1997 Linked Birth/lnfant Death Birth Cohort Data Set

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Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set — 1997 Birth Cohort

Introduction

This documentation is for the 1997 birth cohort linked birth/infant death data set (linked file). Previous birth cohort linked files were released for data years 1983-91. Beginning with 1995 data, the linked file was released in two different formats — period data and birth cohort data.

Period data — The numerator for the 1997 period linked file consists of all infant deaths occurring in 1997 linked to their corresponding birth certificates, whether the birth occurred in 1997 or 1996. The denominator file for this data set is the 1997 natality file, that is, all births occurring in 1997. Beginning in 1995, the period linked files form the basis for all official NCHS linked file statistics (except for special cohort studies).

Birth cohort data — The numerator of the 1997 birth cohort linked file consists of deaths to infants born in 1997 linked to their corresponding birth certificates, whether the death occurred in 1997 or 1998. The denominator file is the 1997 natality file, that is, all births occurring in 1997.

The release of linked file data in two different formats allows NCHS to meet customer demands for more timely linked file data while still meeting the needs of data users who prefer the birth cohort format. The birth cohort file for a particular data year will generally be available about one year after the release of the period file since it is necessary to wait until the close of the following data year to include all infant deaths to the birth cohort. For most general purposes, differences between the 1997 birth cohort and 1997 period linked files are negligible. However, birth cohort files are preferred for multivariate and some other types of detailed analysis because they follow a given cohort of births for an entire year to ascertain their mortality experience. This is generally considered to be a more robust methodology than the period file, which is essentially cross-sectional in nature.

The 1997 birth cohort linked file includes several separate data files. The first file includes linked birth and death certificate data for all US infants born in 1997 who died before their first birthday - referred to as the numerator file. The second file contains information from the death certificate for all US infant death records which could not be linked to their corresponding birth certificates - referred to as the unlinked death file. The third file is the 1997 NCHS natality file for the US with a few minor modifications - referred to as the denominator-plus file. These same three data files are also available for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

For the denominator-plus file, selected variables from the numerator file have been added to the denominator file to facilitate processing. These variables include age at death (and recodes), underlying cause of death (and the 61-cause recode), place of accident, and record weight. These variables are the most widely used variables from the numerator file. With the previous

file format it was sometimes necessary to combine the numerator and denominator files when performing certain multivariate statistical techniques. Now, when the number of variables required from the numerator file is limited, the denominator-plus file may be used by itself for ease of programming. Infant death identification numbers are also included, so that the same infant can be uniquely identified and matched between the numerator and denominator-plus files.

Weighting

In part to correct for known biases in the data, changes were made to the linked file beginning with the 1995 data year. These changes include the addition of a record weight and an imputation for not-stated birthweight. In the 1997 birth cohort linked file, 97.9% of infant death records were linked to their corresponding birth certificates. Overall, 2.1% of infant death records could not be linked because the matching birth certificate could not be found; however this percent varied considerably by State and other characteristics (see section on *Percent of records linked* below). Beginning with 1995 data, a record weight was added to the infant death records to correct in part for biases in percent of records linked by major characteristics. The number of infant deaths in the linked file are weighted to equal the sum of the linked plus unlinked infant deaths by age at death and state. The formula for computing the weights is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{number of linked infant deaths + number of unlinked infant deaths}}{\text{number of linked infant deaths.}}$$

A separate weight is computed for each State of residence of birth and each age at death category (<1 day, 1-27 days, 28 days-1 year). Thus, weights are 1.0 for states which link all of their infant deaths. These weights have been added to all linked infant death records in the numerator file, and in the denominator-plus file. In the denominator-plus file, records for surviving infants have been assigned a weight of 1.0. This causes the denominator-plus file to weight up to about 576 (by residence) or 577 (by occurrence) more than the total number of live births (about 3.9 million), thus most runs on live birth data from the denominator-plus file should be run unweighted. Weights have not been computed for the Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam files.

The addition of weighting to the file has greatly reduced bias, but has also created challenges for data analysis. The researcher should be aware that the use of the weights is appropriate for some, but not all applications. Weights should be used when computing the total number of infant deaths, or the number of infant deaths by characteristics, either from the numerator or the denominator-plus files. Weights should not be used when computing the total number of live births, or the number of live births by characteristics from the denominator-plus file, as the use of weights under these circumstances will yield a slight overestimate of the total number of US births. For multivariate analysis, the use of weights is generally recommended, however, a decision should be made on an individual basis, depending on the type of multivariate technique

used, and the goals of the particular analysis. We would appreciate your feedback on the design and utility of the weights - please call Marian MacDorman at (301) 458-4356.

Imputed birthweight

An imputation for not-stated birthweight has been added to the data set, to reduce potential bias in the computation of birthweight-specific infant mortality rates. Basically, if birthweight is not-stated and the period of gestation is known, birthweight is assigned the value from the previous record with the same period of gestation, race, sex, and plurality. Imputed values are flagged. The addition of this imputation has reduced the percent of not-stated responses for birthweight from 3.27% to 1.20% in the numerator file, and from 0.10% to 0.04% in the denominator-plus file, thus reducing (but not eliminating) the potential for underestimation when computing birthweight-specific infant mortality rates.

Methodology

The methodology used to create the national file of linked birth and infant death records takes advantage of two existing data sources:

1. State linked files for the identification of linked birth and infant death certificates; and

2. NCHS natality and mortality computerized statistical files, the source of computer records for the two linked certificates.

Virtually all States routinely link infant death certificates to their corresponding birth certificates for legal and statistical purposes. When the birth and death of an infant occur in different States, copies of the records are exchanged by the State of death and State of birth in order to effect a link. In addition, if a third State is identified as the State of residence at the time of birth or death, that State is also sent a copy of the appropriate certificate by the State where the birth or death occurred.

The NCHS natality and mortality files, produced annually, include statistical data from birth and death certificates that are provided to NCHS by States under the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program (VSCP). The data have been coded according to uniform coding specifications, have passed rigid quality control standards, have been edited and reviewed, and are the basis for official U.S. birth and death statistics.

To initiate processing, NCHS obtained matching birth certificate numbers from States for all infant deaths that occurred in their jurisdiction. We used this information to extract final, edited mortality and natality data from the NCHS natality and mortality statistical files. Individual birth and death records were selected from their respective

files and linked into a single statistical record, thereby establishing a national linked record file.

After the initial linkage, NCHS returned to the States where the death occurred computer lists of unlinked infant death certificates for follow up linking. If the birth occurred in a State different from the State of death, the State of birth identified on the death certificate was contacted to obtain the linking birth certificate. State additions and corrections were incorporated, and a final, national linked file was produced. Characteristics of the natality and mortality data from which the linked file is constructed are described in detail in the Technical Appendices and Addenda included in this document.

Characteristics of Unlinked File

For the 1997 birth cohort linked file 577, or 2.1% of all infant death records could not be linked to their corresponding birth certificates. Unlinked records are included in a separate data file in this data set. The unlinked record file uses the same record layout as the numerator file of linked birth and infant death records. However, except as noted below, tape locations 1-210, reserved for information from the matching birth certificate, are blank since no matching birth certificate could be found for these records. The sex field (tape location 79) contains the sex of infant as reported on the death certificate, rather than the sex of infant from the birth certificate, which is not available. The race field (tape location 36-37) contains the race of the decedent as reported on the death certificate rather than the race of mother as reported on the birth certificate as is the case with the linked record file. The race of mother on the birth certificate is generally considered to be more accurate than the race information from the death certificate (see section on *Comparison of race data from birth and death certificates* in the Mortality Technical Appendix included in this documentation). Also, date of birth as reported on the death certificate is used to generate age at death. This information is used in place of date of birth from the birth certificate, which is not available.

