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Registered Births

There were 3,159,958 registered live births in the United States in 1974. This was an increase of only 0.7 percent over the 3,136,965 that occurred in 1973. Provisional data for the first 10 months of 1975 indicate an increase of 0.5 percent over the same period in 1974.

Fertility Rate

The fertility rate continued to decline slightly in 1974 to 68.4 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years. This was again a record low and 1.2 percent below the rate of 69.2 observed in 1973. It continued the decline starting in 1957 which has been interrupted only by slight increases in 1969 and 1970. The present rate is 44 percent lower than the 1957 rate of 122.7. Provisional data through October 1975 indicate a rate 1.6 percent below that for the same period a year earlier.

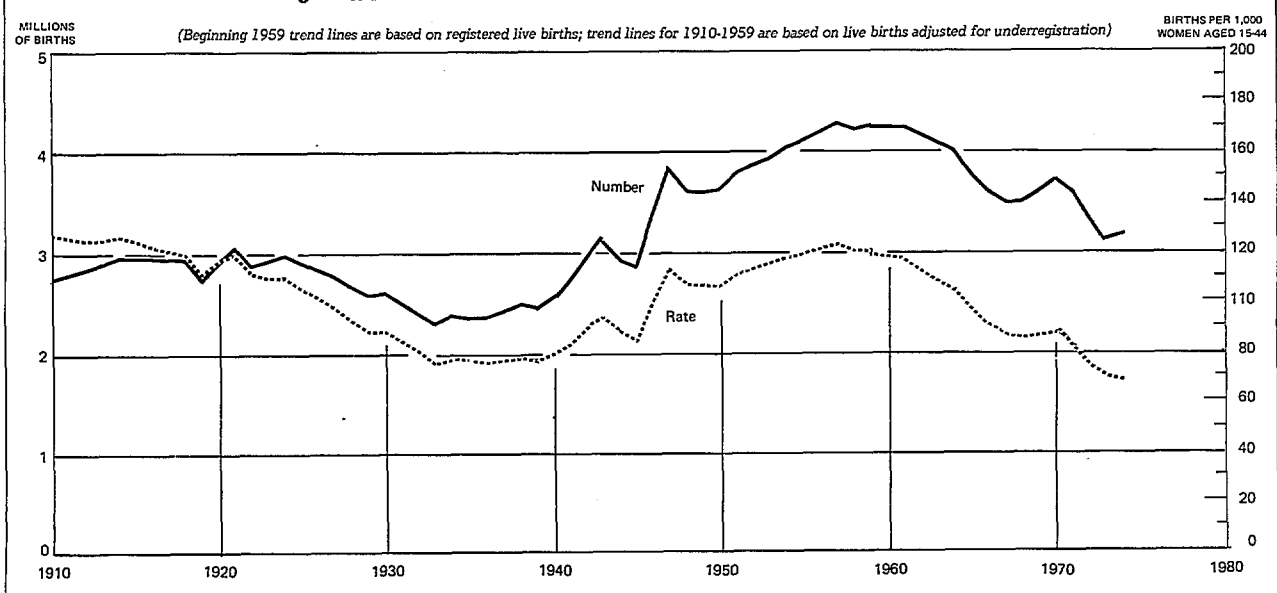
Birth Rate

In 1974 the birth rate was 14.9 births per 1,000 population. This rate was identical to that in 1973 which was the lowest ever observed in the United States. Although the fertility rate remained above the low levels of the 1930's until 1972, the birth rate has been at or below this level since 1966. This is because the childbearing population (assumed to consist of women 15-44 years of age) comprises a smaller proportion of the total population now than in the prewar years (22 percent in 1974 compared with 24 percent in 1936).

Age of Mother

Birth rates decreased during 1974 for all women except those over 44 years of age for whom the rate remained the same as for the previous year. Declines were smallest for women aged 25-29 years and greatest for those under 15 years, 35-39, and 40-44 years.

Figure 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND FERTILITY RATES: UNITED STATES, 1910-74



There was an increase in the number of births to women aged 20-24, 25-29, and 30-34 years, the age groups to which three-fourths of all births occur. The increase was largest for women aged 25-29 years (4 percent) and less than 1 percent for those aged 20-24 and 30-34 years. Since the birth rates for these groups have continued to decline, the increase in numbers of births was due solely to an increase in the number of women in these age groups (ranging from 2 to 4 percent). Numbers of births decreased from 2 to 13 percent for other age groups.

Live-Birth Order

During 1974 birth rates increased for first and second order births and decreased for all other orders. The increase for first order births was less than 1 percent and for second order births, less than 2 percent. Decreases for other orders ranged from 2 to 17 percent and generally were greater with increasing birth order.

Age of Mother and Live-Birth Order

During 1974 birth rates for first and second order births showed modest increases within certain age-of-mother groups. Increases of 6 percent or more were found for first order births among mothers 25-29, 30-34, and 35-39 years, while among younger women rates decreased slightly or remained the same. This indicates an increased tendency for women to start their families later. Increases for second order births occurred among mothers aged 15-19, 25-29, and 30-34 years (1, 2, and 6 percent, respectively). There were decreases for nearly all other age-birth order categories. Decreases were especially large for fourth and higher order births, regardless of age of mother, and ranged from 8 to 25 percent.

Color and Race

In 1974 the fertility rate was 64.7 births per 1,000 women for white women, 91.0 for all other¹ women, and 90.8 for Negro women. The differential between rates for white and Negro women narrowed from 1965 to 1970 and from 1972 to 1974, the result of a larger decline in the fertility rate for Negro than for white women. From 1970 to 1972, however, the differential widened because the fertility rate for white women decreased at a faster rate than that for Negro women.

¹As used throughout this report the term "all other" refers to the combined grouping of all races other than white.

Geographic Division and State

Numbers of births and birth rates for geographic divisions and States are shown in table 8. Numbers of births decreased in the following five divisions: New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Central, South Atlantic, and East South Central. The largest decline, 3 percent, occurred in the New England Division. Increases were observed in the West North Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific Divisions, with the largest increases, 5 percent, found in the latter two divisions. Numbers of births decreased in 20 States and the District of Columbia and increased in 30 States.

Birth rates decreased in the New England, South Atlantic, East South Central, and West South Central Divisions. Increases occurred in the West North Central, Mountain, and Pacific Divisions, while the Middle Atlantic and East North Central Divisions experienced rates identical to 1973. Rates decreased in 22 States and the District of Columbia, increased in 25 States, and remained the same in 3 States.

Sex Ratio of Births

In 1974 the sex ratio of births was 1,055 males per 1,000 females. This ratio varies little from year to year and is consistently higher for white than for Negro births. In 1974 the ratio was 1,059 for white births and 1,030 for Negro births.

