

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for January 2006

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, January 2006

[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 resident 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	January				12 months ending with January				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2005	2005	2004
Live births	339,000	332,000	13.4	13.2	4,150,000	4,120,000	14.0	14.0	14.1
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	64.4	62.9	...	...	66.8	66.4	65.8
Deaths	221,000	229,000	8.7	9.1	2,424,000	2,386,000	8.2	8.1	8.3
Infant deaths	2,300	2,400	6.7	7.0	27,900	27,300	6.7	6.6	6.7
Natural increase	118,000	103,000	4.7	4.1	1,726,000	1,734,000	5.8	5.9	5.8
Marriages ¹	126,000	138,000	5.1	5.5	2,218,000	2,294,000	7.5	7.8	7.7
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.8	3.9
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	297.8	295.2	...	...	296.8	293.9	291.7

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Marriage figures exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

²Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2006 and 2005; and California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004. Populations for divorce 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). Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of the report. Monthly provisional birth, death, and infant death data may be updated during the course of a data year. Updates based on registered events will be included in the month the event occurred. However, updates based on counts received from the states may include the event in the month it was processed rather than in the month it occurred. This may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed

records were processed. Once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional birth, death, and infant death data may not accurately track either the preliminary or the final number of events registered.

Marriage and divorce data in this report are counts of all events occurring in the state that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to NCHS and in the extent to which the states update their counts of marriages and divorces as new information is received. Therefore, counts vary in their completeness. Marriage and divorce counts, unlike other provisional data, may be updated after the end of a data year if final counts are provided by the state. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2005–January 2006

[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 ¹		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 ²						
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	138,000	5.5	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	310,000	13.7	65.1	66.2	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9
March	350,000	13.9	66.3	67.9	156,000	6.2	228,000	9.1	2,500	7.0
April	332,000	13.7	65.1	65.9	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	7.0
May	347,000	13.8	65.7	66.1	186,000	7.4	200,000	8.0	2,400	7.0
June	351,000	14.4	68.8	67.9	227,000	9.3	187,000	7.7	2,300	6.6
July	358,000	14.2	67.7	64.8	228,000	9.0	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.7
August	370,000	14.7	70.1	67.6	235,000	9.3	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
September	364,000	14.9	71.3	67.4	222,000	9.1	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
October	344,000	13.6	65.2	65.7	206,000	8.2	195,000	7.7	2,300	6.7
November	339,000	13.9	66.3	68.8	176,000	7.2	196,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
December	347,000	13.7	65.7	66.3	158,000	6.2	214,000	8.5	2,200	6.4
2006										
January	339,000	13.4	64.4	67.0	126,000	5.1	221,000	8.7	2,300	6.7

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²The method of seasonal adjustment, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, is described in *The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program*, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967 revision).

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Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates for births, deaths (excluding fetal deaths) and marriages, and 12-month ending rates for divorces. These counts include events occurring in the United States to nonresidents of the United States and differ from the data in preliminary and final reports that are based on place of residence. Birth, death, and infant death figures (death and infant death figures exclude fetal deaths) in Table 1 for each state are estimates by state of residence. These estimates are derived by applying adjustment ratios to the number of events recorded as occurring in each state during a 1-month period. The adjustment ratios for each data year represent the observed relationship between final state occurrence figures and final state residence figures for the 3 most recent years for which final data were available and are expressed as a single ratio for each state for births and deaths respectively. Monthly state marriage and divorce figures shown in Table 2 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the state (state of occurrence) and are not adjusted by state of residence.