Documentation table 6 shows counts of unlinked records by race and age at death for each State of residence. The user is cautioned in using table 6 that the race and residence items are based on information reported on the death certificate; whereas, tables 1-5 present data from the linked file in which the race and residence items are based on information reported on the birth certificate. (see section on *Comparison of race data from birth and death certificates* in the Mortality Technical Appendix included in this documentation).

Percent of Records Linked

The 1997 birth cohort linked file includes 27,362 linked infant death records and 577 unlinked infant death records by place of occurrence. The linked file is weighted to the sum of linked plus unlinked records, thus the total number of weighted infant deaths by place of occurrence is

27,939. While the overall percent linked for infant deaths in the 1997 birth cohort linked file is 97.9%, there are differences in percent linked by certain variables. These differences have important implications for how the data is analyzed.

Table 1 shows the percent of infant deaths linked by State of residence. While most States link a high percentage of infant deaths, linkage rates for some States are well below the national average. Note in particular the percent linked for California (94.2%), New Mexico (92.9%), and Oklahoma (91.0%). When a high percentage of deaths remain unlinked, infant mortality rates computed for these States are underestimated. It is for this reason that weights were added to the linked files beginning with 1995 data, to correct for biases in the data due to poor data linkage for particular states.

The percent of infant deaths linked by race and age at death is shown in Table 2. In general, a higher percentage of postneonatal (98.6%) than neonatal (97.6%) deaths were linked. The percent of records linked was slightly higher for white (98.0%) than for black (97.8%) infants. Variations in percent linked by underlying cause of death have also been noted (data not shown). While the weighting protocol has been designed to correct for possible bias due to variations in match rates by characteristics, no statistical method can correct perfectly for data limitations. Therefore, variations in the percent of records linked should be taken into consideration when comparing infant mortality rates by detailed characteristics.

Geographic classification

Geographic codes in this data set have been updated to reflect the results of the 1990 census, and differ slightly from those used in previous linked files. Because of confidentiality concerns, only those counties and cities with a population size of 250,000 or more are separately identified in this data set. Users should refer to the geographic code outline in this document for the list of available areas and codes.

For events to be included in the linked file, both the birth and death must occur inside the 50 States and D.C. in the case of the 50 States and D.C. file; or in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or Guam in the case of the Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam file. In tabulations of linked data and denominator data events occurring in each of the respective areas to nonresidents are included in tabulations that are by place of occurrence, and excluded from tabulations by place of residence. These exclusions are based on the usual place of residence of the mother. This item is contained in both the denominator file and the birth section of the numerator (linked) file. Nonresidents are identified by a code 4 in location 11 of these files.

Table 1. Percent of infant deaths linked by state of residence of birth: United States, 1997 birth cohort

United States	97.9%	Nebraska	100.0%
Alabama	99.8%	Nevada	95.2%
Alaska	98.5%	New Hampshire	98.5%
Arizona	97.8%	New Jersey	97.4%
Arkansas	97.8%	New Mexico	92.9%
California	94.2%	Upstate New York	99.0%
Colorado	100.0%	New York City	98.2%
Connecticut	99.4%	North Carolina	99.5%
Delaware	100.0%	North Dakota	100.0%
District of Columbia	99.1%	Ohio	95.5%
Florida	99.3%	Oklahoma	91.0%
Georgia	100.0%	Oregon	99.2%
Hawaii	97.4%	Pennsylvania	97.6%
Idaho	98.4%	Rhode Island	98.9%
Illinois	98.6%	South Carolina	100.0%
Indiana	97.9%	South Dakota	98.6%
Iowa	99.6%	Tennessee	99.7%
Kansas	100.0%	Texas	98.7%
Kentucky	97.3%	Utah	99.2%
Louisiana	97.6%	Vermont	100.0%
Maine	100.0%	Virginia	98.2%
Maryland	97.5%	Washington	99.8%
Massachusetts	98.1%	West Virginia	99.0%
Michigan	98.0%	Wisconsin	99.8%
Minnesota	99.7%	Wyoming	100.0%
Mississippi	99.3%	Puerto Rico	99.7%
Missouri	98.0%	Virgin Islands	100.0%
Montana	98.8%	Guam	96.7%

Table 2. Percent of resident infant deaths linked by race and age at death: United States, 1997 birth cohort (Infant deaths are under 1 year; neonatal, under 28 days, and postneonatal, 28 days-under 1 year)

	All races	White	Black
Infant	97.9%	98.0%	97.8%
Neonatal	97.6%	97.7%	97.5%
Postneonatal	98.6%	98.7%	98.4%

Demographic and Medical Classification

The documents listed below describe in detail the procedures employed for demographic classification on both the birth and death records and medical classification on death records. While not absolutely essential to the proper interpretation of the data for a number of general applications, these documents should nevertheless be studied carefully prior to any detailed analysis of demographic or medical (especially multiple cause) data variables. In particular, there are a number of exceptions to the ICD rules in multiple cause-of-death coding which, if not treated properly, may result in faulty analysis of the data.

A. Manual of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and the Cause-of-Death, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) Volumes 1 and 2.

B. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation Part 2a, Vital Statistics Instructions for Classifying the Underlying Cause-of-Death. Published annually.

C. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation, Part 2b, Vital Statistics Instructions for Classifying Multiple Cause-of-Death. Published annually.

D. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation, Part 2c, Vital Statistics ICD-9 ACME Decision Tables for Classifying Underlying Causes-of-Death. Published annually.

E. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation, Part 2d, Vital Statistics NCHS Procedures for Mortality Medical Data System File Preparation and Maintenance, Effective 1985.

F. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Tabulation, Part 2f, Vital Statistics ICD-9 TRANSAX Disease Reference Tables for Classifying Multiple Causes-of-Death, 1982-85.

G. NCHS Instruction Manual Part 2g, Vital Statistics, Data Entry Instructions for the Mortality Medical Indexing, Classification, and Retrieval system (MICAR). Published annually.

H. NCHS Instruction Manual Part 2h, Vital Statistics, Dictionary of Valid Terms for the Mortality Medical Indexing, Classification, and Retrieval System (MICAR). Published annually.

I. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation, Part 3a, Vital Statistics Classification and Coding Instructions for Live Birth Records. Published annually.

J. NCHS Instruction Manual Data Preparation, Part 4, Vital Statistics Demographic Classification and Coding Instructions for Death Records. Published annually.

K. NCHS Instruction Manual Tabulation, Part 11, Vital Statistics Computer Edits for Mortality Data, Effective 1990.

Copies of NCHS Instruction Manuals may be requested from the Chief, Data Preparation Branch, Division of Data Processing, National Center for Health Statistics, P.O. Box 12214, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709.

In addition, the user should refer to the Technical Appendices of the Vital Statistics of the United States for information on the source of data, coding procedures, quality of the data, etc. The Technical Appendices for natality and mortality are part of this documentation package.

Cause-of-Death Data

Mortality data are traditionally analyzed and published in terms of underlying cause-of-death. The underlying cause-of-death data are coded and classified as described in the Mortality Technical Appendices. NCHS has augmented underlying cause-of-death data with data on multiple causes reported on the death certificate. The linked file includes both underlying and multiple cause-of-death data.