Month of Birth

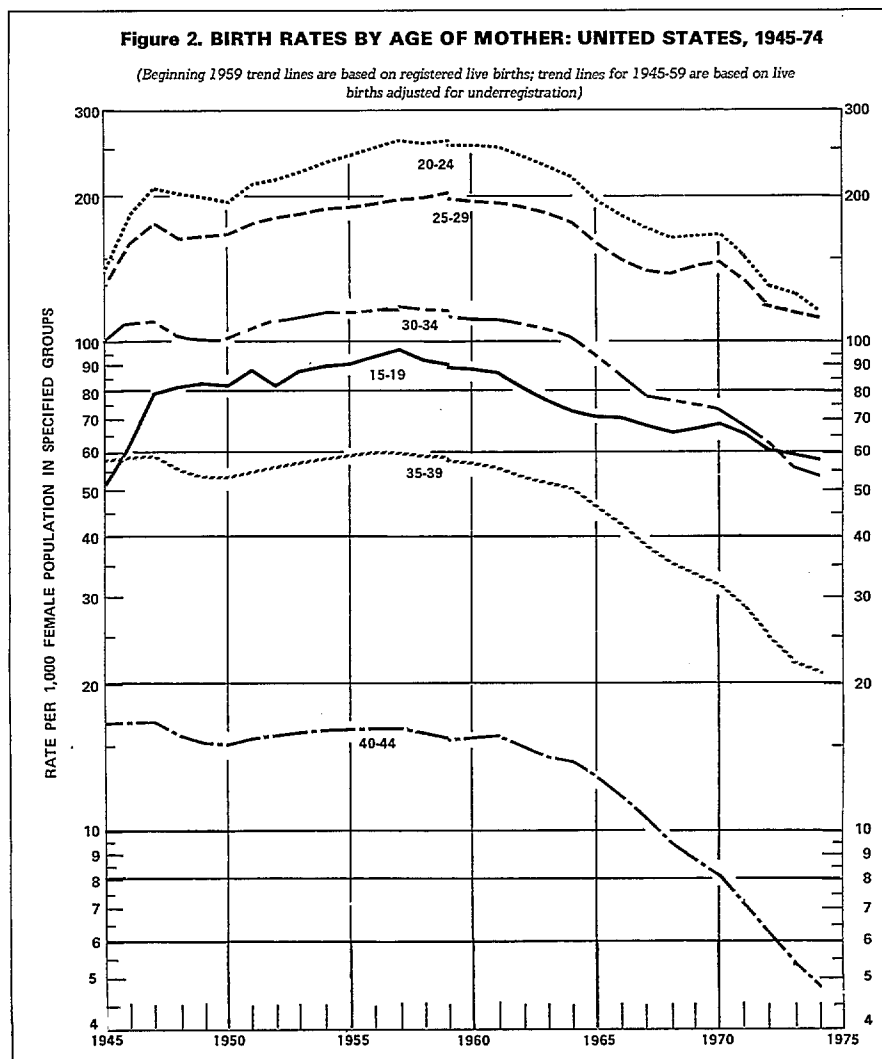
Table 7 shows the final numbers of births in 1974 and birth and fertility rates by month of birth and race.

Attendant at Birth

In 1974, 99.2 percent of all live births were classified as having been delivered by physicians in hospitals. Physicians outside hospitals delivered 0.3 percent, and midwives and other and unspecified persons delivered the remaining 0.5 percent.

Age of Father

The birth rate for men was 55.5 births per 1,000 men aged 15-54 years in 1974, a decrease of 1 percent from the rate of 56.1 in 1973. The decrease in the rate for white men was 1 percent, from 51.8 in 1973 to 51.5 in 1974. The rate for Negro men decreased 4 percent, from 87.3 to 84.2. The highest rate for white men (126.6) was for men aged 25-29 years, while for Negro men the highest rate (179.7) was for those aged 20-24 years.



Declines in birth rates for men were observed for all age groups except 50-54 years and 55 years and over, where they remained the same. Declines ranged from 1 to 6 percent with the greatest decline occurring among men aged 40-44 and 45-49 years.

Weight at Birth

Low-birth-weight infants are those who weigh 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces) or less at birth. During 1974, 7.4 percent of all live births were in this category compared with 7.6 percent in 1973. The proportion of low-birth-weight infants was over twice as high among Negro births (13.1 percent) as among white births (6.3 percent).

The median birth weight for all infants was 3,320 grams, or about 7 pounds 5 ounces, slightly higher than the median weight of 3,310 grams observed in 1973. White infants had a median weight of 3,360 grams compared with 3,150 grams for Negro infants, a difference of over 7 ounces.

Multiple Births

In 1974 there were 58,841 live births in multiple deliveries. The multiple birth ratio was 18.6 live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 total live births. For white births the ratio was 18.0, and for Negro births it was 22.1.

Illegitimate Births

National estimates of the number of illegitimate births are based on information reported on the birth certificates of 38 States and the District of Columbia.

There were an estimated 418,100 illegitimate births in 1974, an increase of less than 3 percent over 1973. White illegitimate births increased 3 percent over the previous year, to 168,500. This was the second year in which an increase occurred, following a decrease for 2 consecutive years. Negro illegitimate births increased over this time period with a nearly 2-percent increase to 238,800 during 1974.

The number of illegitimate births decreased 3 percent among women under 15 years of age (due solely to a 5-percent decrease among Negro women) and nearly 12 percent for women aged 40 years and over. The number increased from less than 1 percent to over 4 percent for all other age groups except 35-39 years, where the number was unchanged.

The illegitimacy rate, which is a measure of the probability of having an illegitimate birth, decreased 2 percent from 24.5 illegitimate births per 1,000 unmarried women in 1973 to 24.1 in 1974. This is the fourth consecutive year in which a decrease occurred and follows a period of almost uninterrupted increase from 1962 to 1970. The decrease for white women was less than 1 percent, down to 11.8; for Negro women it was 3 percent, down to 86.6. The rate decreased for all age-race groups with the exception of 15-19-year-old white women for whom a 4-percent increase occurred. In general, decreases grew larger with increasing age of mother and ranged from 3 to 12 percent for white women and from 1 to 13 percent for Negro women.

The illegitimacy ratio increased 2 percent, to 132.3 illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births.

Interval Since Last Live Birth

The date of last live birth, reported by 42 States and the District of Columbia in 1974, is used to compute the interval since last live birth for second and higher order births.

The mean interval since last live birth increased from 43.3 months in 1973 to 43.9 months in 1974. For white births it increased from 43.6 to 44.0 months, while for Negro births it increased from 42.4 to 43.7 months.

The mean interval since last live birth was shortest for second order births (40.2 months), increased with rising birth order through fifth order births (51.9 months), and then decreased to 43.4 months for eighth and higher order births.

Of all second and higher order births, 26.3 percent were born within 24 months of a previous live birth compared with 27.1 percent in 1973. Comparable proportions for white births were 25.0 percent in 1974 and 25.6 percent in 1973 and, for Negro births they were 32.1 percent in 1974 and 34.2 percent in 1973.

The proportion of live births occurring less than 24 months after a previous live birth increased, for the most part, with increasing birth order, from 25.9 percent for second order births to 33.7 percent for eighth and higher order births.

Educational Attainment of Mother and Father

During 1974, 42 States and the District of Columbia required the reporting of educational attainment of

parents on the birth certificate. Among live births in these reporting areas, 70.8 percent were born to mothers who had completed at least 12 years of formal education in public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. The proportion of births which occurred to fathers in this education category was 77.4 percent. Since 1969, the first year educational attainment data were available, these percentages have increased. At the same time, the proportions of births to parents who had completed no more than 8 years of school have decreased. In 1974, 6.1 percent of births occurred to mothers in this education group while 6.7 percent were to fathers in this group.

Although the race differential continued to decrease, a larger proportion of white than Negro births occurred to mothers who had completed 12 or more years of schooling (74.5 percent compared with 53.6 percent). A smaller race differential existed by educational attainment of father. Among white births the proportion with fathers having 12 or more years of education was 78.8 percent and among Negro births, 66.7 percent. This differential has also been decreasing.

The median number of years of school completed by mothers of white infants born in 1974 was 12.5 years and among mothers of Negro infants, 12.1 years. For fathers of white infants the median was 12.7 years and for fathers of Negro infants, 12.4 years.

Among mothers giving birth in 1974 the median number of years of school completed was 11.2 years for those aged 15-19 years, increased to a peak of 12.8 among mothers aged 25-29 years, and then decreased to 12.3 years for mothers aged 40 years and over. A similar pattern was observed for both race groups. For mothers of white births the median was 11.3 at ages 15-19 years, 12.8 at ages 25-29 and 30-34 years, and 12.4 at ages 40 years and over. For mothers of Negro births the median was 11.1 at ages 15-19 years, 12.4 at ages 25-29 years, and 11.1 at ages 40 years and over. The median number of years of school completed by mothers was 12.5 for first order births, increased to 12.6 for second order births, and then decreased with increasing order to 10.7 for eighth and higher order births.

Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began

The month of pregnancy prenatal care began was reported by 42 States and the District of Columbia in 1974. The proportion of births to mothers who began care during the first trimester of pregnancy increased from 70.8 percent in 1973 to 72.1 percent in 1974. The proportion of births to mothers who had no care decreased from 1.5 percent to 1.4 percent.

Slightly over half of all Negro births were to mothers who began care during the first trimester in contrast to over three-quarters of all white births.

