

## Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for October 2007

**Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, October 2007**

[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		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2005
Live births . . . . .	370,000	367,000	14.4	14.4	3,605,000	3,563,000	14.3	14.3	4,311,000	4,249,000	14.3	14.2	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	69.8	69.6	...	...	69.4	68.9	...	...	69.2	68.4	66.6
Deaths . . . . .	198,000	200,000	7.7	7.9	1,998,000	2,008,000	7.9	8.1	2,407,000	2,418,000	8.0	8.1	8.2
Infant deaths . . . . .	2,400	2,400	6.4	6.5	23,700	23,500	6.6	6.6	28,400	28,000	6.6	6.6	6.7
Natural increase . . . . .	172,000	167,000	6.7	6.5	1,607,000	1,555,000	6.4	6.2	1,904,000	1,831,000	6.3	6.1	5.8
Marriages <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	200,000	195,000	7.8	7.8	1,873,000	1,895,000	7.4	7.7	2,171,000	2,196,000	7.3	7.4	7.6
Divorces <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.7	3.7
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	303.0	299.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	301.7	298.6	296.0

... Category not applicable.  
 --- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>All marriage figures for 2006 and 12-month ending marriage figures for 2007 exclude data for Louisiana. Populations for these marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

<sup>2</sup>Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota. Populations for divorce rates also exclude these states.

NOTE: Figures include all revisions received from the states and, therefore, may differ from those previously published; see “Technical Notes.”

### 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 National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of this 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 the month in which 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](mailto:births@cdc.gov).

**Table B. Provisional number and rate of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths, by month: United States, January 2006–October 2007**

[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 <sup>1</sup>		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 <sup>2</sup>						
2006										
January . . . . .	340,000	13.5	64.6	67.3	117,000	4.7	220,000	8.7	2,300	6.7
February . . . . .	320,000	14.0	67.2	68.7	138,000	6.1	200,000	8.8	2,200	6.9
March . . . . .	357,000	14.1	67.8	69.2	156,000	6.2	222,000	8.8	2,500	6.9
April . . . . .	330,000	13.5	64.8	65.8	171,000	7.1	200,000	8.2	2,300	6.9
May . . . . .	356,000	14.0	67.5	67.7	212,000	8.5	202,000	8.0	2,400	6.7
June . . . . .	359,000	14.6	70.3	70.5	238,000	9.8	188,000	7.6	2,300	6.6
July . . . . .	369,000	14.5	69.9	67.1	234,000	9.4	192,000	7.6	2,400	6.6
August . . . . .	388,000	15.3	73.6	70.8	214,000	8.5	193,000	7.6	2,400	6.4
September . . . . .	375,000	15.2	73.5	69.5	221,000	9.1	190,000	7.7	2,300	6.3
October . . . . .	367,000	14.4	69.6	69.0	195,000	7.8	200,000	7.9	2,400	6.5
November . . . . .	352,000	14.3	68.8	70.7	148,000	6.1	194,000	7.9	2,200	6.2
December . . . . .	355,000	13.9	67.2	68.7	150,000	6.0	214,000	8.4	2,500	7.0
2007										
January . . . . .	355,000	13.9	67.2	70.4	131,000	5.1	221,000	8.6	2,400	6.8
February . . . . .	327,000	14.2	68.5	69.9	143,000	6.2	204,000	8.8	2,200	6.6
March . . . . .	361,000	14.1	68.2	69.1	156,000	6.1	216,000	8.4	2,600	7.1
April . . . . .	338,000	13.6	65.9	66.9	162,000	6.5	201,000	8.1	2,300	6.8
May . . . . .	362,000	14.1	68.3	69.3	187,000	7.3	198,000	7.7	2,500	6.9
June . . . . .	355,000	14.3	69.3	69.1	221,000	8.9	188,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
July . . . . .	379,000	14.8	71.6	68.9	244,000	9.5	194,000	7.6	2,300	6.2
August . . . . .	390,000	15.2	73.5	71.1	228,000	8.9	191,000	7.4	2,400	6.4
September . . . . .	368,000	14.8	71.9	67.8	201,000	8.1	187,000	7.5	2,300	6.4
October . . . . .	370,000	14.4	69.8	69.4	200,000	7.8	198,000	7.7	2,400	6.4

<sup>1</sup>Marriage figures for 2006 exclude data for Louisiana. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