The multiple cause of death codes were developed with two objectives in mind. First, to facilitate etiological studies of the relationships among conditions, it was necessary to reflect accurately in coded form each condition and its location on the death certificate in the exact manner given by the certifier. Secondly, coding needed to be carried out in a manner by which the underlying cause of death could be assigned through computer applications. The approach was to suspend the linkage provisions of the ICD for the purpose of condition coding and code each entity with minimum regard to other conditions present on the certification. This general approach is hereafter called entity coding.

Unfortunately, the set of multiple cause codes produced by entity coding is not conducive to a third objective -- the generation of person-based multiple cause statistics. Person-based analysis requires that each condition be coded within the context of every other condition on the same certificate and modified or linked to such conditions as provided by ICD-9. By definition, the entity data cannot meet this requirement since the linkage provisions distort the character and placement of the information originally recorded by the certifying physician.

Since the two objectives are incompatible, NCHS has chosen to create from the original set of entity codes a new code set called record axis multiple cause data. Essentially,

the axis of classification has been converted from an entity basis to a record (or person) basis. The record axis codes are assigned in terms of the set of codes that best describe the overall medical certification portion of the death certificate.
This translation is accomplished by a computer system called TRANSAX (translation of axis) through selective use of traditional linkage and modification rules for mortality coding. Underlying cause linkages which simply prefer one code over another for purposes of underlying cause selection are not included. Each entity code on the record is examined and modified or deleted as necessary to create a set of codes which are free of contradictions and are the most precise within the constraints of ICD-9 and medical information on the record. Repetitive codes are deleted. The process may (1) combine two entity axis categories together to a new category thereby eliminating a contradiction or standardizing the data; or (2) eliminate one category in favor of another to promote specificity of the data or resolve contradictions. The following examples from ICD-9 illustrate the effect of this translation:

Case 1: When reported on the same record as separate entities, cirrhosis of liver and alcoholism are coded to 5715 (cirrhosis of liver without mention of alcohol) and 303 (alcohol dependence syndrome). Tabulation of records with 5715 would on the surface falsely imply that such records had no mention of alcohol. A preferable codification would be 5712 (alcoholic cirrhosis of liver) in lieu of both 5715 and 303.

Case 2: If "gastric ulcer" and "bleeding gastric ulcer" are reported on a record they are coded to 5319 (gastric ulcer, unspecified as acute or chronic, without mention of hemorrhage or perforation) and 5314 (gastric ulcer, chronic or unspecified, with hemorrhage). A more concise codification would be to code 5314 only since the 5314 shows both the gastric ulcer and the bleeding.

Entity Axis Codes

The original conditions coded for selection of the underlying cause of death are reformatted and edited prior to creating the public-use tape. The following paragraphs describe the format and application of entity axis data.

Format — Each entity-axis code is displayed as an overall seven byte code with subcomponents as follows:

1. Line indicator: The first byte represents the line of the certificate on which the code appears. Six lines (1-6) are allowable with the fourth and fifth denoting one or two written in "due to"s beyond the three lines provided in Part I of the U.S. standard

death certificate. Line "6" represents Part II of the certificate.

2. Position indicator: The next byte indicates the position of the code on the line, i.e., it is the first (1), second (2), third (3),... eighth (8) code on the line.

3. Cause category: The next four bytes represent the ICD-9 cause code.

4. Nature of injury flag: ICD-9 uses the same series of numbers (800-999) to indicate nature of injury (N codes) and external cause codes (E codes). This flag distinguishes between the two with a one (1) representing nature of injury codes and a zero (0) representing all other cause codes.

A maximum of 20 of these seven byte codes are captured on a record for multiple-cause purposes. This may consist of a maximum of 8 codes on any given line with up to 20 codes distributed across three or more lines depending on where the subject conditions are located on the certificate. Codes may be omitted from one or more lines, e.g., line 1 with one or more codes, line 2 with no codes, line 3 with one or more codes.

In writing out these codes, they are ordered as follows: line 1 first code, line 1 second code, etc. ----- line 2 first code, line 2 second code, etc. ----- line 3 ----- line 4 ----- line 5 ----- line 6. Any space remaining in the field is left blank. The specifics of locations are contained in the record layout given later in this document.

Edit — The original conditions are edited to remove invalid codes, reverify the coding of certain rare causes of death, and assure age/cause and sex/cause compatibility. Detailed information relating to the edit criteria and the sets of cause codes which are valid to underlying cause coding and multiple cause coding are provided in Part 11 of the NCHS Vital Statistics Instruction Manual Series.

Entity axis applications — The entity axis multiple cause data is appropriate to analyses which require that each condition be coded as a stand alone entity without linkage to other conditions and/or require information on the placement of such conditions in the certificate. Within this framework, the entity data are appropriate to the examination of etiological relationships among conditions, accuracy of certification reporting, and the validity of traditional assumptions in underlying cause selection.

Additionally, the entity data provide in certain categories a more detailed code assignment which is linked out in the creation of record axis data. Where such detail is needed for a study, the user should selectively employ entity data. Finally, the

researcher may not wish to be bound by the assumptions used in the axis translation process preferring rather to investigate hypotheses of his own predilection.

By definition, the main limitation of entity axis data is that an entity code does not necessarily reflect the best code for a condition when considered within the context of the medical certification as a whole. As a result certain entity codes can be misleading or even contradict other codes in the record. For example, category 5750 is titled "Acute cholecystitis without mention of calculus". Within the framework of entity codes this is interpreted to mean that the codable entity itself contained no mention of calculus rather than that calculus was not mentioned anywhere on the record. Tabulation of records with a "5750" as a count of persons having acute cholecystitis without mention of calculus would therefore be erroneous. This illustrates the fact that under entity coding the ICD-9 titles cannot be taken literally. The user must study the rules for entity coding as they relate to his/her research prior to utilization of entity data. The user is further cautioned that the inclusion notes in ICD-9 which relate to modifying and combining categories are seldom applicable to entity coding (except where provided in Part 2b of the Vital Statistics Instruction Manual Series).

In tabulating the entity axis data, one may count codes with the resultant tabulation of an individual code representing the number of times the disease(s) represented by the code appears in the file. In this kind of tabulation of morbid condition prevalence, the counts among categories may be added together to produce counts for groups of codes. Alternatively, subject to the limitations given above, one may count persons having mention of the disease represented by a code or codes. In this instance it is not correct to add counts for individual codes to create person counts for groups of codes. Since more than one code in the researcher's interest may appear together on the certificate, totaling must account for higher order interactions among codes. Up to 20 codes may be assigned on a record; therefore, a 20-way interaction is theoretically possible. All totaling must be based on mention of one or more of the categories under investigation.

Record Axis Codes

The following paragraphs describe the format and application of record-axis data. Part 2f of the Vital Statistics Instruction Manual Series describes the TRANSAX process for creating record axis data from entity axis data.

Format — Each record (or person) axis code is displayed in five bytes. Location information is not relevant. The Code consists of the following components:

1. Cause category: The first four bytes represent the ICD-9 cause code.

2. Nature of injury flag: The last byte contains a 0 or 1 with the 1 indicating that the cause is a nature of injury category.

Again, a maximum of 20 codes are captured on a record for multiple cause purposes. The codes are written in a 100-byte field in ascending code number (5 bytes) order with any unused bytes left blank.