While only 1.0 percent of white births were to mothers having no care, 3.0 percent of Negro births were to mothers with no care.

The proportion of infants weighing 2,500 grams or less at birth was greater for mothers without prenatal care (20.2 percent) than for mothers with some prenatal care (7.1 percent). Among white births comparable proportions were 16.4 and 6.1 percent, respectively, and among Negro births, 27.7 and 12.5 percent, respectively.

Number of Prenatal Visits

In 1974, 38 States and the District of Columbia required reporting the number of prenatal visits on the birth certificate. The median number of prenatal visits was 10.7 for births to mothers who had some prenatal care. Among white and Negro births comparable medians were 11.0 and 8.9, respectively.

The number of prenatal visits is correlated with the trimester of pregnancy in which prenatal care began in the 37 States and the District of Columbia in which both items were reported. The median number of prenatal visits per birth when prenatal care began during the first trimester was 11.5; during the second trimester, 8.3; and during the third trimester, 4.6. Much of the race differential found for the median

number of visits can be attributed to differences in the timing of the first prenatal visit; the race differential for each trimester is less than that for the total. Among white births the median number of visits was 11.6 for the first trimester, 8.7 for the second trimester, and 4.8 for the third trimester, while among Negro births comparable medians were 10.4, 7.4, and 4.2, respectively.

Period of Gestation

A premature infant is one born before 37 weeks of gestation. In 1974, 40 States and the District of Columbia measured length of gestation from the first day of the mother's last normal menstrual period (LMP). In the LMP reporting areas during 1974 there was a decline of 8 percent in the proportion of live births considered premature (9.2 percent in 1973 and 8.5 percent in 1974). There was more than twice as high a proportion of premature Negro infants (15.7 percent) as white infants (7.2 percent).

Of all births in the LMP reporting areas in 1974, 33.1 percent were born at 37-39 weeks gestation; 22.7 percent, at 40 weeks gestation; 26.5 percent, at 41-42 weeks gestation; and 9.2 percent were born at 43 or more weeks gestation.

SOURCES OF DATA

Data shown in this report for 1974 are based on all birth certificates in Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York (exclusive of

New York City), Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Vermont and on 50 percent of the birth certificates received from all other areas.

This report presents summary tabulations from the final natality statistics for 1974. More detailed tabulations for 1974 will be published in *Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I - Natality*. Prior to the publication of that volume, the National Center for Health Statistics will respond to requests for unpublished data whenever possible.

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Table 1. LIVE BIRTHS, BIRTH RATES, AND FERTILITY RATES, BY RACE: UNITED STATES 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965-74

[Birth rates per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in specified group]

Year	Number				Birth rate				Fertility rate			
	Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other	
			Total	Negro			Total	Negro			Total	Negro
REGISTERED BIRTHS¹												
1974 ²	3,159,858	2,575,792	584,166	507,162	14.9	14.0	21.4	21.0	68.4	64.7	91.0	90.8
1973 ²	3,136,865	2,551,030	585,835	512,597	14.9	13.9	21.9	21.5	69.2	65.3	94.3	94.3
1972 ²	3,258,411	2,655,558	602,853	531,329	15.6	14.6	22.9	22.6	73.4	69.2	100.3	100.5
1971 ²	3,555,970	2,919,746	636,224	564,980	17.2	16.2	24.7	24.5	81.8	77.5	109.5	110.1
1970 ²	3,731,386	3,091,264	640,122	572,562	18.4	17.4	25.1	25.3	87.9	84.1	113.0	115.4
1969 ²	3,600,206	2,995,614	606,592	543,132	17.8	16.9	24.4	24.0	86.5	82.4	114.8	113.6
1968 ²	3,501,564	2,912,224	589,340	531,152	17.5	16.6	24.2	23.9	85.7	81.5	114.9	114.0
1967 ²	3,520,959	2,922,502	598,457	543,976	17.8	16.8	25.0	24.9	87.6	83.1	118.8	119.7
1966 ²	3,606,274	2,993,230	613,044	558,244	18.4	17.4	26.1	25.9	91.3	86.4	125.9	125.7
1965 ²	3,780,358	3,123,960	636,498	581,126	19.4	18.3	27.6	27.5	96.6	91.4	133.9	133.9
1960 ²	4,257,850	3,600,744	657,106	602,264	23.7	22.7	32.1	31.9	118.0	113.2	153.6	153.5
BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR UNDERREGISTRATION												
1955	4,097,000	3,485,000	613,000	558,251	25.0	23.8	34.5	---	118.3	113.7	154.3	---
1950	3,632,000	3,108,000	524,000	466,716	24.1	23.0	33.3	31.0	106.2	102.3	137.3	126.9

¹Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 2. BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race	Total	Age of mother							
		Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
Total	3,159,858	12,529	595,449	1,108,051	923,318	372,907	118,115	27,878	1,711
First child	1,314,194	11,836	462,107	517,467	257,569	52,897	10,433	1,782	101
Second child	980,875	277	103,992	404,292	352,156	100,258	17,343	2,457	100
Third child	435,645	15	14,987	123,788	181,981	81,005	20,662	3,064	133
Fourth child	189,716	8	1,915	33,415	72,969	57,449	20,098	3,677	185
Fifth child	87,426	-	-	6,731	26,210	31,249	15,344	3,521	151
Sixth child	44,530	-	31	2,339	11,065	16,786	11,203	3,029	157
Seventh child	24,546	-	8	570	4,588	9,112	7,563	2,523	182
Eighth child and over	35,677	-	32	262	2,889	9,852	14,329	7,532	661
Not stated	47,349	391	12,148	17,287	11,861	4,208	1,140	285	21
White	2,575,792	5,053	420,152	911,453	803,169	317,017	95,575	22,046	1,327
First child	1,074,068	4,807	337,677	445,835	229,962	45,481	9,722	1,498	86
Second child	826,898	93	86,511	335,771	316,393	87,623	14,392	2,026	87
Third child	355,583	8	7,288	89,773	157,500	80,518	17,589	2,596	109
Fourth child	149,287	6	704	20,274	58,180	49,639	17,250	3,109	145
Fifth child	66,347	-	-	4,517	20,180	25,633	12,812	3,025	126
Sixth child	32,196	-	6	1,022	6,921	12,606	8,998	2,505	136
Seventh child	16,842	-	3	235	2,603	6,204	5,680	1,974	143
Eighth child and over	22,325	-	22	130	1,476	5,623	9,280	5,111	476
Not stated	35,446	139	7,869	13,694	9,974	3,485	672	200	15
All other	584,166	7,476	175,297	196,598	120,149	55,890	22,540	5,832	384
First child	240,126	7,031	124,430	71,632	27,607	7,416	1,711	284	15
Second child	157,977	184	37,481	69,521	35,763	12,635	2,951	425	13
Third child	80,262	7	7,699	34,013	24,481	10,487	3,075	468	24
Fourth child	40,429	2	1,211	13,141	8,769	7,610	2,869	496	20
Fifth child	23,079	-	-	4,214	6,050	5,607	2,532	496	25
Sixth child	12,334	-	25	1,217	4,164	4,180	2,205	524	19
Seventh child	7,704	-	5	335	1,985	2,908	1,983	549	39
Eighth child and over	13,352	-	10	132	1,413	4,124	5,049	2,421	203
Not stated	10,803	252	4,279	3,393	1,887	723	268	93	8
Negro	507,162	7,291	184,430	173,860	95,138	42,900	18,250	4,953	340
First child	208,151	6,656	118,007	61,044	18,385	4,603	1,067	175	14
Second child	133,944	182	35,435	60,610	27,209	8,179	2,016	302	11
Third child	69,763	7	7,412	31,134	20,678	7,898	2,255	359	20
Fourth child	35,964	2	1,189	12,295	13,059	6,813	2,311	462	33
Fifth child	18,989	-	154	3,993	7,256	4,676	2,169	422	19
Sixth child	11,122	-	25	1,168	3,828	3,701	1,939	444	17
Seventh child	7,004	-	5	327	1,827	2,651	1,658	506	30
Eighth child and over	12,247	-	10	122	1,338	3,778	4,610	2,201	188
Not stated	10,078	244	4,193	3,167	1,558	601	225	82	6

