

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

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

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

Item	May				January–May				12 months ending with May				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	344,000	339,000	13.7	13.6	1,671,000	1,670,000	13.7	13.7	4,123,000	4,111,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	65.2	64.4	...	...	65.1	64.8	...	...	66.4	66.0	65.1
Deaths	196,000	195,000	7.8	7.9	1,062,000	1,043,000	8.7	8.6	2,412,000	2,438,000	8.2	8.3	8.3
Infant deaths	2,200	2,300	6.3	6.7	11,100	11,500	6.6	6.8	27,000	27,600	6.5	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	148,000	144,000	5.9	5.7	609,000	627,000	5.0	5.1	1,711,000	1,673,000	5.8	5.7	5.7
Marriages ¹	185,000	224,000	7.4	9.0	778,000	831,000	6.4	6.8	2,226,000	2,242,000	7.5	7.7	7.9
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.7	3.8	3.9
Population base (in millions)	296.0	293.1	294.9	292.7	289.7

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--- Data not available.

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

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

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Technical Notes

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

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

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

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

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

Period	Live births				Marriages		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years		Number	Rate per 1,000 population ²	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹						
2004:										
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	123,000	5.0	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1
February	317,000	13.7	64.4	65.6	151,000	6.5	203,000	8.8	2,300	7.2
March	347,000	14.0	66.1	67.6	159,000	6.4	212,000	8.5	2,300	6.7
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	174,000	7.2	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5
May	339,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	224,000	9.0	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.7
June	346,000	14.4	68.0	67.2	243,000	10.1	187,000	7.8	2,200	6.5
July	360,000	14.5	68.5	65.6	246,000	9.9	191,000	7.7	2,500	6.9
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
September	357,000	14.8	70.2	66.4	214,000	8.9	185,000	7.7	2,300	6.5
October	350,000	14.0	66.6	67.1	212,000	8.5	195,000	7.8	2,300	6.5
November	337,000	13.9	66.1	68.6	153,000	6.3	192,000	7.9	2,200	6.5
December	345,000	13.8	65.6	66.2	154,000	6.2	211,000	8.4	2,200	6.4
2005:										
January	331,000	13.2	62.8	65.6	137,000	5.5	228,000	9.1	2,300	6.9
February	310,000	13.7	65.1	66.2	135,000	6.0	209,000	9.2	2,100	6.6
March	350,000	13.9	66.3	67.9	156,000	6.2	226,000	9.0	2,400	6.7
April	337,000	13.9	66.0	66.8	163,000	6.7	202,000	8.3	2,200	6.5
May	344,000	13.7	65.2	65.6	185,000	7.4	196,000	7.8	2,200	6.3

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

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

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

Moreover, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) ceased publishing divorce counts and rates based on provisional data from the combined 50 States because it is no longer statistically feasible to calculate estimates of monthly divorce counts for nonreporting States (in 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana; and in 2003, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma). Instead, NCHS publishes only the 12-month divorce rates shown in [table A](#), based solely on the combined counts and populations for reporting States and the District of Columbia. Aggregate 1-month, cumulative counts and rates, and 12-month counts for divorces have

been dropped because of their very limited usefulness when based on less than the full complement of States. Monthly marriage and divorce counts as reported by each State will continue to be shown in [table 3](#).