<sup>2</sup>The 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 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 and deaths. 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. These corrections compensated for delays in reporting. 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 (California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota). 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 2006, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana temporarily 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 for 2006 exclude Louisiana data. Louisiana reinstated the collection of marriage counts in 2007. Therefore, monthly and year-to-date marriage counts and rates

for 2007 include Louisiana data; however, 12 month ending rates for 2007, which include marriages occurring in 2006, exclude Louisiana data. Populations for these marriage rates 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 mortality 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, October 2006 and 2007, and cumulative figures, 2005–2007**

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2007	2006	2005
Alabama . . . . .	5,668	5,518	54,222	52,330	49,947	3,817	3,855	38,783	39,021	38,984
Alaska . . . . .	991	894	9,278	9,250	8,652	267	299	2,891	2,742	2,549
Arizona . . . . .	9,162	9,259	86,431	85,469	79,931	3,609	3,787	37,611	38,477	37,335
Arkansas . . . . .	3,562	3,492	34,050	33,538	32,507	2,352	2,335	23,490	23,270	23,466
California . . . . .	49,836	49,194	472,415	467,810	458,335	18,834	19,168	197,158	195,750	193,388
Colorado . . . . .	6,046	5,874	59,532	59,549	57,952	2,593	2,435	25,052	24,498	24,624
Connecticut . . . . .	3,511	3,494	35,091	34,830	34,894	2,431	2,457	23,564	25,004	23,879
Delaware . . . . .	1,024	984	9,872	9,811	9,667	609	624	6,059	5,894	6,107
District of Columbia . . . . .	623	651	6,380	6,313	6,045	452	431	4,369	4,282	4,524
Florida . . . . .	20,543	21,002	198,763	196,210	187,214	13,720	13,713	139,750	141,668	141,966
Georgia . . . . .	13,178	13,177	121,840	123,031	117,965	6,034	5,300	55,634	54,941	55,485
Hawaii . . . . .	1,668	1,295	15,968	15,471	14,832	731	781	7,775	7,795	7,619
Idaho . . . . .	2,091	2,121	21,107	20,355	19,347	927	957	9,090	8,861	8,889
Illinois . . . . .	15,616	15,381	152,588	151,378	149,919	8,297	8,323	82,322	84,307	85,258
Indiana . . . . .	7,589	7,779	75,155	75,019	73,151	4,382	4,657	44,846	45,995	46,225
Iowa . . . . .	3,484	3,464	34,256	33,905	32,621	2,329	2,445	22,448	22,690	23,060
Kansas . . . . .	3,603	3,416	35,473	34,437	33,591	1,957	2,081	20,164	20,278	20,476
Kentucky . . . . .	4,866	4,986	49,398	48,633	46,862	3,295	3,537	32,886	33,156	33,550
Louisiana . . . . .	5,268	5,472	53,955	51,489	52,008	3,164	3,054	31,713	32,131	33,708
Maine . . . . .	1,239	1,171	12,002	11,895	11,962	997	1,014	10,354	10,251	10,786