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Table 3. BIRTH RATES, BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and color groups. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother and live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race	15-44 years ¹	Age of mother							
		10-14 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
Total-----	68.4	1.2	59.1	119.0	113.3	54.4	20.2	4.8	0.3
First child-----	28.9	1.2	46.0	56.5	32.0	7.8	1.8	0.3	0.0
Second child-----	21.5	0.0	10.4	44.1	45.8	14.8	3.0	0.4	0.0
Third child-----	9.6	0.0	1.5	13.5	22.6	13.4	3.6	0.5	0.0
Fourth child-----	4.2	0.0	0.2	3.6	9.1	8.5	3.5	0.6	0.0
Fifth child-----	1.9	-	0.0	1.0	3.5	4.6	2.6	0.6	0.0
Sixth and seventh child-----	1.5	-	0.0	0.3	2.0	3.8	3.2	1.0	0.1
Eighth child and over-----	0.8	-	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.5	2.5	1.3	0.1
White-----	64.7	0.6	49.3	114.2	113.5	53.5	18.9	4.4	0.2
First child-----	27.4	0.6	39.5	56.7	32.9	7.9	1.7	0.3	0.0
Second child-----	21.0	0.0	7.8	42.7	45.3	14.9	2.9	0.4	0.0
Third child-----	9.0	0.0	0.9	11.4	22.5	13.7	3.5	0.5	0.0
Fourth child-----	3.8	0.0	0.1	2.6	8.2	9.5	3.4	0.6	0.0
Fifth child-----	1.7	-	0.0	0.6	2.9	4.4	2.6	0.6	0.0
Sixth and seventh child-----	1.2	-	0.0	0.2	1.4	3.2	2.9	0.9	0.1
Eighth child and over-----	0.6	-	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.8	1.0	0.1
All other-----	91.0	4.7	113.3	147.4	112.3	60.7	29.9	7.6	0.5
First child-----	39.2	4.6	82.4	54.6	26.2	8.2	2.2	0.4	0.0
Second child-----	25.1	0.1	24.8	52.3	34.0	13.9	3.8	0.6	0.0
Third child-----	12.7	0.0	5.1	25.9	25.3	11.5	4.0	0.6	0.0
Fourth child-----	6.4	0.0	0.8	10.0	14.0	8.6	3.7	0.8	0.1
Fifth child-----	3.3	-	0.1	3.2	7.6	6.2	3.3	0.7	0.0
Sixth and seventh child-----	3.2	-	0.0	1.2	5.9	7.3	3.3	1.4	0.1
Eighth child and over-----	2.1	-	0.0	0.1	1.3	4.5	6.5	3.2	0.3
Negro-----	90.8	5.0	119.3	149.7	104.9	54.9	26.8	7.5	0.6
First child-----	39.1	4.9	85.6	53.2	23.6	6.0	1.6	0.3	0.0
Second child-----	24.4	0.1	26.2	52.8	30.5	10.6	3.0	0.5	0.0
Third child-----	12.7	0.0	5.5	27.1	23.2	10.2	3.4	0.6	0.0
Fourth child-----	6.5	0.0	0.9	10.7	14.6	8.6	3.4	0.7	0.1
Fifth child-----	3.4	-	0.1	3.5	8.1	6.3	3.2	0.7	0.0
Sixth and seventh child-----	3.3	-	0.0	1.3	6.3	8.2	5.4	1.5	0.1
Eighth child and over-----	2.2	-	0.0	0.1	1.5	4.9	6.9	3.4	0.3

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

Table 4. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AND BIRTH RATES, BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-74

[Total fertility rates are the sums of birth rates by age of mother multiplied by 5. Birth rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Year	Total fertility rate	Age of mother							
		Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
1974 ^{1,2} -----	1,856.6	1.2	59.1	119.0	113.3	54.4	20.2	4.8	0.3
1973 ^{1,2} -----	1,895.6	1.3	59.7	120.7	113.6	56.1	22.0	5.4	0.3
1972 ^{1,2} -----	2,021.9	1.2	62.0	131.0	118.7	60.2	24.8	6.2	0.4
1971 ^{1,3} -----	2,274.6	1.1	64.7	150.6	134.8	67.6	28.7	7.1	0.4
1970 ^{1,3} -----	2,480.0	1.2	68.3	167.8	145.1	73.3	31.7	8.1	0.5
1969 ³ -----	2,465.0	1.0	66.1	165.0	143.0	74.1	33.4	8.8	0.5
1968 ³ -----	2,476.8	1.0	66.1	167.4	140.3	74.9	35.6	9.6	0.6
1967 ⁴ -----	2,572.6	0.9	67.9	174.0	142.6	79.3	39.5	10.6	0.7
1966 ³ -----	2,736.1	0.9	70.6	185.9	149.4	85.9	42.2	11.7	0.7
1965 ³ -----	2,928.0	0.8	70.4	196.8	162.5	95.0	46.4	12.8	0.8
1960 ³ -----	3,653.6	0.8	89.1	259.1	197.4	112.7	56.2	15.5	0.9

¹Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 5. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-74

[Rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Year	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1974 ^{1,2}	68.4	28.9	21.5	9.6	4.2	1.9	1.5	0.9
1973 ^{1,2}	69.2	28.8	21.1	9.8	4.5	2.2	1.8	0.9
1972 ^{1,2}	73.4	29.9	21.5	10.7	5.3	2.7	2.2	1.2
1971 ^{1,3}	81.8	32.1	25.2	12.5	6.4	3.3	2.8	1.5
1970 ^{1,3}	87.9	34.2	24.2	13.6	7.2	3.8	3.2	1.8
1965 ³	86.5	32.8	25.4	13.4	7.4	4.0	3.5	2.0
1966 ³	85.7	32.1	22.5	13.2	7.5	4.2	3.9	2.3
1967 ⁴	87.6	30.8	22.6	13.9	8.3	4.8	4.5	2.7
1968 ³	91.3	31.0	22.5	14.8	9.2	5.4	5.2	3.2
1965 ³	96.6	29.8	25.4	16.6	10.7	6.4	6.0	3.7
1960 ³	118.0	31.1	29.2	22.8	14.6	8.3	7.6	4.3

¹Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 6. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1960 and 1965-74

Year	Total			White			All other			Negro		
	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females
1974 ^{1,2}	1,822,114	1,537,844	1,055	1,325,019	1,250,773	1,059	297,095	287,071	1,035	257,277	249,885	1,030
1973 ^{1,2}	1,608,326	1,528,639	1,052	1,311,032	1,239,998	1,057	297,294	288,641	1,030	259,877	252,720	1,028
1972 ^{1,2}	1,689,927	1,589,484	1,051	1,364,578	1,290,980	1,057	305,349	297,504	1,026	268,842	262,487	1,024
1971 ^{1,3}	1,822,910	1,753,060	1,032	1,499,958	1,419,788	1,056	322,952	315,272	1,031	286,450	278,530	1,028
1970 ^{1,3}	1,915,378	1,816,008	1,055	1,590,140	1,501,124	1,059	325,239	314,984	1,033	290,508	281,854	1,031
1965 ³	1,846,572	1,753,634	1,053	1,539,420	1,454,194	1,059	307,152	293,440	1,026	274,508	268,624	1,022
1966 ³	1,796,326	1,705,238	1,053	1,497,612	1,414,612	1,059	298,714	290,626	1,028	268,964	262,188	1,026
1967 ⁴	1,803,388	1,717,571	1,050	1,501,228	1,421,274	1,056	302,160	296,297	1,020	274,324	269,332	1,017
1968 ³	1,845,662	1,760,412	1,049	1,535,486	1,457,744	1,053	310,376	302,668	1,025	282,274	275,970	1,023
1965 ³	1,927,054	1,833,304	1,051	1,604,422	1,519,438	1,058	322,632	313,866	1,028	284,272	286,854	1,026
1960 ³	2,179,708	2,078,142	1,049	1,848,182	1,752,552	1,055	331,516	325,590	1,018	303,566	298,688	1,016

