

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

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, August 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	August				January–August				12 months ending with August				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	368,000	357,000	14.6	14.3	2,743,000	2,733,000	13.9	14.0	4,132,000	4,111,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	69.7	67.9	...	...	66.3	66.1	...	...	66.6	66.3	65.3
Deaths	186,000	189,000	7.4	7.6	1,633,000	1,611,000	8.3	8.2	2,415,000	2,433,000	8.2	8.3	8.3
Infant deaths	2,200	2,200	6.2	6.3	18,400	18,400	6.7	6.7	27,300	27,600	6.6	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	182,000	168,000	7.2	6.7	1,110,000	1,122,000	5.6	5.8	1,717,000	1,678,000	5.8	5.7	5.7
Marriages ¹	227,000	226,000	9.0	9.1	1,454,000	1,546,000	7.4	7.9	2,187,000	2,260,000	7.4	7.7	7.8
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.8	3.8
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	296.8	293.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	295.6	292.7	290.4

... Category not applicable.

--- 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. There is considerable variability among the States in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to the National Center

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2004–August 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	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	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	137,000	5.5	228,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	311,000	13.7	65.2	66.4	135,000	6.0	213,000	9.4	2,100	6.7
March	349,000	13.9	66.1	67.7	156,000	6.2	226,000	9.0	2,500	7.0
April	333,000	13.7	65.2	66.0	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	6.9
May	346,000	13.8	65.6	66.0	185,000	7.4	200,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
June	349,000	14.3	68.3	67.4	227,000	9.3	184,000	7.6	2,200	6.5
July	357,000	14.2	67.6	64.6	222,000	8.8	190,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
August	368,000	14.6	69.7	67.2	227,000	9.0	186,000	7.4	2,200	6.2

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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for Health Statistics (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. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

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 (vol. 48, nos. 1, 2, and 4, respectively) available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