Maryland . . . . .	6,594	6,655	66,477	65,817	63,421	3,551	3,704	36,269	36,036	36,675
Massachusetts . . . . .	6,449	6,539	65,332	65,270	64,451	4,443	4,445	43,997	44,635	44,376
Michigan . . . . .	10,701	10,730	105,853	107,547	107,380	7,169	7,076	71,511	70,840	72,453
Minnesota . . . . .	6,258	6,166	61,930	61,901	59,683	3,290	3,237	30,468	30,393	31,010
Mississippi . . . . .	4,059	4,154	38,744	37,987	34,957	2,283	2,359	23,507	23,675	24,398
Missouri . . . . .	6,860	6,840	68,355	67,886	65,453	4,356	4,630	45,081	45,526	45,435
Montana . . . . .	1,046	1,008	10,407	10,499	9,771	726	774	7,152	7,095	7,155
Nebraska . . . . .	2,193	2,257	22,618	22,313	21,873	1,236	1,221	12,577	12,321	12,485
Nevada . . . . .	3,488	3,485	34,282	33,435	30,095	1,562	1,317	15,815	14,931	15,465
New Hampshire . . . . .	1,204	1,231	12,139	12,290	12,256	831	877	8,386	8,226	8,283
New Jersey . . . . .	9,489	9,690	96,791	96,307	95,311	5,929	5,600	57,390	61,847	60,980
New Mexico . . . . .	2,472	2,575	25,255	24,940	24,057	1,232	1,184	12,460	12,353	12,267
New York . . . . .	21,985	21,807	216,020	213,231	210,475	11,743	12,868	122,217	124,598	127,800
North Carolina . . . . .	11,287	11,041	109,590	106,682	102,474	6,236	6,300	62,935	61,845	61,852
North Dakota . . . . .	774	696	7,415	7,217	6,969	464	496	4,619	4,817	4,782
Ohio . . . . .	12,701	12,663	126,561	127,721	123,873	8,717	9,070	87,926	88,363	89,801
Oklahoma . . . . .	4,770	4,592	46,285	44,938	43,168	3,013	2,918	29,890	29,460	29,950
Oregon . . . . .	4,107	4,028	41,285	40,573	38,435	2,678	2,623	25,022	26,078	25,845
Pennsylvania . . . . .	12,497	12,480	125,303	124,485	120,549	9,823	10,432	103,434	103,755	107,607
Rhode Island . . . . .	1,041	1,074	10,615	10,495	10,660	777	805	8,086	8,092	8,342
South Carolina . . . . .	5,303	5,523	52,219	51,186	48,057	3,286	2,457	30,160	31,635	30,005
South Dakota . . . . .	1,046	1,022	10,355	9,993	9,676	593	577	5,599	5,723	5,834
Tennessee . . . . .	7,185	7,185	71,444	69,839	67,899	4,788	4,782	47,192	46,923	47,236
Texas . . . . .	36,058	34,972	336,562	331,475	320,165	12,785	12,797	128,702	128,475	128,989
Utah . . . . .	4,560	4,482	46,570	44,927	43,311	1,184	1,207	11,745	11,335	10,988
Vermont . . . . .	530	557	5,449	5,421	5,387	389	431	4,213	4,183	4,196
Virginia . . . . .	9,328	9,206	91,682	90,291	87,640	4,703	4,745	48,051	47,523	47,928
Washington . . . . .	7,532	7,317	75,212	73,137	69,361	3,536	3,598	38,747	37,311	38,351
West Virginia . . . . .	1,846	1,834	18,047	17,329	17,177	1,776	1,805	17,221	17,060	17,109
Wisconsin . . . . .	6,172	6,254	61,431	60,743	59,516	3,782	4,054	38,056	38,228	38,681
Wyoming . . . . .	606	670	6,605	6,411	6,068	336	351	3,523	3,509	3,360
Puerto Rico . . . . .	4,307	4,490	38,569	40,037	41,572	2,351	2,226	23,882	23,107	24,535