¹Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH AND RACE, AND BIRTH AND FERTILITY RATES BY MONTH: UNITED STATES, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 population for specified months. Birth rates based on the total population. Fertility rates based on women aged 15-44 years]

Month	Total	Number			Observed	
		White	All other		Birth rate	Fertility rate
			Total	Negro		
Total-----	3,159,958	2,575,792	594,166	507,162	14.9	68.4
January-----	257,455	206,744	50,711	44,343	14.4	66.2
February-----	236,551	190,260	45,531	39,655	14.6	67.2
March-----	257,951	210,261	46,350	40,641	14.4	66.1
April-----	246,469	203,461	43,008	36,889	14.2	65.1
May-----	256,968	212,034	44,552	38,403	14.3	65.6
June-----	250,525	205,781	44,744	38,559	14.4	65.0
July-----	279,630	227,453	52,171	45,323	15.6	71.2
August-----	266,496	231,682	54,644	47,892	15.9	72.8
September-----	263,718	230,751	52,267	46,194	15.3	74.4
October-----	260,280	223,458	50,822	44,220	15.6	71.0
November-----	259,011	210,031	47,930	41,640	14.8	67.4
December-----	265,658	216,250	49,635	43,168	14.8	67.1

Table 8. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND BIRTH RATES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, 1974

[By place of residence. Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates per 1,000 estimated midyear population in each area]

Division and State	Number			Birth rate	Division and State	Number			Birth rate
	Total	White	Negro			Total	White	Negro	
United States-----	3,159,958	2,575,792	507,162	14.9	South Atlantic--Con.				
New England-----	151,873	141,010	9,157	12.5	Virginia-----	71,091	54,316	15,733	14.5
Maine-----	15,120	14,962	36	14.4	West Virginia-----	27,978	26,609	1,170	15.6
New Hampshire-----	11,642	11,524	57	14.4	North Carolina-----	84,244	57,833	24,332	15.7
Vermont-----	6,897	6,847	13	14.7	South Carolina-----	48,554	29,551	18,660	17.4
Massachusetts-----	70,033	64,834	4,303	12.1	Georgia-----	83,291	54,167	28,615	17.1
Rhode Island-----	11,289	10,640	597	12.2	Florida-----	110,350	81,720	27,662	13.6
Connecticut-----	36,753	32,203	4,156	11.9	East South Central-----	221,281	160,390	59,561	16.5
Middle Atlantic-----	485,695	387,820	80,345	13.0	Kentucky-----	53,443	49,655	4,547	15.9
New York-----	239,504	189,142	45,424	13.2	Tennessee-----	84,235	50,275	13,668	15.6
New Jersey-----	94,250	76,411	17,254	13.0	Alabama-----	53,451	33,775	20,495	16.6
Pennsylvania-----	151,459	132,267	19,263	12.8	Mississippi-----	44,122	22,325	20,653	19.0
East North Central-----	615,917	517,769	81,583	15.1	West South Central-----	353,830	278,650	69,800	17.2
Ohio-----	160,609	129,030	20,456	15.0	Arkansas-----	34,548	25,303	8,510	16.8
Indiana-----	83,254	74,014	8,831	15.6	Louisiana-----	68,819	39,926	25,601	17.5
Illinois-----	163,215	121,243	35,074	15.2	Oklahoma-----	42,450	34,727	4,141	15.7
Michigan-----	137,626	113,151	23,347	15.1	Texas-----	211,023	178,039	31,549	17.5
Wisconsin-----	65,203	60,360	3,875	14.3	Mountain-----	172,553	157,475	5,144	18.4
West North Central-----	243,428	222,153	16,163	14.6	Montana-----	12,266	11,069	60	16.7
Minnesota-----	55,789	53,621	1,011	14.2	Idaho-----	15,617	15,256	55	19.5
Iowa-----	40,220	39,126	791	14.1	Wyoming-----	6,541	6,224	72	18.2
Missouri-----	69,624	58,239	10,833	14.6	Colorado-----	33,042	30,663	1,633	15.6
North Dakota-----	9,972	9,157	94	15.7	New Mexico-----	21,210	17,831	497	19.0
South Dakota-----	11,193	9,712	41	16.4	Arizona-----	33,241	33,653	1,727	18.5
Nebraska-----	23,711	22,336	1,019	15.4	Utah-----	29,966	29,036	126	25.5
Kansas-----	32,919	29,957	2,399	14.5	Nevada-----	8,966	7,618	974	15.6
South Atlantic-----	497,188	350,939	139,920	15.0	Pacific-----	416,940	349,282	34,888	15.0
Delaware-----	8,276	6,412	1,774	14.4	Washington-----	50,045	45,543	1,716	14.4
Maryland-----	53,470	39,047	13,373	15.1	Oregon-----	32,519	30,829	709	14.4
District of Columbia-----	10,034	1,314	8,601	13.9	California-----	311,820	263,710	31,944	14.9
					Alaska-----	7,053	4,984	222	20.9
					Hawaii-----	15,503	4,211	298	18.3

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Table 9. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF FATHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Age of mother and race	Total	Age of father										
		Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over	Not stated
Total	3,159,858	219	167,268	803,990	974,799	535,659	215,054	87,999	33,419	11,812	6,081	323,658
Under 15 years	12,529	103	2,826	904	185	47	8	12	6	1	2	8,455
15-19 years	595,449	88	144,100	236,453	40,788	7,607	2,219	769	340	204	122	162,779
20-24 years	1,108,051	12	19,258	511,273	390,189	67,849	15,750	5,419	2,077	853	478	94,813
25-29 years	825,318	10	924	50,132	500,654	283,221	51,324	14,228	5,277	1,955	1,116	34,477
30-34 years	372,907	6	137	4,413	38,580	181,750	95,107	25,161	8,625	3,024	1,592	14,512
35-39 years	116,115	-	39	704	4,010	13,939	47,306	31,034	9,564	3,284	1,617	6,618
40-44 years	27,878	-	2	107	407	1,208	3,260	11,164	6,799	2,122	1,017	1,792
45-49 years	1,711	-	2	4	26	36	80	212	731	369	137	112
White	2,575,792	97	134,884	678,149	882,654	468,143	181,399	72,312	26,984	8,868	4,129	138,193
Under 15 years	5,053	31	1,491	655	114	38	4	12	1	-	1	2,706
15-19 years	420,152	49	116,081	192,370	33,434	6,141	1,737	559	249	158	90	69,284
20-24 years	911,453	4	16,372	438,786	340,400	56,194	12,203	4,127	1,582	647	333	40,825
25-29 years	803,189	7	802	42,125	452,428	232,201	42,594	11,348	4,136	1,449	748	15,333
30-34 years	317,017	6	108	3,556	32,723	161,115	81,987	20,795	7,014	2,301	1,095	6,317
35-39 years	95,575	-	28	573	3,213	11,459	40,167	25,987	7,752	2,460	1,061	2,896
40-44 years	22,046	-	-	82	318	988	2,638	9,331	5,840	1,587	710	792
45-49 years	1,327	-	2	2	24	27	69	173	610	286	93	41
Negro	507,162	114	29,602	111,203	91,189	50,191	25,244	12,464	5,265	2,442	1,383	178,065
Under 15 years	7,291	68	1,300	236	45	7	4	-	5	1	1	5,624
15-19 years	164,430	39	25,756	40,154	6,274	1,200	420	189	70	44	19	90,285
20-24 years	173,860	4	2,434	63,978	42,085	9,141	2,819	1,050	423	161	91	51,674
25-29 years	95,136	3	87	6,105	38,018	22,778	6,189	2,202	904	402	214	18,236
30-34 years	42,900	-	16	611	4,165	15,140	9,679	3,334	1,303	594	335	7,723
35-39 years	18,250	-	7	101	530	1,733	5,612	4,137	1,473	686	425	3,526
40-44 years	4,953	-	2	16	70	161	510	1,521	983	481	259	950
45-49 years	340	-	-	2	2	11	11	31	104	73	39	67

Table 10. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF FATHER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-74

