	12.6	12.3	9.7	16.9	15.8	14.0	10.1	5.5	1.4
1975(4)	12.4	12.0	9.6	16.5	15.5	14.8	9.8	5.4	1.5
1974(4)	11.7	11.0	8.8	15.3	15.0	14.7	9.5	5.5	1.5
1973(4)	11.8	10.6	8.4	14.9	15.5	15.9	10.6	5.9	1.7
1972(4)	11.9	10.4	8.0	15.1	16.6	16.5	12.1	6.5	1.6
1971(6)	12.5	10.3	7.4	15.8	18.7	18.5	13.2	7.2	1.9
1970(6)	13.9	10.9	7.5	17.6	22.5	21.1	14.2	7.6	2.0
1969(6)	13.4	9.9	6.6	16.6	23.0	22.5	15.1	7.6	2.0
1968(6)	13.1	9.7	6.2	16.6	23.0	22.1	15.0	4.7(2)	
1967(7)	12.5	8.9	5.6	15.3	23.0	22.7	14.0	4.7(2)	
1966(6)	11.9	8.5	5.4	14.1	22.6	23.4	15.7	4.9(2)	
1965(6)	11.6	7.9	---	---	22.0	24.3	16.6	4.9(2)	
1964(6)	11.0	7.4	---	---	21.1	24.0	15.9	4.8(2)	
1963(6)	10.5	7.0	---	---	20.7	21.9	14.2	4.6(2)	
1962(6)	9.8	6.5	---	---	19.9	19.8	12.6	4.3(2)	
1961(6)	10.0	7.1	---	---	19.7	19.4	11.3	4.2(2)	
1960(6)	9.2	6.6	---	---	18.2	18.2	10.8	3.9(2)	
1955	7.9	6.0	---	---	15.0	13.3	8.6	2.8(2)	
1950	6.1	5.1	---	---	10.0	8.7	5.9	2.0(2)	
1940	3.6	3.3	---	---	5.7	4.0	2.5	1.2(2)	

ALL OTHER

Reported/Inferred(3)

Race of mother

1997	65.1	72.3	50.1	108.2	107.6	73.0	49.9	24.7	6.7
1996	66.5	74.5	52.7	109.8	107.1	74.0	53.5	26.1	6.3
1995	68.1	77.7	56.6	111.9	109.6	75.0	53.2	26.2	6.2
1994	73.4	84.4	62.1	119.7	118.1	84.0	55.2	26.2	6.1
1993	74.3	85.4	63.4	119.5	118.8	85.3	54.2	25.7	6.1
1992	76.1	87.9	64.2	123.9	121.2	86.9	53.6	25.4	5.7
1991	78.8	90.3	66.3	125.0	124.4	90.1	55.8	25.1	5.7
1990	79.7	88.3	65.0	120.6	124.3	94.3	57.8	24.6	5.2
1989	80.7	87.8	65.6	119.5	123.5	94.7	57.9	24.3	5.1
1988	77.3	81.6	61.9	111.8	116.7	89.9	54.9	23.5	5.0
1987	74.3	78.0	59.4	107.0	110.1	85.0	51.6	22.2	4.9
1986	71.4	76.6	57.4	106.3	104.0	78.5	48.5	20.1	4.6
1985	70.1	76.6	57.6	104.7	101.0	74.4	46.4	20.0	4.4
1984(4)	68.8	76.1	58.0	102.2	97.5	72.7	43.0	19.3	4.4
1983(4)	69.9	76.4	59.1	101.3	97.8	73.8	42.5	18.9	4.7
1982(4)	71.5	76.7	59.1	103.0	100.1	75.4	42.4	19.2	5.1
1981(4)	72.8	76.7	58.9	104.3	101.6	75.9	43.5	18.7	5.5
1980(4)	75.2	80.2	62.1	109.3	103.5	76.4	45.2	18.5	5.4

Estimated(5)