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**Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, October 2006 and 2007, and cumulative figures, 2005–2007**

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2006	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2006	2005	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2006	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2006	2005
Alabama . . . . .	3,422	3,480	35,774	36,333	35,787	2,201	1,869	17,046	19,578	19,065
Alaska . . . . .	429	324	5,085	4,843	4,761	239	217	2,576	2,356	2,450
Arizona <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	3,797	3,817	33,622	32,883	32,457	2,241	2,154	20,595	20,201	20,772
Arkansas . . . . .	2,476	2,880	28,307	30,076	30,757	1,281	1,365	13,927	13,985	14,208
California . . . . .	17,861	17,968	198,028	195,965	199,175	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado . . . . .	3,867	2,423	24,453	30,688	31,216	1,942	1,787	17,642	17,918	16,997
Connecticut . . . . .	1,921	2,038	15,231	16,938	18,052	985	975	9,244	9,384	9,008
Delaware . . . . .	490	542	3,860	4,421	4,322	221	326	3,366	2,758	2,765
District of Columbia . . . . .	200	242	1,899	2,095	2,031	81	70	798	1,026	922
Florida . . . . .	13,028	13,082	134,250	131,674	131,797	7,005	7,503	74,203	72,274	67,843
Georgia . . . . .	3,578	3,735	55,166	52,604	51,945	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii . . . . .	2,566	2,560	22,309	24,592	25,138	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho . . . . .	1,325	1,059	13,493	12,894	12,880	679	597	6,155	6,182	5,957
Illinois . . . . .	8,379	8,094	65,782	66,512	63,461	2,992	2,426	27,845	26,420	27,095
Indiana . . . . .	5,102	3,822	40,919	36,639	38,234	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa . . . . .	2,644	2,038	17,825	17,824	18,192	755	660	6,516	6,733	6,696
Kansas . . . . .	1,801	1,688	16,280	16,450	14,608	750	852	7,661	7,032	6,335
Kentucky . . . . .	3,446	3,338	29,424	30,582	31,676	1,288	2,071	16,334	17,353	16,118
Louisiana . . . . .	2,411	---	25,998	---	31,111	---	---	---	---	---
Maine . . . . .	1,314	1,039	8,738	9,432	9,914	733	476	4,916	4,768	4,573
Maryland . . . . .	3,919	3,604	30,601	32,048	33,390	1,620	1,401	14,512	14,322	14,340
Massachusetts . . . . .	4,187	4,218	32,276	33,447	34,915	2,944	1,165	11,716	12,361	11,792
Michigan . . . . .	6,432	5,647	51,701	53,040	54,432	3,235	3,094	29,372	29,647	29,150
Minnesota . . . . .	3,475	3,696	26,990	28,114	27,322	---	---	---	---	---
Mississippi . . . . .	1,252	1,259	13,320	14,087	14,335	1,109	1,110	11,696	11,911	10,904
Missouri . . . . .	4,059	3,946	33,621	35,327	35,976	2,082	1,868	18,780	18,656	17,570
Montana . . . . .	553	434	6,374	6,320	6,167	215	265	2,935	3,722	3,504
Nebraska . . . . .	1,251	1,059	11,312	10,557	10,814	860	543	4,793	5,132	4,939
Nevada . . . . .	11,071	11,168	108,980	113,015	121,479	1,594	1,375	13,819	14,276	16,038
New Hampshire . . . . .	1,260	1,024	8,518	8,408	8,560	351	493	4,188	4,541	4,227
New Jersey . . . . .	5,528	4,916	38,278	41,358	42,852	2,376	2,391	22,135	22,145	21,584
New Mexico <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1,006	1,745	9,856	11,734	10,947	663	672	7,254	7,134	7,459
New York <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	12,299	12,409	106,909	113,454	114,294	6,754	5,078	47,843	50,297	47,809
North Carolina . . . . .	5,508	6,077	50,879	55,944	54,575	2,941	2,938	31,382	30,483	30,390
North Dakota . . . . .	318	359	3,824	3,853	3,875	171	151	1,260	1,641	1,601
Ohio . . . . .	7,230	7,162	59,033	63,756	66,275	3,124	3,405	32,207	33,928	33,832
Oklahoma . . . . .	2,311	2,353	22,803	22,878	22,095	1,905	1,547	16,019	15,888	16,866
Oregon . . . . .	2,642	1,809	25,614	23,452	23,194	1,517	1,318	12,522	12,289	12,693
Pennsylvania . . . . .	5,739	6,770	54,697	63,838	63,943	1,778	2,876	19,374	29,363	23,870
Rhode Island . . . . .	739	710	6,030	6,180	6,712	311	256	2,578	2,701	2,719
South Carolina . . . . .	2,025	3,240	25,538	28,610	29,676	398	1,348	11,677	10,597	10,198
South Dakota . . . . .	564	488	5,592	5,648	5,869	259	191	2,029	2,061	1,930
Tennessee . . . . .	6,366	6,366	56,389	55,343	56,214	2,356	2,356	25,757	23,955	23,533
Texas . . . . .	14,090	14,646	152,233	151,343	150,579	6,793	6,793	67,261	67,261	65,250
Utah . . . . .	1,594	1,692	19,863	20,068	20,801	749	790	7,491	8,342	8,390
Vermont . . . . .	949	534	4,673	4,843	5,039	255	211	2,073	1,962	1,800
Virginia . . . . .	4,938	5,550	49,872	51,933	53,587	2,273	2,544	24,490	25,322	24,942
Washington . . . . .	3,331	2,829	36,389	36,600	35,680	2,396	2,278	24,363	21,940	22,424
West Virginia . . . . .	1,164	1,195	10,957	11,497	11,769	532	819	7,436	7,820	7,860
Wisconsin . . . . .	4,142	3,668	29,233	30,180	30,607	1,511	1,552	13,714	14,105	13,663
Wyoming . . . . .	342	313	4,271	4,334	4,213	231	189	2,231	2,253	2,231
Puerto Rico . . . . .	1,494	1,422	17,342	17,884	18,588	1,202	1,221	13,307	14,651	16,374

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Figures based on monthly counts and may be underreported.<sup>2</sup>Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.<sup>3</sup>Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.

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