[Rates are live births per 1,000 men for specified group. Figures for age of father not stated are distributed. Beginning 1970, excludes births to non-residents of the United States]

Year	15-54 years ¹	Age of father								
		15-19 years ²	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over
1974 ³	55.5	21.9	102.8	131.3	84.9	40.8	16.8	6.2	2.2	0.4
1973 ³	56.1	22.5	105.6	132.2	86.8	42.5	17.9	6.6	2.2	0.4
1972 ³	59.4	23.3	114.3	139.6	92.4	46.6	19.9	7.3	2.5	0.4
1971 ⁴	66.3	23.7	130.7	161.5	104.1	53.1	22.7	8.1	2.8	0.5
1970 ⁴	71.5	25.6	146.6	175.0	112.3	57.6	24.9	9.1	3.1	0.6
1969 ⁴	70.1	24.1	143.6	172.9	111.8	58.5	25.5	9.3	3.3	0.6
1967-69	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966 ⁴	73.5	22.1	160.7	181.7	121.0	68.2	30.6	12.0	4.2	0.8
1965 ⁴	77.4	20.0	163.2	193.7	131.8	73.9	34.0	13.2	4.7	0.8
1960 ⁴	94.8	21.5	202.2	232.6	154.2	87.4	42.6	16.7	6.2	1.0

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.²Rates computed by relating births to fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.³Based on 100 percent of births in selected States on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.⁴Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMACY RATES, AND ILLEGITIMACY RATIOS, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1974

[National estimates based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other of the 38 States and the District of Columbia which require reporting of legitimacy status. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed.]

Age	Number ¹				Rates per 1,000 unmarried women in specified group				Ratio per 1,000 live births			
	Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other	
			Total	Negro			Total	Negro			Total	Negro
All ages-----	418,100	168,500	249,600	238,800	² 24.1	² 11.8	² 81.5	² 86.6	132.3	65.4	427.3	470.9
Under 15 years-----	10,600	3,300	7,300	7,100	---	---	---	---	846.0	653.1	976.5	973.8
15-19 years-----	210,800	85,000	125,700	121,200	23.2	11.1	88.8	95.1	354.0	222.3	717.1	737.1
15 years-----	23,100	8,600	14,600	14,200	---	---	---	---	685.1	475.9	935.0	937.2
16 years-----	40,100	16,100	24,000	23,300	---	---	---	---	523.3	335.2	860.9	875.4
17 years-----	49,800	20,100	29,700	28,600	---	---	---	---	399.8	233.3	773.5	790.5
18 years-----	51,500	21,000	30,500	29,300	---	---	---	---	312.9	176.3	670.2	689.9
19 years-----	46,200	18,200	27,000	25,900	---	---	---	---	234.9	129.0	564.0	588.4
20-24 years-----	122,700	49,600	73,200	69,700	30.9	15.2	104.3	111.2	110.7	54.4	372.3	400.9
25-29 years-----	44,900	18,600	26,400	24,900	28.4	14.9	78.8	82.5	48.6	23.2	219.7	261.7
30-34 years-----	18,600	7,600	11,000	10,200	18.6	9.6	51.6	52.3	49.9	24.0	196.8	237.8
35-39 years-----	8,200	3,400	4,700	4,400	10.0	5.5	23.3	24.2	69.4	35.6	208.5	241.1
40 years and over-----	2,300	1,000	1,300	1,200	² 6.6	² 1.5	² 6.7	² 6.7	77.7	42.8	209.1	226.7

¹Due to rounding estimates to the nearest hundred figures by race may not add to totals.
²Rates computed by relating total illegitimate births, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women 15-44 years.
³Rates computed by relating illegitimate births to mothers aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years.

Table 12. LIVE BIRTHS BY INTERVAL SINCE LAST LIVE BIRTH, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to second and higher order births occurring within the areas reporting date of last live birth to residents of these areas. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother.]

Interval since last live birth and race	Total, second and higher order births ¹	Live-birth order						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8 and over
Total-----	1,431,519	785,852	347,068	150,149	63,647	34,480	18,824	26,500
0 months-----	17,653	5,939	5,855	2,970	1,367	686	377	559
1-11 months-----	24,985	13,302	8,149	2,720	1,267	663	395	498
12-17 months-----	145,369	75,639	35,528	16,141	7,539	4,029	2,318	3,777
18-23 months-----	167,494	85,478	39,501	18,620	7,250	3,821	2,196	3,617
24-35 months-----	319,947	159,105	67,634	26,909	11,778	5,951	3,289	5,251
36-47 months-----	247,786	121,245	55,812	21,421	9,059	4,359	2,363	3,428
48-59 months-----	154,419	84,057	40,091	15,652	6,934	3,347	1,713	2,325
60-71 months-----	81,153	43,925	20,252	10,765	4,204	2,433	1,312	1,654
72 months and over-----	184,435	67,556	30,017	29,673	15,337	7,584	3,904	3,989
Not stated-----	78,279	40,576	14,702	6,772	3,264	1,627	857	1,391
White-----	1,172,933	631,934	284,652	119,752	52,501	26,124	13,194	16,836
0 months-----	14,145	4,933	4,833	2,822	1,339	684	273	362
1-11 months-----	17,535	9,839	4,424	1,777	810	377	231	228
12-17 months-----	110,649	59,643	27,460	11,715	5,269	2,683	1,563	2,304
18-23 months-----	135,433	70,510	30,922	13,014	5,419	2,759	1,561	2,287
24-35 months-----	269,703	133,041	55,801	21,455	9,035	4,459	2,397	3,499
36-47 months-----	210,429	102,367	46,849	17,164	8,982	3,221	1,690	2,206
48-59 months-----	129,470	71,496	34,152	13,079	5,491	2,525	1,231	1,536
60-71 months-----	75,362	36,545	16,781	8,781	3,823	1,864	931	1,035
72 months and over-----	149,128	54,072	24,059	24,753	12,413	5,637	2,747	2,480
Not stated-----	60,892	40,469	10,898	4,605	2,161	1,033	617	869
Negro-----	219,057	102,282	53,055	27,413	14,241	8,304	5,036	8,756
0 months-----	3,034	859	839	562	303	193	96	189
1-11 months-----	6,405	2,910	1,570	634	423	271	147	250
12-17 months-----	29,039	13,082	7,124	3,830	1,831	1,135	670	1,289
18-23 months-----	28,726	13,014	6,359	3,112	1,590	916	555	1,180
24-35 months-----	41,470	20,877	9,304	4,699	2,301	1,298	828	1,563
36-47 months-----	31,118	15,221	7,678	3,671	1,810	1,019	611	1,107
48-59 months-----	21,039	10,319	4,985	2,532	1,297	734	441	739
60-71 months-----	13,535	6,203	3,392	1,751	851	483	333	532
72 months and over-----	30,936	11,771	7,734	4,609	2,697	1,729	1,057	1,408
Not stated-----	15,658	8,019	3,479	1,613	899	533	318	499

¹Excludes not stated birth order.
 NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.

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Table 13. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER AND FATHER, BY RACE OF CHILD: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

Years of school completed	Mother			Father		
	Total	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro
Total-----	2,295,366	1,850,160	393,611	2,295,366	1,850,160	393,611
0-5 years-----	18,316	14,369	2,827	21,055	16,439	3,601
6 years-----	14,563	10,592	3,032	15,375	12,330	2,578
7 years-----	21,635	14,501	6,545	17,423	13,622	3,442
8 years-----	82,411	61,807	18,142	77,840	66,955	9,255
9 years-----	120,689	85,943	31,926	70,454	58,712	10,399
10 years-----	190,542	136,012	50,369	116,487	94,983	19,339
11 years-----	204,354	136,708	63,384	127,753	97,222	28,049
12 years-----	1,008,770	841,069	150,866	827,281	703,539	107,936
13 years-----	147,313	127,746	17,024	114,812	101,778	10,808
14 years-----	125,663	108,075	14,456	153,878	136,667	13,592
15 years-----	57,663	50,618	5,530	58,840	52,360	5,289
16 years-----	182,169	164,539	11,776	211,737	196,257	10,200
17 years and over-----	61,172	53,296	3,951	163,389	150,140	5,971
Not stated-----	60,126	44,885	13,983	319,033	148,957	163,143

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and father.