Edit — The record axis codes are edited for rare causes and age/cause and sex/cause compatibility. Likewise, individual code validity is checked. The valid code set for record axis coding is the same as that for entity coding.

Record axis applications — The record axis multiple cause data set is the basis for NCHS core multiple cause tabulations. Location of codes is not relevant to this data set and conditions have been linked into the most meaningful categories for the certification. The most immediate consequence for the user is that the codes on the record already represent mention of a disease assignable to that particular ICD-9 category. This is in contrast to the entity code which is assigned each time such a disease is reported on two different lines of the certification. Secondly, the linkage implies that within the constraints of ICD-9 the most meaningful code has been assigned. The translation process creates for the user a data set which is edited for contradictions, duplicate codes, and imprecisions. In contrast to entity axis data, record axis data are classified in a manner comparable to underlying cause of death classification thereby facilitating joint analysis of these variables. Likewise, they are comparable to general morbidity coding where the linkage provisions of ICD-9 are usually utilized. A potential disadvantage of record axis data is that some detail is sacrificed in a number of the linkages.

The user can take the record axis codes as literally representing the information conveyed in ICD-9 category titles. While knowledge of the rules for combining and linking and coding conditions is useful, it is not a prerequisite to meaningful analysis of the data as long as one is willing to accept the assumptions of the axis translation process. The user is cautioned, however, that due to special rules in mortality coding, not all linkage notes in ICD-9 are utilized. (See Part 2f of the Vital Statistics Instruction Manual Series.)

The user should proceed with caution in using record axis data to count conditions as opposed to people with conditions since linkages have been invoked and duplicate codes have been eliminated. As with entity data, person based tabulations which combine individual cause categories must take into account the possible interaction of up to 20 codes on a single certificate.

In using the NCHS multiple cause data, the user is urged to review the information in this document and its references. The instructional material does change from year to

year and revision to revision. The user is cautioned that coding of specific ICD-9 categories should be checked in the appropriate instruction manual. What may appear on the surface to be the correct code by ICD-9 may in fact not be correct as given in the instruction manuals.

If on the surface it is not obvious whether entity axis or record axis data should be employed in a given application, detailed examination of Part 2f of the Vital Statistics Instruction Manual Series and its attachments will probably provide the necessary information to make a decision. It allows the user to determine the extent of the trade-offs between the two sets of data in terms of specific categories and the assumptions of axis translation. In certain situations, a combination of entity and record axis data may be the more appropriate alternative.

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Data File Characteristics:

The data were processed using the SAS language on an IBM 9672.
The data are recorded in IBM/EBCDIC 8-bit code for each character.
Codes may be numeric, alphabets, or blank.
The record type is fixed format.

I. Denominator File:

United States Data Set

A. File Organization:	One file, multiple tapes	
B. Record count:	3,884,329	
C. Record length:	230	
D. Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	3,884,329
	b. By residence:	3,880,894
	c. To foreign residents:	3,435

Possessions Data Set

A. File Organization:	One file, one tape	
B. Record count:	70,655	
C. Record length:	230	
Puerto Rico		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	64,214
	b. By occurrence and residence:	64,109
	c. To foreign residents:	105
Virgin Islands		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	2,127
	b. By occurrence and residence:	2,017
	c. To foreign residents:	110
Guam		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	4,314
	b. By occurrence and residence	4,309
	c. To foreign residents:	5

II. Numerator File:

United States Data Set

A. File Organization:	One of multiple files on a tape		
B. Record count:	27,362		
C. Record length:	535		
D. Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	27,362	
	b. By residence:	27,342	
	c. To foreign residents:	20	

Possessions Data Set

A. File Organization:	one of multiple files on a tape	
B. Record count:	751	
C. Record length:	535	
Puerto Rico		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	701
	b. By occurrence and residence:	699
	c. To foreign residents:	1
Virgin Islands		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	21
	b. By occurrence and residence:	20
	c. To foreign residents:	1
Guam		
Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	29
	b. By occurrence and residence:	29
	c. To foreign residents:	0

III. Unlinked File:

United States Data Set

A. File Organization:	one file of multiple files on a tape	
B. Record count:	577	
C. Record length:	535	
D. Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	577
	b. By residence:	576
	c. To foreign residents:	1

Possessions Data Set

A. File Organization:	one file of multiple files on a tape	
B. Record count:	3	
C. Record length:	535	

Puerto Rico

Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	2
	b. By occurrence and residence:	2
	c. To foreign residents:	0

Virgin Islands

Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	0
	b. By occurrence and residence:	0
	c. To foreign residents:	0

Guam

Data counts:	a. By occurrence:	1
	b. By occurrence and residence:	1
	c. To foreign residents:	0

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List of Data Elements and Locations

Data Items	Denominator-Plus File	Numerator File Birth	Death	Unlinked File
1. General				
a. Match status	1	1	--	1
b. Infant death number	2-6	2-6-	--	--
c. Year of birth	7-10	7-10	--	--
d. Year of death	--	--	524-527	524-527
e. Resident status	11	11	505	505
f. Record weight	223-230	--	223-230	--
2. Occurrence				
a. FIPS state	14-15	14-15	508-509	508-509
b. FIPS county	16-18	16-18	510-512	510-512
3. Residence				
a. FIPS state	19-20	19-20	513-514	513-514
b. FIPS county	21-23	21-23	515-517	515-517
c. FIPS place	24-28	24-28	518-522	518-522
d. NCHS state	12-13	12-13	506-507	506-507
4. Infant				
a. Age	211-214	--	211-214	211-214+
b. Race	--	--	--	35-38*
c. Sex	78-79	78-79	--	78-79*
d. Gestation	70-77	70-77	--	--
e. Birthweight	80-87	80-87	--	--
f. Plurality	88-89	88-89	--	--
g. Apgar score	90-91	90-91	--	--
h. Day of week of birth/death	209	209	532	532
i. Month of birth/death	205-206	205-206	528-529	528-529
5. Mother				
a. Age	29-32	29-32	--	--
b. Race	35-38	35-38	--	--
c. Education	39-41	39-41	--	--
d. Marital status	42-43	42-43	--	--
e. Place of birth	44-46	44-46	--	--
f. Hispanic origin	33-34	33-34	--	--
6. Father				
a. Age	60-62	60-62	--	--
b. Race	65-66	65-66	--	--
c. Hispanic origin	63-64	63-64	--	--

Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set - 1997 Birth Cohort Data
List of Data Elements and Locations

Data Items	Denominator-Plus File	Numerator File: Birth	Numerator File: Death	Unlinked File
7. Pregnancy items				
a. Month prenatal care began	51-53	51-53	--	--
b. Number of prenatal visits	54-55	54-55	--	--
c. Adequacy of care recode56	56	--	--	
d. Total birth order	47-48	47-48	--	--
e. Live birth order	49-50	49-50	--	--
8. Medical and Health Data				
a. Method of delivery	92-99	92-99	--	--
b. Medical risk factors	100-117	100-117	--	--
c. Other risk factors				
Tobacco	118-121	118-121	--	--
Alcohol	122-125	122-125	--	--
Weight gain during pregnancy	126-128	126-128	--	--
d. Obstetric procedures	129-136	129-136	--	--
e. Complications of labor and/or delivery	137-153	137-153	--	--
f. Abnormal conditions of the newborn	154-163	154-163	--	--
g. Congenital anomalies	164-186	164-186	--	--
h. Underlying cause of death			216-219	216-219
i. 61 Infant cause recode			220-222	220-222
j. Multiple conditions			261-504	261-504
9. Other items				
a. Place of delivery	67	67	--	--
b. Attendant at birth	68	68	--	--
c. Hospital and patient status	--	--	523	523
e. Place of accident	--	--	215	215
f. Residence reporting flags	187-203	187-203	--	--

\+ For the unlinked file, date of birth as reported on the death certificate is used to generate age at death. See section on Changes Beginning with 1995 Data for explanation.