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

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 45 reporting States and the District of Columbia. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable, and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each State, May 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by State of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	May		January–May			May		January–May		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Alabama	4,879	4,763	23,900	23,499	23,604	3,919	3,826	20,307	20,084	19,768
Alaska	860	877	4,244	4,296	4,127	257	262	1,291	1,184	1,297
Arizona	7,612	7,267	38,022	37,067	36,157	3,998	3,625	19,741	18,893	18,722
Arkansas	3,266	3,004	15,618	15,447	15,236	2,218	2,220	12,471	12,097	11,666
California	44,716	44,032	219,169	217,730	219,013	16,621	19,920	99,264	101,741	92,358
Colorado	5,840	5,801	28,397	27,996	28,799	2,571	2,285	12,958	12,109	12,510
Connecticut	3,600	3,617	17,006	17,317	17,695	1,957	2,268	11,513	12,629	12,408
Delaware	936	943	4,633	4,694	4,743	597	574	3,206	3,129	3,043
District of Columbia	615	631	2,965	3,034	3,010	426	414	2,378	2,311	2,370
Florida	17,930	17,173	89,270	86,675	84,698	14,888	13,738	75,855	74,571	73,399
Georgia	11,566	11,233	56,720	55,840	54,773	5,237	5,444	28,484	28,977	28,277
Hawaii	1,516	1,559	7,293	7,503	7,286	820	758	4,009	3,930	3,728
Idaho	2,076	1,933	9,464	9,210	8,906	837	878	4,572	4,248	4,288
Illinois	14,631	15,341	72,187	74,259	73,563	8,681	8,070	45,122	43,832	44,697
Indiana	7,036	7,422	34,984	36,100	34,802	4,519	4,333	24,604	23,402	23,496
Iowa	3,291	3,136	15,860	15,768	15,761	2,179	2,137	12,251	11,633	12,055
Kansas	3,265	3,303	15,947	16,459	16,514	2,020	1,907	10,827	10,437	10,518
Kentucky	4,784	4,474	22,492	22,475	21,977	3,421	3,142	17,944	17,153	16,987
Louisiana	5,153	4,915	25,613	25,784	25,565	3,514	3,382	18,460	18,042	18,008
Maine	1,239	1,200	5,827	5,696	5,677	962	1,040	5,581	5,413	5,387
Maryland	6,357	6,154	30,874	30,717	30,466	3,548	3,474	19,557	18,860	18,880
Massachusetts	6,588	6,666	31,225	32,134	32,875	5,249	4,176	24,537	23,753	23,596
Michigan	10,969	11,263	52,693	54,315	53,611	7,143	6,850	38,012	36,595	36,346
Minnesota	6,279	6,098	29,375	29,342	28,513	2,825	3,103	16,523	16,052	15,946
Mississippi	3,473	3,294	16,830	16,830	16,551	2,346	2,290	12,498	12,007	12,164
Missouri	6,593	6,244	31,724	31,275	30,482	4,456	4,475	23,985	23,449	23,351
Montana	1,037	1,039	4,705	4,686	4,690	703	659	3,798	3,431	3,395
Nebraska	2,218	2,187	10,592	10,717	10,430	1,230	1,199	6,592	6,319	6,552
Nevada	2,721	2,720	14,141	14,002	13,477	1,272	1,440	7,858	7,590	7,456
New Hampshire	1,230	1,348	6,254	6,282	5,998	753	748	4,332	4,314	4,050
New Jersey	9,777	9,839	46,349	47,348	47,362	5,811	5,728	31,818	32,794	31,399
New Mexico	2,502	2,263	11,655	11,295	11,097	1,202	1,239	6,394	6,175	6,196
New York	21,272	21,667	102,608	106,050	106,183	12,173	12,351	68,487	66,493	66,556
North Carolina	10,000	9,653	49,188	48,086	47,432	6,124	5,890	33,039	31,271	30,907
North Dakota	734	702	3,336	3,331	3,221	460	464	2,600	2,371	2,612
Ohio	11,536	12,540	55,615	61,565	60,800	9,337	8,591	47,687	46,643	46,038
Oklahoma	4,323	4,031	20,914	20,547	20,548	3,124	2,849	15,839	14,913	14,954
Oregon	3,835	3,934	18,623	18,566	18,835	2,557	2,523	13,563	12,981	12,983
Pennsylvania	12,378	11,922	60,004	58,770	56,228	9,299	10,150	56,430	56,149	55,213
Rhode Island	1,134	1,111	5,151	5,414	5,277	834	818	4,592	4,348	4,284
South Carolina	4,614	4,590	22,936	22,997	22,505	3,010	3,006	15,450	16,081	16,123
South Dakota	1,031	947	4,768	4,656	4,436	543	553	3,059	2,855	2,971
Tennessee	6,724	6,270	32,715	31,963	31,634	4,738	4,437	24,942	23,917	23,758
Texas	31,884	30,486	159,339	151,725	150,492	11,901	12,567	66,263	65,860	65,366
Utah	4,501	4,463	21,225	21,337	20,719	1,077	1,172	5,646	5,759	5,547
Vermont	557	572	2,665	2,751	2,698	403	413	2,211	2,125	2,124
Virginia	8,865	8,565	42,168	42,296	40,779	4,679	4,498	25,461	24,385	24,321
Washington	7,231	7,056	33,783	33,762	32,876	3,676	3,676	18,512	19,076	19,100
West Virginia	1,736	1,764	8,201	8,461	8,296	1,695	1,620	9,258	8,963	8,646
Wisconsin	6,262	5,940	29,184	29,220	28,429	3,792	3,743	20,706	19,939	19,840
Wyoming	631	593	3,027	2,764	2,640	345	327	1,808	1,664	1,712
Puerto Rico	3,824	3,855	19,550	19,884	20,268	2,385	2,354	12,710	12,337	11,670