Moreover, 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, complete 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 44 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 and Puerto Rico, August 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by State of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	August		January–August			August		January–August		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Alabama	5,391	5,096	39,554	38,614	38,749	3,732	3,682	31,547	30,910	30,690
Alaska	895	870	6,924	6,925	6,761	270	262	2,022	1,991	2,150
Arizona	8,797	8,214	62,995	60,636	59,451	3,701	3,407	30,416	29,065	28,783
Arkansas	3,395	3,340	25,780	25,312	25,082	2,191	2,194	19,086	18,682	18,169
California	49,592	47,968	362,101	357,614	358,902	18,439	18,731	157,153	158,043	145,537
Colorado	6,000	5,732	46,303	45,671	46,813	2,352	2,231	19,929	18,848	19,337
Connecticut	3,674	3,633	27,916	28,345	28,981	2,009	2,210	18,873	19,397	19,364
Delaware	1,079	961	7,691	7,603	7,654	599	561	4,933	4,724	4,742
District of Columbia	644	631	4,838	4,969	4,937	816	421	4,241	3,585	3,669
Florida	20,413	18,883	147,087	141,862	137,910	13,505	13,192	115,720	114,207	112,967
Georgia	12,693	12,047	93,633	91,482	89,746	5,146	5,272	44,066	44,411	44,010
Hawaii	1,490	1,497	11,732	12,027	11,767	737	743	6,161	6,118	5,945
Idaho	1,993	1,907	15,444	15,006	14,619	907	798	7,186	6,656	6,797
Illinois	15,470	15,371	118,129	121,430	121,644	8,116	8,245	68,889	68,267	69,429
Indiana	7,547	7,579	57,733	58,788	57,575	4,034	4,354	37,189	36,305	36,714
Iowa	3,447	3,365	26,038	25,597	25,490	2,089	2,118	18,672	17,897	18,436
Kansas	3,686	3,553	26,753	26,858	27,129	1,807	1,900	16,580	16,085	16,184
Kentucky	5,020	4,822	37,141	36,964	36,251	2,992	3,086	27,245	26,347	26,458
Louisiana	5,644	5,642	41,919	42,475	42,242	3,406	3,390	28,558	28,271	28,173
Maine	1,252	1,226	9,583	9,379	9,241	991	1,000	8,726	8,407	8,290
Maryland	6,583	6,499	50,471	49,949	49,983	3,463	3,439	29,794	29,148	29,449
Massachusetts	6,899	6,919	51,487	52,929	53,984	3,953	3,977	37,388	35,874	36,402
Michigan	11,035	11,071	85,808	87,681	88,216	6,625	6,771	58,458	56,871	57,266
Minnesota	6,122	6,093	47,874	47,569	47,101	2,852	2,934	25,037	24,684	24,741
Mississippi	3,734	3,719	27,622	27,716	27,551	2,152	2,276	19,372	18,810	18,429
Missouri	6,917	6,506	52,133	51,247	50,608	4,314	4,263	36,698	36,036	36,398
Montana	1,020	959	7,830	7,741	7,690	693	703	5,853	5,443	5,479
Nebraska	1,788	2,149	16,838	17,426	17,131	1,207	1,236	9,934	9,840	10,069
Nevada	3,043	3,042	23,146	23,000	22,182	1,491	1,487	12,521	11,984	11,693
New Hampshire	1,372	1,199	10,194	10,086	9,768	796	800	6,656	6,699	6,340
New Jersey	10,132	10,113	76,218	77,463	77,991	6,109	5,625	47,220	49,695	48,882
New Mexico	2,505	2,478	19,106	18,582	18,417	1,085	1,056	9,736	9,413	9,678
New York	22,294	22,401	168,302	173,237	174,266	10,526	11,842	102,153	102,511	104,154
North Carolina	10,899	10,358	81,143	78,787	77,902	5,603	5,727	50,273	48,314	48,078
North Dakota	712	688	5,523	5,470	5,323	422	444	3,886	3,715	4,050
Ohio	12,543	12,560	97,637	100,055	99,680	8,184	7,908	73,222	71,060	71,221
Oklahoma	4,519	4,402	34,207	33,667	33,805	2,773	2,781	24,230	23,231	23,352
Oregon	4,150	3,844	30,835	30,527	30,926	2,418	2,466	20,825	20,374	20,473
Pennsylvania	13,562	13,067	97,082	96,733	94,001	9,805	9,839	87,304	85,692	85,774
Rhode Island	1,120	1,093	8,590	8,676	8,752	734	739	6,888	6,631	6,670
South Carolina	5,275	4,783	38,102	37,170	36,744	3,068	2,982	24,047	24,883	25,193
South Dakota	1,003	948	7,775	7,590	7,523	548	563	4,702	4,556	4,670
Tennessee	7,325	6,765	53,920	52,262	51,899	4,471	4,396	38,273	37,072	37,203
Texas	34,787	33,660	251,919	250,485	248,084	10,586	12,217	100,998	102,531	102,053
Utah	4,574	4,462	34,770	34,668	33,805	1,067	1,070	8,826	8,946	8,754
Vermont	480	547	4,096	4,412	4,490	291	415	3,311	3,307	3,337
Virginia	9,364	8,831	69,532	69,458	66,951	4,541	4,540	38,909	37,915	37,999
Washington	7,296	6,916	55,333	55,284	54,134	3,467	3,534	31,023	29,888	29,915
West Virginia	1,837	1,780	13,637	13,754	13,727	1,521	1,612	13,923	13,806	13,683
Wisconsin	6,269	6,040	47,727	47,341	46,979	3,569	3,580	31,292	30,724	30,570
Wyoming	631	560	4,889	4,459	4,456	313	326	2,740	2,631	2,705
Puerto Rico	4,723	4,598	32,386	32,439	32,546	2,312	2,208	19,843	19,189	18,498