Table 14. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Age of mother and race	Years of school completed by mother						
	Total	0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years and over	Not stated
Total-----	2,295,366	136,925	515,585	1,008,770	330,639	243,341	60,126
Under 15 years-----	9,332	6,300	2,461	61	14	6	490
15-19 years-----	431,500	34,355	234,937	140,375	10,046	256	11,531
20-24 years-----	799,945	34,882	151,026	425,366	133,078	36,232	19,359
25-29 years-----	674,653	28,568	72,604	230,807	131,704	133,558	17,612
30-34 years-----	272,548	18,151	35,167	109,204	42,875	59,258	-7,893
35-39 years-----	85,847	10,640	15,250	34,705	10,687	12,016	2,549
40 years and over-----	21,543	4,229	4,120	8,252	2,235	2,015	892
White-----	1,850,160	101,269	358,663	841,069	286,439	217,835	44,885
Under 15 years-----	3,467	2,491	745	30	8	6	187
15-19 years-----	296,207	24,694	155,069	102,703	6,458	169	7,135
20-24 years-----	650,157	27,436	110,565	354,104	112,181	31,372	14,499
25-29 years-----	584,485	22,206	53,719	254,070	118,439	121,549	14,500
30-34 years-----	230,439	13,761	25,412	94,101	38,162	52,770	6,233
35-39 years-----	68,628	7,751	10,384	29,102	9,307	10,233	1,851
40 years and over-----	16,779	2,930	2,770	6,959	1,904	1,736	480
Negro-----	393,611	30,346	145,679	150,866	37,010	15,727	13,983
Under 15 years-----	5,741	3,728	1,678	29	6	-	300
15-19 years-----	127,394	8,952	75,415	35,301	3,377	76	4,273
20-24 years-----	134,301	5,967	37,059	64,640	18,226	3,864	4,545
25-29 years-----	73,600	4,786	16,938	31,854	10,404	7,159	2,659
30-34 years-----	33,712	3,462	8,942	12,995	3,625	3,388	1,400
35-39 years-----	14,510	2,352	4,479	4,903	1,105	1,059	612
40 years and over-----	4,153	1,099	1,268	1,144	267	181	194

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

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Table 15. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

Live-birth order and race	Total	Years of school completed by mother					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years and over	Not stated
Total -----	2,295,566	136,825	515,565	1,023,770	330,639	243,341	60,126
First child-----	946,112	42,729	221,592	409,524	142,133	112,997	17,152
Second child-----	711,999	31,034	133,396	335,256	114,157	85,574	12,582
Third child-----	317,228	21,559	72,235	145,834	43,478	23,195	5,927
Fourth child-----	137,761	15,828	33,019	59,035	15,665	8,503	2,649
Fifth child-----	62,314	8,890	19,349	24,433	6,123	2,828	1,307
Sixth child-----	31,690	5,672	10,455	11,191	2,571	1,133	663
Seventh child-----	17,137	3,804	5,701	5,446	1,241	553	387
Eighth child and over-----	24,445	7,368	7,860	6,611	1,378	594	644
Not stated-----	46,030	2,041	6,978	11,390	3,832	2,599	16,800
White -----	1,850,160	101,269	359,663	841,069	286,439	217,835	44,895
First child-----	765,745	30,878	155,891	344,217	121,904	100,597	12,269
Second child-----	592,681	24,699	97,437	233,837	100,435	77,000	9,253
Third child-----	256,109	16,986	50,759	120,860	37,939	23,400	4,166
Fourth child-----	105,504	10,564	25,563	47,473	13,471	7,624	1,794
Fifth child-----	46,418	6,526	12,246	19,100	5,190	2,559	807
Sixth child-----	22,013	3,837	6,055	6,459	2,157	1,047	409
Seventh child-----	11,195	2,434	2,991	3,386	1,034	512	253
Eighth child and over-----	14,045	3,930	3,360	4,737	1,136	533	349
Not stated-----	25,470	1,335	4,326	8,401	3,184	2,563	15,601
Negro -----	392,611	30,346	145,673	180,869	37,010	15,727	15,985
First child-----	153,536	10,434	61,043	53,637	17,036	7,827	4,509
Second child-----	102,272	4,937	32,053	45,946	11,235	5,039	2,995
Third child-----	53,693	3,675	19,337	22,432	4,672	1,701	1,529
Fourth child-----	23,145	2,775	11,523	10,534	1,833	575	791
Fifth child-----	14,843	2,023	6,613	4,333	826	174	474
Sixth child-----	8,793	1,517	4,039	2,501	367	55	240
Seventh child-----	5,480	1,021	2,351	1,325	175	38	140
Eighth child and over-----	9,523	3,021	4,274	1,720	212	28	270
Not stated-----	9,583	597	2,522	2,843	614	242	2,965

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

Table 16. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

Race and birth weight	Total	Month of pregnancy prenatal care began									
		1st or 2d month	3d month	4th month	5th month	6th month	7th month	8th month	9th month	No prenatal care	Not stated
Total -----	2,717,059	1,170,785	703,724	295,793	166,802	102,339	69,072	40,504	16,563	35,024	111,347
2,500 grams or less-----	200,726	74,812	49,650	24,129	14,860	9,560	6,139	3,220	1,345	7,249	10,762
2,501 grams or more-----	2,506,146	1,093,662	653,814	271,159	151,739	92,602	61,827	37,221	15,177	28,569	93,376
Not stated-----	10,187	2,311	1,260	511	303	177	106	63	41	206	5,209
White -----	2,210,615	1,020,647	593,927	221,135	115,057	69,730	46,243	27,782	11,058	22,319	83,707
2,500 grams or less-----	138,169	58,011	35,531	14,865	8,293	5,280	3,478	1,877	729	3,645	6,460
2,501 grams or more-----	2,063,935	960,680	557,387	205,897	106,556	63,339	42,709	25,875	10,301	18,531	72,890
Not stated-----	8,511	1,976	1,009	333	203	111	56	40	23	143	4,557
Negro -----	438,312	124,257	93,065	66,289	46,530	30,123	19,269	10,894	4,646	12,296	25,943
2,500 grams or less-----	57,555	14,922	11,994	6,612	6,194	4,011	2,492	1,222	566	3,388	4,154
2,501 grams or more-----	379,287	109,045	85,862	57,560	40,254	26,055	16,741	9,651	4,069	8,855	21,195
Not stated-----	1,470	290	209	117	82	57	36	21	11	53	594

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

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Table 17. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the number of prenatal visits to residents of these areas.]

Race	Total	Number of prenatal visits											Not stated
		No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	19 visits or more	
Total-----	1,806,739	18,551	39,808	81,624	153,223	238,131	389,207	440,095	191,158	107,221	21,193	29,116	97,412
White-----	1,451,239	9,524	21,671	48,213	102,379	181,825	322,215	385,531	171,566	93,471	18,775	23,889	72,180
Negro-----	311,185	7,906	15,996	29,895	45,599	49,538	57,807	45,882	16,111	11,971	2,043	4,716	25,719

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas which did not require reporting of number of prenatal visits.

Table 18. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS, MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 37 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas.]