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each State, 12 months ending with May 2004 and 2005

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

Area	12 months ending with May			
	2005		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	503	8.4	512	8.7
Alaska	58	5.6	62	6.1
Arizona	631	6.7	602	6.6
Arkansas	324	8.3	354	9.2
California	2,699	4.9	2,713	5.0
Colorado	461	6.7	423	6.2
Connecticut	232	5.6	229	5.3
Delaware	73	6.4	93	8.1
District of Columbia	76	10.3	70	9.4
Florida	1,516	6.9	1,555	7.3
Georgia	1,107	7.9	1,192	8.7
Hawaii	85	4.7	124	6.8
Idaho	153	6.7	158	7.1
Illinois	1,287	7.3	1,311	7.2
Indiana	755	8.7	671	7.6
Iowa	189	4.9	198	5.2
Kansas	265	6.6	269	6.6
Kentucky	384	6.9	329	5.9
Louisiana	616	9.5	614	9.4
Maine	82	5.8	66	4.8
Maryland	616	8.2	647	8.5
Massachusetts	342	4.4	427	5.4
Michigan	961	7.5	1,118	8.5
Minnesota	340	4.8	328	4.6
Mississippi	389	9.1	428	10.1
Missouri	574	7.4	547	7.1
Montana	71	6.1	73	6.4
Nebraska	162	6.2	157	6.0
Nevada	204	5.8	208	6.1
New Hampshire	79	5.4	69	4.7
New Jersey	577	5.0	610	5.2
New Mexico	173	6.1	175	6.3
New York	1,503	5.9	1,608	6.2
North Carolina	994	8.2	991	8.4
North Dakota	44	5.4	49	6.1
Ohio	1,095	7.6	1,170	7.8
Oklahoma	419	8.1	393	7.7
Oregon	254	5.6	278	6.1
Pennsylvania	993	6.8	985	6.8
Rhode Island	62	5.0	71	5.4
South Carolina	474	8.4	433	7.7
South Dakota	82	7.1	80	7.0
Tennessee	698	8.7	710	9.0
Texas	2,261	5.8	2,400	6.3
Utah	253	5.0	251	5.0
Vermont	25	3.9	33	5.0
Virginia	728	7.0	799	7.8
Washington	440	5.4	443	5.5
West Virginia	134	6.5	147	7.0
Wisconsin	449	6.4	424	6.0
Wyoming	68	9.7	46	6.8
Puerto Rico	418	8.3	426	8.4