* For the unlinked file, these items are from the death certificate. See section on Changes Beginning with 1995 Data for explanation.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
1	1	**MATCHS** **Match Status** 1 ... Matched Birth/Infant Death Record 2 ... Surviving infant record 3 ... Unmatched infant death record Note: This code is used in the unlinked file only.
2- 6	5	**IDNUMBER** **Infant Death Number** This number uniquely identifies the same infant in the numerator and denominator-plus files.

Locations 7-210 of the linked file contain data from the Birth Certificate.
Locations 211-222, 261-535 of linked file contain data from the Death Certificate.

Residence items in the Denominator Record and in the natality section of the Numerator (linked) Record refer to the usual place of residence of the Mother; whereas in the mortality section of the Numerator (Linked) Record, these items refer to the residence of the Decedent.

7-10	4	**BIRYR** **Year of Birth** 1997 ... Born in 1997
11	1	**RESSTATB** **Resident Status - Birth** **United States Occurrence** 1 ... RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same. 2 ... INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different. 3 ... INTERSTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are different, but both are in the 50 States and D.C. 4 ... FOREIGN RESIDENTS: State of occurrence is one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia, but place of residence of mother is outside of the 50 States and D.C. **Puerto Rico Occurrence** 1 ... RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same. 2 ... INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different. 4 ... FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in Puerto Rico to a resident of any other place.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
11	1	**Virgin Islands Occurrence**
		1 ... RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same.
		2 ... INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different.
		4 ... FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in the Virgin Islands to a resident of any other place.
		Guam Occurrence
		1 ... RESIDENTS: Occurred in Guam to a resident of Guam or to a resident of the U.S.
		4 ... FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in Guam to a resident of any place other than Guam or the U.S.
12-13	2	**BRSTATE** **Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Birth**
		This item is designed to separately identify New York City records from other New York State records.
		United States Occurrence
		01 ... Alabama
		02 ... Alaska
		03 ... Arizona
		04 ... Arkansas
		05 ... California
		06 ... Colorado
		07 ... Connecticut
		08 ... Delaware
		09 ... District of Columbia
		10 ... Florida
		11 ... Georgia
		12 ... Hawaii
		13 ... Idaho
		14 ... Illinois
		15 ... Indiana
		16 ... Iowa
		17 ... Kansas
		18 ... Kentucky
		19 ... Louisiana
		20 ... Maine
		21 ... Maryland
		22 ... Massachusetts
		23 ... Michigan
		24 ... Minnesota
		25 ... Mississippi
		26 ... Missouri

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
12-13	2	**BRSTATE** **Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Birth (Cond't)**

This item is designed to separately identify New York City records from other New York State records.

United States Occurrence

27	...	Montana
28	...	Nebraska
29	...	Nevada
30	...	New Hampshire
31	...	New Jersey
32	...	New Mexico
33	...	New York
34	...	New York City
35	...	North Carolina
36	...	North Dakota
37	...	Ohio
38	...	Oklahoma
39	...	Oregon
40	...	Pennsylvania
41	...	Rhode Island
42	...	South Carolina
43	...	South Dakota
44	...	Tennessee
45	...	Texas
46	...	Utah
47	...	Vermont
48	...	Virginia
49	...	Washington
50	...	West Virginia
51	...	Wisconsin
52	...	Wyoming
53-58,60	...	Foreign Residents
53	...	Puerto Rico
54	...	Virgin Islands
55	...	Guam
56	...	Canada
57	...	Cuba
58	...	Mexico
60	...	Remainder of the World

Puerto Rico Occurrence

53	...	Puerto Rico
01-52,54-58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Virgin Islands Occurrence

54	...	Virgin Islands
01-53,55-58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline

12-13 2

BRSTATE
Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Birth (Cond't)

This item is designed to separately identify New York City records from other New York State records.

Guam Occurrence

55	...	Guam
01-52	...	U.S. resident is also considered a resident of Guam.
53,54,58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

14-18 5

FIPSOCCB
Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Geographic Codes (Occurrence) - Birth

Refer to the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document for a detailed list of areas and codes. For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) publications.

14-15 2

STOCCFIPB
State of Occurrence (FIPS) - Birth

United States

01	...	Alabama
02	...	Alaska
04	...	Arizona
05	...	Arkansas
06	...	California
08	...	Colorado
09	...	Connecticut
10	...	Delaware
11	...	District of Columbia
12	...	Florida
13	...	Georgia
15	...	Hawaii
16	...	Idaho
17	...	Illinois
18	...	Indiana
19	...	Iowa
20	...	Kansas
21	...	Kentucky
22	...	Louisiana
23	...	Maine
24	...	Maryland
25	...	Massachusetts
26	...	Michigan
27	...	Minnesota
28	...	Mississippi
29	...	Missouri
30	...	Montana
31	...	Nebraska
32	...	Nevada

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline		
14-15	2	**STOCCFIPB** **State of Occurrence (FIPS) - Birth (Cond't)**		
		United States		
		33	...	New Hampshire
		34	...	New Jersey
		35	...	New Mexico
		36	...	New York
		37	...	North Carolina
		38	...	North Dakota
		39	...	Ohio
		40	...	Oklahoma
		41	...	Oregon
		42	...	Pennsylvania
		44	...	Rhode Island
		45	...	South Carolina
		46	...	South Dakota
		47	...	Tennessee
		48	...	Texas
		49	...	Utah
		50	...	Vermont
		51	...	Virginia
		53	...	Washington
		54	...	West Virginia
		55	...	Wisconsin
		56	...	Wyoming
		Puerto Rico		
		72	...	Puerto Rico
		Virgin Islands		
		78	...	Virgin Islands
		Guam		
		66	...	Guam
16-18	3	**CNTOCFIPB** **County of Occurrence (FIPS) - Birth**		
		001-nnn	...	Counties and county equivalents (independent and coextensive cities) are numbered alphabetically within each State. (Note: To uniquely identify a county, both the State and county codes must be used.)
		999	...	County with less than 250,000 population

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
19-23	5	**FIPSRESB** **Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Geographic Codes (Residence) - Birth** Refer to the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document for a detailed list of areas and codes. For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) publications.
19-20	2	**STRESFIPB** **State of Residence (FIPS) - Birth**

United States Occurrence

00	...	Foreign residents
01	...	Alabama
02	...	Alaska
04	...	Arizona
05	...	Arkansas
06	...	California
08	...	Colorado
09	...	Connecticut
10	...	Delaware
11	...	District of Columbia
12	...	Florida
13	...	Georgia
15	...	Hawaii
16	...	Idaho
17	...	Illinois
18	...	Indiana
19	...	Iowa
20	...	Kansas
21	...	Kentucky
22	...	Louisiana
23	...	Maine
24	...	Maryland
25	...	Massachusetts
26	...	Michigan
27	...	Minnesota
28	...	Mississippi
29	...	Missouri
30	...	Montana
31	...	Nebraska
32	...	Nevada
33	...	New Hampshire
34	...	New Jersey
35	...	New Mexico
36	...	New York
37	...	North Carolina
38	...	North Dakota
39	...	Ohio
40	...	Oklahoma
41	...	Oregon
42	...	Pennsylvania
44	...	Rhode Island