Race of child

1980(4)	78.0	83.0	64.0	113.4	108.2	79.1	46.2	18.5	5.3
1979(4)	78.2	83.9	64.8	115.3	107.1	77.7	44.8	19.1	5.7
1978(4)	76.5	81.2	63.2	111.6	104.9	76.4	43.6	18.2	5.6
1977(4)	77.4	84.0	67.2	112.7	103.1	74.4	43.7	18.5	6.6
1976(4)	76.4	82.5	67.5	108.9	101.1	74.0	43.4	18.7	6.9
1975(4)	79.0	86.3	70.7	114.3	102.1	73.2	47.9	20.0	6.9
1974(4)	80.3	87.3	73.2	113.4	103.0	77.0	50.9	23.2	6.6
1973(4)	83.2	88.5	75.6	112.8	107.8	81.0	55.8	26.2	7.2
1972(4)	86.2	91.8	77.6	119.3	112.4	83.3	55.7	29.0	8.2
1971(6)	90.2	92.0	75.4	125.4	120.6	92.6	65.3	32.2	10.4
1970(6)	89.9	90.8	73.3	126.5	121.0	93.8	69.8	32.0	10.7
1969(6)	84.8	84.2	67.3	118.9	115.4	93.9	69.0	33.3	10.4
1968(6)	85.1	82.1	66.2	115.4	116.4	100.0	75.8	24.6(2)	
1967(7)	88.3	80.0	64.1	114.5	126.2	113.5	92.1	28.4(2)	
1966(6)	92.1	77.4	61.2	113.3	137.0	138.0	113.3	33.3(2)	
1965(6)	97.4	77.1	---	---	147.8	161.0	131.9	38.7(2)	
1964(6)	97.2	75.5	---	---	158.2	164.9	127.0	34.4(2)	
1963(6)	97.2	75.3	---	---	156.3	168.9	120.8	34.4(2)	
1962(6)	97.6	75.5	---	---	158.5	171.3	113.2	35.5(2)	
1961(6)	101.0	78.8	---	---	165.8	171.3	110.0	37.4(2)	
1960(6)	98.3	76.5	---	---	166.5	171.8	104.0	35.6(2)	
1955	87.2	77.6	---	---	133.0	125.2	100.9	25.3(2)	
1950	71.2	68.5	---	---	105.4	94.2	63.5	20.0(2)	
1940	35.6	42.5	---	---	46.1	32.5	23.4	9.3(2)	

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Reported/Inferred(3)

Race of mother

1997	73.4	86.4	60.6	127.2	127.8	85.2	52.3	24.7	6.5
1996	74.4	89.2	64.0	129.2	125.8	84.5	54.5	25.5	6.1
1995	75.9	92.8	68.6	131.2	127.7	84.8	54.3	25.6	6.0
1994	82.1	100.9	75.1	141.6	138.1	93.6	57.2	26.3	5.9
1993	84.0	102.4	76.8	141.6	142.2	94.5	57.3	25.9	5.8
1992	86.5	105.9	78.0	147.8	144.3	98.2	57.7	25.8	5.4
1991	89.5	108.5	80.4	148.7	147.5	100.9	60.1	25.6	5.4
1990	90.5	106.0	78.8	143.7	144.8	105.3	61.5	25.5	5.1
1989	90.7	104.5	78.9	140.9	142.4	102.9	60.5	24.9	5.0
1988	86.5	96.1	73.5	130.5	133.6	97.2	57.4	24.1	5.0
1987	82.6	90.9	69.9	123.0	126.1	91.6	53.1	22.4	4.7
1986	79.0	88.5	67.0	121.1	118.0	84.6	50.0	20.6	4.4
1985	77.0	87.6	66.8	117.9	113.1	79.3	47.5	20.4	4.3
1984(4)	75.2	86.1	66.5	113.6	107.9	77.8	43.8	19.4	4.3
1983(4)	76.2	85.5	66.8	111.9	107.2	79.7	43.8	19.4	4.8
1982(4)	77.9	85.1	66.3	112.7	109.3	82.7	44.1	19.5	5.2
1981(4)	79.4	85.0	65.9	114.2	110.7	83.1	45.5	19.6	5.6
1980(4)	81.1	87.9	68.8	118.2	112.3	81.4	46.7	19.0	5.5

Estimated(5)

Race of child

1980(4).....	83.2	90.3	70.6	121.8	116.0	82.9	47.0	18.5	5.5
1979(4).....	83.0	91.0	71.0	123.3	114.1	80.0	44.8	19.3	5.9
1978(4).....	81.1	87.9	68.8	119.6	111.4	79.6	43.9	18.5	6.2
1977(4).....	82.6	90.9	73.0	121.7	110.1	78.6	45.7	19.0	6.6
1976(4).....	81.6	89.7	73.5	117.9	107.2	78.0	45.0	19.2	7.0
1975(4).....	84.2	93.5	76.8	123.8	108.0	75.7	50.0	20.5	7.2
1974(4).....	85.5	93.8	78.6	122.2	109.8	80.3	51.8	24.3	6.7
1973(4).....	88.6	94.9	81.2	120.5	116.0	84.5	57.8	27.6	7.7
1972(4).....	91.6	98.2	82.8	128.2	121.2	88.3	57.4	30.4	8.5
1971(6).....	96.1	98.6	80.7	135.2	130.6	99.6	68.6	32.7	10.1
1970(6).....	95.5	96.9	77.9	136.4	131.5	100.9	71.8	32.9	10.4
1969(6).....	90.6	90.3	72.0	128.4	125.3	99.5	70.1	34.3	10.1

--- Data not available.

- 1/ Rates computed by relating total births to unmarried women, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women aged 15-44 years.
- 2/ Rates computed by relating births to unmarried women aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years. Rates by race for years prior to 1969 are computed by relating births to unmarried women aged 35 years and over to unmarried women aged 35-44 years.
- 3/ Data for States in which marital status was not reported have been inferred from other items on the birth certificate and included with data from the reporting States; see Technical Appendix.
- 4/ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.
- 5/ Births to unmarried women are estimated for the United States from data for registration areas in which marital status of mother was reported; see Technical Appendix.
- 6/ Based on a 50-percent sample of births.
- 7/ Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.