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each State, May 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[By State of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	May		January–May			May		January–May		
	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003
Alabama	3,541	4,346	14,294	17,052	17,919	2,067	1,943	8,737	9,383	10,023
Alaska	393	439	1,756	1,692	1,646	452	240	1,943	1,157	1,157
Arizona ²	3,944	3,435	16,923	16,780	15,890	1,878	1,878	10,008	9,716	10,182
Arkansas	3,093	3,658	13,167	15,004	13,671	1,628	1,453	7,096	7,157	6,931
California	21,483	19,888	91,018	88,474	87,000	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,535	3,104	10,020	11,149	12,328	1,760	1,499	8,254	8,007	7,909
Connecticut	1,828	2,045	4,964	5,978	5,719	762	910	4,023	4,603	4,666
Delaware	413	558	1,248	1,728	1,706	256	260	1,356	1,279	1,282
District of Columbia	388	293	1,090	699	1,099	117	91	451	310	386
Florida	16,045	16,043	65,566	67,760	65,673	7,103	7,005	35,116	33,057	35,928
Georgia	5,389	6,961	25,913	26,975	20,330	---	---	---	---	12,072
Hawaii	2,400	2,950	10,059	11,551	10,985	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	940	1,387	4,926	5,034	5,069	632	609	2,970	2,897	3,026
Illinois	4,948	6,669	20,159	24,950	26,449	3,116	2,886	13,802	13,635	14,246
Indiana	3,865	4,087	18,982	21,495	18,029	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	1,946	2,293	5,830	6,225	6,515	766	696	3,307	3,448	3,425
Kansas	1,312	1,842	6,002	6,266	5,070	1,115	1,063	3,642	3,671	2,729
Kentucky	2,366	3,773	12,371	13,284	13,942	1,528	1,679	7,976	8,522	8,614
Louisiana	2,307	3,651	10,330	15,116	15,484	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	631	984	2,022	2,644	2,657	327	531	1,314	2,292	2,314
Maryland	3,803	4,138	12,080	13,047	13,441	1,499	1,450	6,707	6,922	6,942
Massachusetts	3,543	5,389	11,532	11,833	10,587	880	973	5,137	5,984	6,753
Michigan	5,184	6,240	16,995	18,002	19,054	2,859	3,039	14,936	14,649	15,894
Minnesota	2,665	2,733	8,147	8,176	9,358	---	1,181	---	6,094	6,117
Mississippi	1,408	1,979	6,643	7,010	7,113	1,235	1,253	5,454	5,566	5,790
Missouri	4,211	4,633	19,106	14,074	15,077	1,887	1,906	8,878	8,841	9,186
Montana	485	623	1,682	1,895	1,768	292	329	1,448	1,497	1,469
Nebraska	1,525	1,384	4,542	4,096	4,227	521	524	2,548	2,457	2,576
Nevada	13,524	12,792	64,195	59,169	59,750	1,189	1,189	5,301	5,070	6,692
New Hampshire	164	949	1,788	2,842	2,861	752	403	1,774	2,207	2,220
New Jersey	1,795	5,239	11,476	16,459	16,934	2,165	2,178	10,682	11,185	11,894
New Mexico ^{3,4}	1,104	1,208	4,500	5,539	5,009	703	759	3,487	3,974	3,956
New York ²	10,407	11,997	46,087	43,211	45,408	4,500	6,100	21,300	24,730	26,114
North Carolina	---	6,939	---	23,176	24,001	---	3,359	---	15,215	15,050
North Dakota	305	430	1,055	1,199	1,333	138	152	655	804	759
Ohio	8,598	7,787	24,816	24,154	25,301	3,928	3,555	17,843	17,140	18,050
Oklahoma	2,833	2,494	10,150	8,762	(⁵)	1,577	1,663	7,776	7,335	(⁵)
Oregon	1,956	1,702	7,981	7,818	7,794	1,479	1,097	6,497	5,935	6,319
Pennsylvania	5,403	7,427	19,356	25,053	25,037	2,940	3,094	11,897	14,979	15,426
Rhode Island	669	855	2,039	2,408	2,465	232	221	1,338	1,456	1,502
South Carolina	3,018	5,546	12,019	10,905	15,190	1,028	1,458	4,821	5,053	5,638
South Dakota	554	640	1,848	1,875	1,964	224	188	994	967	990
Tennessee	3,979	7,102	20,565	26,146	27,851	1,950	2,517	10,773	12,162	12,157
Texas	13,445	17,256	59,198	73,738	75,184	7,289	7,289	43,844	34,485	34,903
Utah	2,177	2,597	8,009	8,229	8,812	649	789	4,049	4,062	4,054
Vermont	239	456	1,176	1,424	1,503	295	230	1,032	1,015	1,054
Virginia	6,046	6,730	22,356	22,368	22,984	2,756	2,485	11,440	12,104	11,897
Washington	2,534	3,343	11,868	12,601	12,533	1,965	2,187	10,739	10,739	11,127
West Virginia	916	1,423	3,966	4,560	4,757	778	675	3,753	3,749	3,920
Wisconsin	2,878	3,552	8,852	9,540	10,137	1,114	1,341	6,940	7,097	7,292
Wyoming	415	405	1,418	1,443	1,398	207	235	1,070	1,055	1,123
Puerto Rico	1,866	1,543	8,417	8,795	9,864	1,435	1,253	7,431	6,543	6,164

--- 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 number of marriage licenses issued.⁴Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.⁵Data incomplete.

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