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline

19-20 2 **STRESFIPB**

State of Residence (FIPS) - Birth Cond't)

United States Occurrence

45	...	South Carolina
46	...	South Dakota
47	...	Tennessee
48	...	Texas
49	...	Utah
50	...	Vermont
51	...	Virginia
53	...	Washington
54	...	West Virginia
55	...	Wisconsin
56	...	Wyoming

Puerto Rico Occurrence

00-56,66,78	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure
72	...	Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands Occurrence

00-56,66,72	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure
78	...	Virgin Islands

Guam Occurrence

00,72,78	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure
01-56	...	U.S. Resident is also considered a resident of Guam. Refer to U.S. for specific code structure
66	...	Guam

21-23 3 **CNTYRFPB**

County of Residence (FIPS) - Birth

000	...	Foreign residents
001-nnn	...	Counties and county equivalents (independent and coextensive cities) are numbered alphabetically within each State (Note: To uniquely identify a county, both the State and county codes must be used.)
999	...	County with less than 250,000 population

24-28 5 **PLRES**

Place (City) of Residence (FIPS)

A complete list of cities is shown in the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document.

00000	...	Foreign residents
00001-nnnnn	...	Code range
99999	...	Balance of county; or city less than 250,000 population

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
29	1	**MAGEFLG** **Age of Mother Flag** This position is flagged whenever age is imputed or the mother's reported age is used. The reported age is used, if valid, when computed age derived from the date of birth is not available or when it is outside the 10-49 code range. Blank ... Not imputed and reported age is not used 1 ... Reported age is used 2 ... Age is imputed
30-31	2	**DMAGE** **Age of Mother** This item is: a) computed using dates of birth of mother and of delivery; b) reported; or c) imputed. This is the age item used in NCHS publications. 10-54 ... Age in single years
32	1	**MAGER8** **Age of Mother Recode 8** 1 ... Under 15 years 2 ... 15 - 19 years 3 ... 20 - 24 years 4 ... 25 - 29 years 5 ... 30 - 34 years 6 ... 35 - 39 years 7 ... 40 - 44 years 8 ... 45 - 54 years
33	1	**ORMOTH** **Hispanic Origin of Mother** Hispanic origin is reported for all areas except Puerto Rico. 0 ... Non-Hispanic 1 ... Mexican 2 ... Puerto Rican 3 ... Cuban 4 ... Central or South American 5 ... Other and unknown Hispanic 9 ... Origin unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
34	1	**ORRACEM** **Hispanic Origin and Race of Mother Recode** Hispanic origin is reported for all areas except Puerto Rico. 1 ... Mexican 2 ... Puerto Rican 3 ... Cuban 4 ... Central or South American 5 ... Other and unknown Hispanic 6 ... Non-Hispanic White 7 ... Non-Hispanic Black 8 ... Non-Hispanic other races 9 ... Origin unknown or not stated
35	1	**MRACEIMP** **Race of Mother Imputation Flag** Blank ... Race is not imputed 1 ... Race is imputed 2 ... All other races, formerly code 09, is imputed
36-37	2	**MRACE** **Race of Mother - Birth Record or for Unlinked Records Race of Decedent from Death Record** Beginning with 1992 data, some areas started reporting additional Asian or Pacific Islander codes for race. Codes 18-68 replace old code 08 for these areas. Code 78 replaces old code 08 for all other areas. For consistency with Census race code 09 (all other races) used prior to 1992 has been imputed. **United States Occurrence** 01 ... White 02 ... Black 03 ... American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos) 04 ... Chinese 05 ... Japanese 06 ... Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian) 07 ... Filipino 18 ... Asian Indian 28 ... Korean 38 ... Samoan 48 ... Vietnamese 58 ... Guamanian 68 ... Other Asian or Pacific Islander in areas reporting codes 18-58 78 ... Combined other Asian or Pacific Islander, includes codes 18-68 for areas that do not report them separately

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
36-37	2	**MRACE** **Race of Mother - Birth Record or for Unlinked Records Race of Decedent from Death Record (Cond't)**

Puerto Rico Occurrence

00	...	Other races
01	...	White
02	...	Black

Virgin Islands Occurrence

01	...	White
02	...	Black
03	...	American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
04	...	Chinese
05	...	Japanese
06	...	Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian)
07	...	Filipino
08	...	Other Asian or Pacific Islander

Guam Occurrence

01	...	White
02	...	Black
03	...	American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
04	...	Chinese
05	...	Japanese
06	...	Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian)
07	...	Filipino
08	...	Other Asian or Pacific Islander
58	...	Guamanian

38	1	**MRACE3** **Race of Mother Recode**

1	...	White
2	...	Races other than White or Black
3	...	Black

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
39-40	2	**DMEDUC** **Education of Mother Detail** All areas report education of mother. 00 ... No formal education 01-08 ... Years of elementary school 09 ... 1 year of high school 10 ... 2 years of high school 11 ... 3 years of high school 12 ... 4 years of high school 13 ... 1 year of college 14 ... 2 years of college 15 ... 3 years of college 16 ... 4 years of college 17 ... 5 or more years of college 99 ... Not stated
41	1	**MEDUC6** **Education of Mother Recode** 1 ... 0 - 8 years 2 ... 9 - 11 years 3 ... 12 years 4 ... 13 - 15 years 5 ... 16 years and over 6 ... Not stated
42	1	**DMARIMP** **Marital Status of Mother Imputation Flag** Blank ... Marital status is not imputed 1 ... Marital status is imputed
43	1	**DMAR** **Marital Status of Mother** Marital status is not reported by all areas. See reporting flags. **United States/Virgin Islands/Guam Occurrence** 1 ... Married 2 ... Unmarried 9 ... Unknown or not stated **Puerto Rico Occurrence** 1 ... Married 2 ... Unmarried parents living together 3 ... Unmarried parents not living together 9 ... Unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline		
44-45	2	**MPLBIR**		
		Place of Birth of Mother		
		01	...	Alabama
		02	...	Alaska
		03	...	Arizona
		04	...	Arkansas
		05	...	California
		06	...	Colorado
		07	...	Connecticut
		08	...	Delaware
		09	...	District of Columbia
		10	...	Florida
		11	...	Georgia
		12	...	Hawaii
		13	...	Idaho
		14	...	Illinois
		15	...	Indiana
		16	...	Iowa
		17	...	Kansas
		18	...	Kentucky
		19	...	Louisiana
		20	...	Maine
		21	...	Maryland
		22	...	Massachusetts
		23	...	Michigan
		24	...	Minnesota
		25	...	Mississippi
		26	...	Missouri
		27	...	Montana
		28	...	Nebraska
		29	...	Nevada
		30	...	New Hampshire
		31	...	New Jersey
		32	...	New Mexico
		33	...	New York
		34	...	North Carolina
		35	...	North Dakota
		36	...	Ohio
		37	...	Oklahoma
		38	...	Oregon
		39	...	Pennsylvania
		40	...	Rhode Island
		41	...	South Carolina
		42	...	South Dakota
		43	...	Tennessee
		44	...	Texas
		45	...	Utah
		46	...	Vermont
		47	...	Virginia
		48	...	Washington
		49	...	West Virginia

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
44-45	2	**MPLBIR** **Place of Birth of Mother (Cond't)**

50	...	Wisconsin
51	...	Wyoming
52	...	Puerto Rico
53	...	Virgin Islands
54	...	Guam
55	...	Canada
56	...	Cuba
57	...	Mexico
59	...	Remainder of the World
99	...	Not Classifiable

46 1 **MPLBIRR**
Place of Birth of Mother Recode

United States Occurrence

1	...	Born in the 50 States and D.C.
2	...	Born outside the 50 States and DC
3	...	Unknown or not stated

Puerto Rico/Virgin Island/ Guam Occurrence

Blank	...	This item not recorded

47-48 2 **DTOTORD**
Detail Total Birth Order

Sum of live birth order and other terminations of pregnancy. If either item is unknown, this item is made unknown.