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each State and Puerto Rico, 12 months ending with August 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 August			
	2005		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	510	8.5	523	8.9
Alaska	57	5.5	66	6.4
Arizona	662	6.9	611	6.6
Arkansas	302	7.7	336	8.8
California	2,730	5.0	2,791	5.2
Colorado	462	6.7	439	6.4
Connecticut	221	5.3	246	5.8
Delaware	87	7.5	81	7.1
District of Columbia	85	11.6	74	9.9
Florida	1,531	6.9	1,514	7.0
Georgia	1,057	7.5	1,190	8.6
Hawaii	86	4.8	115	6.3
Idaho	159	6.9	151	6.8
Illinois	1,342	7.6	1,207	6.6
Indiana	720	8.3	731	8.3
Iowa	198	5.1	202	5.3
Kansas	261	6.5	293	7.3
Kentucky	365	6.5	340	6.1
Louisiana	608	9.4	645	9.9
Maine	94	6.7	66	4.7
Maryland	618	8.2	643	8.5
Massachusetts	371	4.8	418	5.3
Michigan	948	7.4	1,066	8.2
Minnesota	372	5.2	322	4.6
Mississippi	403	9.5	420	9.9
Missouri	596	7.6	528	6.9
Montana	74	6.4	53	4.6
Nebraska	142	5.5	172	6.6
Nevada	204	5.8	216	6.3
New Hampshire	75	5.0	81	5.5
New Jersey	566	5.0	565	4.8
New Mexico	164	5.7	177	6.4
New York	1,465	5.8	1,590	6.1
North Carolina	1,042	8.5	1,016	8.5
North Dakota	42	5.1	46	5.7
Ohio	1,180	8.0	1,183	7.9
Oklahoma	428	8.2	419	8.2
Oregon	253	5.5	266	5.8
Pennsylvania	969	6.7	1,012	7.0
Rhode Island	71	5.6	60	4.6
South Carolina	479	8.3	470	8.3
South Dakota	78	6.7	92	8.1
Tennessee	731	9.0	701	8.9
Texas	2,298	6.0	2,356	6.2
Utah	240	4.7	264	5.2
Vermont	29	4.7	32	4.9
Virginia	779	7.5	756	7.3
Washington	436	5.3	430	5.3
West Virginia	152	7.4	139	6.7
Wisconsin	463	6.6	427	6.1
Wyoming	56	7.8	48	7.3
Puerto Rico	427	8.4	416	8.2