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been discontinued. Further information on these changes has been provided in the National Vital Statistics Reports presenting provisional data for January (vol. 48, no. 1), February (vol. 48, no. 2), and March (vol. 48, no. 4) 1999, available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

NCHS has ceased publishing divorce counts and rates based on provisional data from the combined 50 states because it is no longer statistically feasible to calculate estimates of monthly divorce counts for nonreporting states (in 2006 and 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; and in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana). Instead, NCHS publishes only the 12-month divorce rates shown in Table A, based solely on the combined counts and populations for reporting states and the District of Columbia. Aggregate 1-month, cumulative counts and rates, and 12-month counts for divorces have been discontinued because of their very limited usefulness when based on less than the full complement of states. Monthly marriage and divorce counts as reported by each state will continue to be shown in Table 2.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana suspended collection of marriage counts (Louisiana does not provide NCHS with divorce counts, see previous paragraph). National marriage counts and rates shown in Tables A and B exclude Louisiana data as of January 2006. Populations for marriage rates also exclude Louisiana.

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 44 reporting states

and the District of Columbia. Monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events and are highly variable. As a result, NCHS has discontinued publishing provisional monthly state specific infant death rates. National monthly infant mortality rates will continue to be available in [Tables A](#) and [B](#).

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, January 2004–2006

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births			Deaths		
	January			January		
	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2004
Alabama	5,056	4,965	4,795	4,129	4,230	4,506
Alaska	820	804	850	278	272	240
Arizona	8,148	7,724	7,579	4,709	4,052	4,031
Arkansas	3,267	3,175	3,170	2,469	2,532	2,682
California	44,628	44,243	44,196	23,233	23,220	21,489
Colorado	5,490	5,489	5,513	2,621	2,605	2,661
Connecticut	3,284	3,189	3,400	2,374	3,009	3,008
Delaware	922	938	900	642	645	733
District of Columbia	607	630	601	385	520	504
Florida	19,325	18,492	17,811	15,819	15,492	16,907
Georgia	11,620	11,630	11,341	5,993	5,996	6,705
Hawaii	1,634	1,494	1,496	764	818	862
Idaho	1,839	1,850	1,735	928	967	872
Illinois	14,118	14,126	14,510	9,036	10,122	9,733
Indiana	6,797	6,863	7,044	4,782	5,027	5,282
Iowa	3,126	3,105	3,086	2,347	2,556	2,828
Kansas	3,274	3,119	3,174	2,380	2,232	2,365
Kentucky	4,663	4,524	4,623	3,600	3,513	4,046
Louisiana	5,342	5,340	5,471	3,878	3,871	3,852
Maine	1,106	1,098	1,091	1,351	1,349	1,313
Maryland	6,350	6,156	6,118	3,902	4,239	4,384
Massachusetts	6,229	5,901	6,301	5,532	5,626	5,772
Michigan	10,146	10,121	10,633	7,390	8,311	8,548
Minnesota	5,757	5,679	5,716	3,159	3,778	3,656
Mississippi	3,691	3,552	3,406	2,619	2,614	2,704
Missouri	6,491	6,128	6,241	5,024	4,754	5,336
Montana	939	891	863	723	767	734
Nebraska	2,052	1,991	2,103	1,474	1,371	1,426
Nevada	3,127	2,967	2,829	1,627	1,690	1,610
New Hampshire	1,144	1,132	1,177	835	1,039	1,035
New Jersey	9,294	9,008	9,343	7,296	7,294	7,725
New Mexico	2,330	2,238	2,285	1,319	1,314	1,319
New York	20,368	20,325	20,897	13,361	15,846	15,474
North Carolina	10,308	10,021	9,625	6,838	6,749	7,170
North Dakota	680	668	608	509	535	513
Ohio	11,992	11,670	12,070	8,939	9,721	10,894
Oklahoma	4,277	4,290	4,115	3,397	3,165	3,115
Oregon	3,716	3,644	3,561	2,613	2,883	2,856
Pennsylvania	11,445	11,555	11,635	11,073	12,210	13,399
Rhode Island	963	944	1,056	805	1,076	1,038
South Carolina	4,657	4,652	4,680	3,276	3,018	3,662
South Dakota	907	963	917	611	661	687
Tennessee	6,707	6,606	6,570	4,941	5,054	5,383
Texas	32,909	31,092	31,129	14,173	14,160	14,244
Utah	4,065	3,882	4,041	1,329	1,139	1,219
Vermont	474	471	532	464	486	508
Virginia	8,677	8,275	8,547	5,180	5,279	5,636
Washington	6,670	6,485	6,390	4,155	4,299	4,074
West Virginia	1,656	1,648	1,677	1,833	1,783	1,993
Wisconsin	5,580	5,472	5,652	4,038	4,456	4,676
Wyoming	617	566	513	398	387	342
Puerto Rico	3,861	4,151	4,152	2,331	2,936	2,667