01-40	...	Total number of live births and other terminations of pregnancy
99	...	Unknown

49-50 2 **DLIVORD**
Detail Live Birth Order

Sum of live births now living and now dead plus one. If either item is unknown, this item is made unknown.

00-31	...	Number of children born alive to mother
99	...	Unknown

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
51-52	2	**MONPRE** **Detail Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began** 00 ... No prenatal care 01 ... 1st month 02 ... 2nd month 03 ... 3rd month 04 ... 4th month 05 ... 5th month 06 ... 6th month 07 ... 7th month 08 ... 8th month 09 ... 9th month 99 ... Unknown or not stated
53	1	**MPRE5** **Month Prenatal Care Began Recode 5** 1 ... 1st Trimester (1st-3rd month) 2 ... 2nd Trimester (4th-6th month) 3 ... 3rd Trimester (7th-9th month) 4 ... No prenatal care 5 ... Unknown or not stated
54-55	2	**NPREVIST** **Total Number of Prenatal Visits** 00 ... No prenatal visits 01-48 ... Stated number of visits 49 ... 49 or more visits 99 ... Unknown or not stated
56	1	**ADEQUACY** **Adequacy of Care Recode (Kessner Index)** This code is based on a modified Kessner criterion. Month Prenatal Care Began, Number of Prenatal Visits, and Gestation are the items used to generate this recode. 1 ... Adequate 2 ... Intermediate 3 ... Inadequate 4 ... Unknown
57-59	3	**R1** **Reserved Positions**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
60	1	**FAGERFLG** **Reported Age of Father Used Flag** This position is flagged whenever the Father's reported age in years is used. The reported age is used, if valid, when age derived from date of birth is not available or when it is less than 10. Blank ... Reported age is not used 1 ... Reported age is used
61-62	2	**DFAGE** **Age of Father** This item is either computed from date of birth of father and of child or is the reported age. This is the age item used in NCHS publications. 10-98 ... Age in single years 99 ... Unknown or not stated
63	1	**ORFATH** **Hispanic Origin of Father** Hispanic origin is reported for all areas except Puerto Rico. 0 ... Non-Hispanic 1 ... Mexican 2 ... Puerto Rican 3 ... Cuban 4 ... Central or South American 5 ... Other and unknown Hispanic 9 ... Origin unknown or not stated
64	1	**ORRACEF** **Hispanic Origin and Race of Father Recode** Hispanic origin is reported for all areas except Puerto Rico. 1 ... Mexican 2 ... Puerto Rican 3 ... Cuban 4 ... Central or South American 5 ... Other and unknown Hispanic 6 ... Non-Hispanic White 7 ... Non-Hispanic Black 8 ... Non-Hispanic other or unknown race 9 ... Origin unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
65-66	2	**FRACE** **Race of Father**

Beginning with 1992 data, some areas started reporting additional Asian or Pacific Islander codes for race. See reporting flags. Codes 18 -68 replace old code 08 for these areas. Code 78 replaces old code 08 for all other areas. Code 09 (all other races) has been changed to 99.

United States Occurrence

01	...	White
02	...	Black
03	...	American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
04	...	Chinese
05	...	Japanese
06	...	Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian)
07	...	Filipino
18	...	Asian Indian
28	...	Korean
38	...	Samoan
48	...	Vietnamese
58	...	Guamanian
68	...	Other Asian or Pacific Islander in areas reporting codes 18-58
78	...	Combined other Asian or Pacific Islander, includes codes 18-68 for areas that do not report them separately
99	...	Unknown or not stated

Puerto Rico Occurrence

00	...	Other races
01	...	White
02	...	Black
99	...	Unknown or not stated

Virgin Islands Occurrence

01	...	White
02	...	Black
03	...	American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos)
04	...	Chinese
05	...	Japanese
06	...	Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian)
07	...	Filipino
08	...	Other Asian or Pacific Islander
99	...	Unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
65-66	2	**FRACE** **Race of Father (Cond't)** **Guam Occurrence** 01 ... White 02 ... Black 03 ... American Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos) 04 ... Chinese 05 ... Japanese 06 ... Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian) 07 ... Filipino 08 ... Other Asian or Pacific Islander 58 ... Guamanian 99 ... Unknown or not stated
67	1	**PLDEL** **Place or Facility of Delivery** 1 ... Hospital 2 ... Freestanding Birthing Center 3 ... Clinic or Doctor's Office 4 ... A Residence 5 ... Other 9 ... Unknown or Not Stated
68	1	**BIRATTND** **Attendant at Delivery** 1 ... Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) 2 ... Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) 3 ... Certified Nurse Midwife (C.N.M.) 4 ... Other Midwife 5 ... Other 9 ... Unknown or not stated
69	1	**R2** **Reserved position**
70	1	**GESTESTM** **Clinical Estimate of Gestation Used Flag** This position is flagged whenever the clinical estimate of gestation is used. It is used when gestation could not be computed or when the computed gestation is outside the 17-47 code range. Blank ... Clinical Estimate is not used 1 ... Clinical Estimate is used

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
71-72	2	**CLINGEST** **Clinical Estimate of Gestation** Clinical estimate is not reported by all areas. See reporting flags. 17-47 ... Estimated gestation in weeks 99 ... Unknown or not stated
73	1	**GESTIMP** **Gestation Imputation Flag** Blank ... Gestation is not imputed 1 ... Gestation is imputed
74-75	2	**GESTAT** **Gestation - Detail in Weeks** This item is: a) computed using dates of birth of child and last normal menses; b) imputed from LMP date; c) the clinical estimate; or d) unknown when there is insufficient data to impute or no valid clinical estimate. This is the gestation item used in NCHS publications. 17-47 ... 17th through 47th week of gestation 99 ... Unknown
76-77	2	**GESTAT 10** **GESTATION RECODE 10** 01 ... Under 20 weeks 02 ... 20 - 27 weeks 03 ... 28 - 31 weeks 04 ... 32 - 35 weeks 05 ... 36 weeks 06 ... 37 - 39 weeks 07 ... 40 weeks 08 ... 41 weeks 09 ... 42 weeks and over 10 ... Not stated
78	1	**CSEXIMP** **Sex Imputation Flag** Blank ... Sex is not imputed 1 ... Sex is imputed
79	1	**CSEX** **Sex** 1 ... Male 2 ... Female

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
80-87	8	**BIRTHWEIGHT**

Beginning in 1995, an imputation for not-stated birthweight was added to reduce potential bias in the data (see section on Changes beginning with the 1995 data year in the introductory text to this documentation). The following imputation flag can be used to delete imputed values for those researchers wishing to use only reported birthweight data.