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

[By State of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	August		January–August			August		January–August		
	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003
Alabama	1,359	3,676	23,840	29,422	30,207	807	2,091	13,424	15,473	16,136
Alaska	603	715	3,693	4,007	3,739	91	257	2,353	1,927	1,900
Arizona ²	2,663	2,412	26,025	25,988	24,428	2,279	2,166	16,521	15,934	16,177
Arkansas	3,160	2,959	23,963	25,406	24,529	1,563	1,454	11,244	11,404	11,005
California	16,324	22,516	146,864	159,077	148,372	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,994	3,998	18,755	23,435	25,079	1,833	1,738	13,686	13,518	12,597
Connecticut	2,135	2,234	11,874	13,162	12,287	862	814	6,502	7,211	7,339
Delaware	284	486	2,396	3,321	3,146	359	241	2,201	2,074	2,063
District of Columbia	206	308	1,545	1,641	2,055	76	118	797	642	703
Florida	13,018	11,525	107,661	107,812	104,789	7,116	6,506	56,270	56,591	57,488
Georgia	6,118	5,686	39,882	46,578	38,264	---	---	---	---	18,224
Hawaii	2,974	2,624	18,092	19,531	18,624	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,690	1,837	9,630	10,586	10,618	605	569	4,749	4,683	4,776
Illinois	8,834	8,556	46,330	51,721	53,148	3,030	2,846	22,790	21,665	23,156
Indiana	4,385	3,834	31,693	33,591	29,897	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	2,662	2,149	13,347	13,522	13,833	807	698	5,416	5,574	5,482
Kansas	2,023	2,123	12,405	12,478	11,614	652	1,173	5,666	6,169	5,080
Kentucky	3,733	3,111	24,687	24,556	25,584	1,525	1,682	12,484	13,739	13,780
Louisiana	2,576	2,576	25,084	24,797	25,937	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	1,345	1,747	6,458	7,483	7,466	685	498	2,843	3,767	3,850
Maryland	3,852	3,716	23,626	24,966	25,333	1,568	1,565	11,268	11,812	11,388
Massachusetts	4,067	4,958	24,203	27,600	23,479	22	1,187	6,275	9,471	10,801
Michigan	8,823	7,900	40,690	41,750	42,617	2,985	2,927	23,225	23,533	24,863
Minnesota	4,338	4,216	20,192	19,757	21,481	---	1,070	---	9,557	9,891
Mississippi	1,756	1,415	12,358	12,317	12,498	956	1,132	9,021	8,970	9,184
Missouri	3,192	3,581	30,846	26,996	28,169	1,923	1,818	14,582	14,370	14,604
Montana	1,141	1,003	4,837	5,032	4,926	338	306	2,416	2,433	2,322
Nebraska	1,194	1,267	8,755	8,522	8,471	370	503	3,866	3,962	4,015
Nevada	13,483	13,483	100,539	97,931	97,631	1,358	1,358	9,667	9,436	11,014
New Hampshire	1,406	1,475	5,467	6,791	6,780	229	385	2,945	3,455	3,568
New Jersey	5,201	5,349	26,529	32,596	32,683	2,032	2,033	17,169	17,821	18,598
New Mexico ^{3,4}	1,188	1,339	8,123	9,837	8,949	783	742	5,629	6,293	6,571
New York ²	15,469	15,390	86,077	88,076	89,700	3,881	5,000	34,781	40,030	41,170
North Carolina	9,804	5,165	34,755	41,642	42,086	3,523	3,153	20,372	24,875	24,063
North Dakota	553	551	2,759	3,068	3,200	147	146	1,043	1,306	1,264
Ohio	7,925	8,379	50,678	50,791	51,898	3,659	3,478	30,937	27,901	29,094
Oklahoma	2,444	1,909	18,685	15,499	(⁵)	2,813	1,550	13,731	11,632	(⁵)
Oregon	3,518	3,957	16,306	19,767	17,913	1,560	1,175	10,660	9,647	10,269
Pennsylvania	7,063	8,857	39,360	50,576	49,981	2,844	3,235	19,479	24,670	25,055
Rhode Island	912	966	4,816	5,358	5,483	249	274	2,112	2,212	2,322
South Carolina	4,207	3,421	23,654	21,030	26,067	1,208	1,209	8,207	8,430	9,151
South Dakota	1,041	955	4,617	4,581	4,613	228	190	1,629	1,623	1,645
Tennessee	7,072	5,346	39,902	45,591	48,064	2,305	2,455	18,420	19,708	19,722
Texas	16,121	14,074	112,503	122,732	124,697	7,891	6,704	51,204	55,292	56,730
Utah	2,802	3,132	15,977	16,516	16,900	699	953	6,396	6,609	6,362
Vermont	458	887	2,777	3,889	4,048	77	206	1,479	1,622	1,639
Virginia	6,348	5,873	41,656	41,418	41,719	2,604	2,599	19,102	19,656	19,504
Washington	5,662	6,082	25,689	28,020	27,825	2,360	2,384	16,923	17,761	18,236
West Virginia	1,865	1,428	8,645	9,248	9,554	783	774	6,206	6,034	6,281
Wisconsin	4,601	4,405	21,388	22,318	22,713	1,418	1,402	11,133	11,261	11,630
Wyoming	618	624	3,345	3,418	3,396	170	228	1,685	1,762	1,826
Puerto Rico	2,809	1,836	15,640	15,495	16,627	1,858	1,948	12,658	11,128	9,448

-- Data not available.

¹Figures based on monthly counts and may be underreported.²Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.³Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.⁴Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.⁵Data incomplete.

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