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Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, January 2004–2006

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages			Divorces		
	January			January		
	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004	2006 ¹	2005 ¹	2004
Alabama	1,425	1,587	2,500	1,399	1,341	1,645
Alaska	458	393	262	187	650	211
Arizona ²	3,543	2,753	3,383	2,074	2,004	1,699
Arkansas	1,755	1,806	2,261	979	1,089	1,189
California	15,132	13,860	13,322	---	---	---
Colorado	1,548	1,784	1,856	1,913	1,631	1,632
Connecticut	582	688	822	818	822	1,007
Delaware	403	93	230	222	310	244
District of Columbia	104	83	102	88	86	53
Florida	11,017	10,524	10,522	7,696	6,012	6,503
Georgia	5,461	5,461	3,743	---	---	---
Hawaii	930	1,413	1,854	---	---	---
Idaho	1,058	1,134	762	606	582	508
Illinois	3,164	3,318	3,272	2,004	2,520	1,903
Indiana	4,127	3,759	4,972	---	---	---
Iowa	1,173	1,131	739	841	755	625
Kansas	1,093	908	768	850	757	685
Kentucky	3,245	2,902	1,847	2,817	1,175	1,434
Louisiana	---	3,638	1,992	---	---	---
Maine	184	179	350	216	3	485
Maryland	1,556	1,492	1,736	1,186	1,065	1,083
Massachusetts	2,358	1,670	1,193	1,891	1,451	1,433
Michigan	1,540	1,610	2,326	2,147	2,223	2,862
Minnesota	1,515	1,185	963	---	---	1,245
Mississippi	1,314	1,209	799	1,298	1,402	1,141
Missouri	2,081	8,726	1,761	1,307	1,745	1,615
Montana	280	263	277	265	234	257
Nebraska	574	753	527	537	547	434
Nevada	11,446	11,446	11,547	1,514	1,291	1,260
New Hampshire	474	441	447	284	352	420
New Jersey	1,891	3,192	2,144	2,323	2,184	2,322
New Mexico ^{3,4}	683	858	878	761	678	740
New York ²	7,713	7,985	6,119	4,899	4,600	10,030
North Carolina	5,574	4,517	3,057	6,311	2,366	2,541
North Dakota	266	210	177	148	109	164
Ohio	3,551	4,762	3,202	2,535	3,687	3,286
Oklahoma	1,596	1,357	988	1,413	1,171	1,220
Oregon	1,722	1,859	1,753	1,113	1,308	1,335
Pennsylvania	2,772	2,543	3,183	1,787	2,029	2,645
Rhode Island	237	304	308	228	255	335
South Carolina	857	947	601	876	466	543
South Dakota	344	287	249	199	192	175
Tennessee	3,315	7,268	3,538	2,202	2,768	2,454
Texas	6,160	5,776	11,088	7,943	6,862	6,305
Utah	1,401	1,401	1,307	902	902	828
Vermont	284	260	208	351	346	195
Virginia	3,301	3,447	2,983	2,138	1,218	1,824
Washington	2,823	1,837	1,872	2,474	2,290	1,974
West Virginia	783	840	575	802	524	693
Wisconsin	808	1,560	1,206	591	1,772	1,489
Wyoming	176	166	241	228	133	182
Puerto Rico	1,780	1,552	1,653	1,666	1,670	1,069

--- Data not available.

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

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