Month of pregnancy prenatal care began and race	Total	Number of prenatal visits											Not stated
		No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	19 visits or more	
Total-----	1,734,874	17,939	38,464	78,924	147,764	230,329	375,333	418,688	179,933	101,550	20,626	28,716	96,608
1st-2d month-----	733,639	...	2,725	7,596	22,853	65,943	152,305	242,941	123,003	71,875	14,925	18,990	10,483
3d month-----	453,937	...	2,903	9,543	33,568	67,957	131,051	129,368	42,859	22,177	4,220	5,007	5,484
4th-6th month-----	362,725	...	11,225	38,198	72,795	85,603	85,341	42,389	12,515	6,465	1,246	2,205	4,743
7th-9th month-----	77,791	...	20,445	22,402	16,994	8,921	4,139	1,850	773	356	84	175	1,652
No prenatal care-----	17,939	17,939	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated-----	88,843	...	1,166	1,185	1,554	1,905	2,497	2,140	983	677	151	2,339	74,246
White-----	1,396,325	9,146	20,959	46,675	99,149	176,650	311,811	367,775	161,753	89,668	18,264	23,583	71,672
1st-2d month-----	638,223	...	1,468	4,595	16,409	53,058	131,371	217,918	111,918	63,983	13,472	16,074	7,957
3d month-----	379,568	...	1,561	5,783	23,537	54,699	111,485	113,295	38,304	19,139	3,664	4,016	4,086
4th-6th month-----	252,858	...	5,439	21,459	46,819	61,325	64,116	33,421	10,097	4,923	970	1,494	2,795
7th-9th month-----	50,092	...	11,842	14,160	11,438	6,323	3,048	1,348	610	261	57	117	688
No prenatal care-----	9,146	9,146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated-----	66,438	...	649	678	946	1,246	1,791	1,793	824	562	121	1,982	55,946
Negro-----	295,250	7,674	15,380	28,765	43,458	47,051	54,557	42,545	14,825	10,963	1,969	4,826	23,437
1st-2d month-----	80,264	...	1,130	2,731	5,620	11,265	17,617	20,414	8,824	6,679	1,216	2,567	2,201
3d month-----	64,285	...	1,219	3,392	9,043	11,453	16,661	13,565	3,588	2,678	460	909	1,317
4th-6th month-----	98,087	...	5,224	15,101	23,467	21,545	18,667	7,789	2,121	1,406	241	665	1,861
7th-9th month-----	23,863	...	7,381	7,106	4,765	2,186	851	463	152	89	26	52	692
No prenatal care-----	7,674	7,674	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated-----	21,077	...	426	435	563	602	661	314	140	111	26	433	17,366

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia which did not require reporting of both number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy care began.

Table 19. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States.]

Race	Total	Birth weight ¹										Not stated	
		500 grams or less	501-1,000 grams	1,001-1,500 grams	1,501-2,000 grams	2,001-2,500 grams	2,501-3,000 grams	3,001-3,500 grams	3,501-4,000 grams	4,001-4,500 grams	4,501-5,000 grams		5,001 grams or more
Total-----	3,159,959	3,014	13,300	19,437	44,857	153,342	567,018	1,199,187	899,549	240,842	42,874	5,690	11,048
White-----	2,575,792	1,990	8,589	12,931	30,549	107,648	420,975	972,814	749,308	217,903	38,952	4,996	9,137
Negro-----	507,182	940	4,444	6,072	13,043	41,902	128,903	194,833	91,875	16,720	3,170	587	1,673

¹Equivalents of the gram weight in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:

- 500 grams or less = 1 lb. 1 oz. or less.
- 501-1,000 grams = 1 lb. 2 oz. - 2 lb. 3 oz.
- 1,001-1,500 grams = 2 lb. 4 oz. - 3 lb. 4 oz.
- 1,501-2,000 grams = 3 lb. 5 oz. - 4 lb. 6 oz.
- 2,001-2,500 grams = 4 lb. 7 oz. - 5 lb. 8 oz.
- 2,501-3,000 grams = 5 lb. 9 oz. - 6 lb. 9 oz.
- 3,001-3,500 grams = 6 lb. 10 oz. - 7 lb. 11 oz.
- 3,501-4,000 grams = 7 lb. 12 oz. - 8 lb. 13 oz.
- 4,001-4,500 grams = 8 lb. 14 oz. - 9 lb. 14 oz.
- 4,501-5,000 grams = 9 lb. 15 oz. - 11 lb. 0 oz.
- 5,001 grams or more = 11 lb. 1 oz. or more.

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Table 20. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 40 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1974

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the first day of last normal menstrual period (LMP) to residents of these areas]

Period of gestation and race	Total	Birth weight											
		500 grams or less	501-1,000 grams	1,001-1,500 grams	1,501-2,000 grams	2,001-2,500 grams	2,501-3,000 grams	3,001-3,500 grams	3,501-4,000 grams	4,001-4,500 grams	4,501-5,000 grams	5,001 grams or more	Not stated
Total-----	2,408,989	2,304	10,109	14,791	34,269	116,913	430,187	911,647	656,127	185,376	32,914	4,411	9,941
Under 20 weeks-----	608	106	122	42	37	36	48	101	60	19	4	-	33
20-27 weeks-----	11,012	1,198	4,907	1,712	637	537	637	699	339	70	20	38	218
28-31 weeks-----	18,988	76	1,338	5,346	4,569	2,160	2,045	2,081	915	187	41	7	217
32-35 weeks-----	78,972	21	343	2,285	11,097	20,725	19,060	16,193	7,065	1,576	219	45	323
36 weeks-----	52,813	6	36	264	1,839	9,815	18,261	14,720	6,098	1,373	256	49	127
37-39 weeks-----	830,976	34	87	573	4,562	34,116	153,519	267,681	137,738	27,255	3,601	600	1,010
40 weeks-----	433,555	31	54	166	977	9,148	65,867	178,440	138,351	36,128	5,616	622	655
41-42 weeks-----	504,492	37	39	134	810	8,104	56,322	182,670	180,322	61,986	11,944	1,425	690
43 weeks and over-----	175,572	13	53	82	473	3,674	22,039	62,678	58,958	21,589	4,960	715	288
Not stated-----	502,011	782	3,131	4,187	9,269	28,598	94,651	186,374	126,263	35,193	6,073	910	6,580
White-----	1,942,911	1,516	6,366	9,611	23,004	80,557	314,199	731,370	567,598	166,804	29,762	3,835	8,289
Under 20 weeks-----	352	69	56	21	12	18	29	57	53	11	3	-	23
20-27 weeks-----	7,015	836	3,251	1,053	353	273	341	415	244	53	16	28	152
28-31 weeks-----	12,267	42	886	3,694	3,095	1,220	1,066	1,293	611	146	33	5	176
32-35 weeks-----	54,049	13	224	1,526	7,776	14,855	12,578	10,378	5,032	1,226	180	32	229
36 weeks-----	38,593	2	20	173	1,500	7,053	13,339	10,654	4,609	1,102	197	42	102
37-39 weeks-----	501,242	30	51	379	3,211	24,318	114,282	214,120	116,575	23,697	3,281	485	803
40 weeks-----	364,140	29	33	98	652	6,522	48,554	147,915	121,548	32,670	5,057	514	548
41-42 weeks-----	438,565	33	23	92	533	5,890	44,120	155,228	162,335	57,359	11,039	1,518	616
43 weeks and over-----	149,304	8	39	59	293	2,558	16,640	51,404	51,988	19,817	4,626	651	224
Not stated-----	378,384	454	1,784	2,516	5,779	17,660	65,231	139,906	104,605	30,743	5,350	760	5,416
Negro-----	398,899	712	3,500	4,802	10,360	33,076	101,999	182,767	72,470	14,826	2,478	473	1,436
Under 20 weeks-----	238	36	64	20	21	18	17	41	7	6	-	-	8
20-27 weeks-----	3,674	323	1,511	593	267	252	284	270	87	15	4	10	58
28-31 weeks-----	6,192	29	428	1,521	1,353	864	891	754	275	32	8	2	35
32-35 weeks-----	22,510	8	107	692	3,034	5,333	5,888	5,202	1,824	295	26	13	88
36 weeks-----	12,710	4	14	85	489	2,508	4,399	3,627	1,506	220	31	7	21
37-39 weeks-----	109,459	4	34	177	1,217	8,758	33,782	44,631	17,335	2,847	433	94	167
40 weeks-----	57,281	2	18	63	302	2,376	12,668	25,147	13,358	2,739	436	83	89
41-42 weeks-----	54,118	2	15	41	252	2,004	10,576	22,546	14,291	3,585	676	77	53
43 weeks and over-----	23,124	5	15	23	171	1,032	4,861	9,615	5,652	1,396	249	51	54
Not stated-----	109,593	299	1,294	1,587	3,254	9,951	28,633	40,934	18,336	3,691	615	136	863

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin which did not require reporting of first day of last normal menstrual period.

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