80 1 **BWIF**
Birth Weight Imputation Flag

Blank	...	Birthweight is not imputed
1	...	Birthweight is imputed

81-84 4 **DBIRWT**
Birth Weight Detail in Grams (Imputed)

0227-8165	...	Number of grams
9999	...	Not stated birth weight

85-86 2 **BIRWT12**
Birth Weight Recode 12 (Imputed)

01	...	499 grams or less
02	...	500-999 grams
03	...	1000-1499 grams
04	...	1500-1999 grams
05	...	2000-2499 grams
06	...	2500-2999 grams
07	...	3000-3499 grams
08	...	3500-3999 grams
09	...	4000-4499 grams
10	...	4500-4999 grams
11	...	5000-8165 grams
12	...	Unknown or not stated

87 1 **BIRWT4**
Birth Weight Recode 4 (Imputed)

1	...	1499 grams or less
2	...	1500-2499 grams
3	...	2500 grams or more
4	...	Unknown or not stated

88 1 **PLURIMP**
Plurality Imputation Flag

Blank	...	Plurality is not imputed
1	...	Plurality is imputed

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
89	1	**DPLURAL** **Plurality** 1 ... Single 2 ... Twin 3 ... Triplet 4 ... Quadruplet 5 ... Quintuplet or higher
90-91	2	**FMAPS** **Five-Minute Apgar Score** Apgar score is not reported by all areas. See reporting flags. 00-10 ... A score of 0-10 99 ... Unknown or not stated
92-186	95	**MEDINFO** **Medical and Health Data** Some States do not report an entire item while other States do not report all of the categories within an item. If an item is not reported, it is indicated by code zero in the appropriate reporting flag. If a category within an item is not reported it is indicated by code 8 in the position for that category.
92-99	8	**DELMETH** **Method of Delivery** Each method is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each method (position) is: 1 ... The method was used 2 ... The method was not used 8 ... Method not on certificate 9 ... Method unknown or not stated
92	1	**VAGINAL** **Vaginal**
93	1	**VBAC** **Vaginal Birth After Previous C-Section**
94	1	**PRIMAC** **Primary C-Section**
95	1	**REPEAC** **Repeat C-Section**
96	1	**FORCEP** **Forceps**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
97	1	**VACUUM** **Vacuum**
98	1	**R3** **Reserved Position**
99	1	**DELMETH5** **Method of Delivery Recode** 1 ... Vaginal (excludes Vaginal after previous C-section) 2 ... Vaginal birth after previous C section 3 ... Primary C-section 4 ... Repeat C-Section 5 ... Not stated
100-117	18	**MEDRISK** **Medical Risk Factors** Each risk factor is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each risk factor (position) is: 1 ... Factor reported 2 ... Factor not reported 8 ... Factor not on certificate 9 ... Factor not classifiable
100	1	**MRFLAG** **No Medical Risk Factors Reported Flag** Blank ... One or more medical risk factors coded, one, eight, or nine 2 ... No medical risk factors reported. Each factor is coded a two.
101	1	**ANEMIA** **Anemia (Hct.<30/Hgb.<10)**
102	1	**CARDIAC** **Cardiac disease**
103	1	**LUNG** **Acute or chronic lung disease**
104	1	**DIABETES** **Diabetes**
105	1	**HERPES** **Genital herpes**
106	1	**HYDRA** **Hydramnios/Oligohydramnios**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
107	1	**HEMO** **Hemoglobinopathy**
108	1	**CHYPER** **Hypertension, chronic**
109	1	**PHYPER** **Hypertension, pregnancy-associated**
110	1	**ECLAMP** **Eclampsia**
111	1	**INCERVIX** **Incompetent cervix**
112	1	**PRE4000** **Previous infant 4000+ grams**
113	1	**PRETERM** **Previous preterm or small-for-gestational-age infant**
114	1	**RENAL** **Renal disease**
115	1	**RH** **Rh sensitization**
116	1	**UTERINE** **Uterine bleeding**
117	1	**OTHERMR** **Other Medical Risk Factors**
118-128	11	**OTHERRSK** **Other Risk Factors for this Pregnancy**
118-121	4	**TOBACRSK** **Tobacco Risks**
118	1	**TOBACCO** **Tobacco Use During Pregnancy** 1 ... Yes 2 ... No 9 ... Unknown or not stated
119-120	2	**CIGAR** **Average Number of Cigarettes Per Day** 00-97 ... As stated 98 ... 98 or more cigarettes per day 99 ... Unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
121	1	**CIGAR6** **Average Number of Cigarettes Per Day Recode** 0 ... Non-smoker 1 ... 1-5 cigarettes per day 2 ... 6-10 cigarettes per day 3 ... 11-20 cigarettes per day 4 ... 21-40 cigarettes per day 5 ... 41 or more cigarettes per day 6 ... Unknown or not stated
122-125	4	**ALCOHRSK** **Alcohol**
122	1	**ALCOHOL** **Alcohol Use During Pregnancy** 1 ... Yes 2 ... No 9 ... Unknown or not stated
123-124	2	**DRINK** **Average Number of Drinks Per Week** 00-97 ... As stated 98 ... 98 or more drinks per week 99 ... Unknown or not stated
125	1	**DRINK5** **Average Number of Drinks Per Week Recode** 0 ... Non-drinker 1 ... 1 drink per week 2 ... 2 drinks per week 3 ... 3-4 drinks per week 4 ... 5 or more drinks per week 5 ... Unknown or not stated
126-128	3	**WTGANRSK** **Weight Gain During Pregnancy**
126-127	2	**WTGAIN** **Weight Gain** 00-97 ... Stated number of pounds 98 ... 98 pounds or more 99 ... Unknown or not stated

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
128	1	**WTGAIN9** **Weight Gain Recode** 1 ... Less than 16 pounds 2 ... 16-20 pounds 3 ... 21-25 pounds 4 ... 26-30 pounds 5 ... 31-35 pounds 6 ... 36-40 pounds 7 ... 41-45 pounds 8 ... 46 or more pounds 9 ... Unknown or not stated
129-136	8	**OBSTETRC** **Obstetric Procedures** Each procedure is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each procedure (position) is: 1 ... Procedure reported 2 ... Procedure not reported 8 ... Procedure not on certificate 9 ... Procedure not classifiable
129	1	**OBFLAG** **Obstetric Flag** Blank ... One or more obstetric procedures coded, one, eight, or nine 2 ... No obstetric procedures reported. Each factor is coded a two.
130	1	**AMNIO** **Amniocentesis**
131	1	**MONITOR** **Electronic fetal monitoring**
132	1	**INDUCT** **Induction of labor**
133	1	**STIMULA** **Stimulation of labor**
134	1	**TOCOL** **Tocolysis**
135	1	**ULTRAS** **Ultrasound**
136	1	**OTHEROB** **Other Obstetric Procedures**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
137-153	17	**LABOR** **Complications of Labor and/or Delivery** Each complication is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each complication (position) is: 1 ... Complication reported 2 ... Complication not reported 8 ... Complication not on certificate 9 ... Complication not classifiable
137	1	**FBFLAG** **Labor Flag** Blank ... One or more labor and/or delivery complications coded, one, eight, or nine 2 ... No labor and/or delivery complication reported. Each factor is coded a two.
138	1	**FEBRILE** **Febrile (>100 degrees F. or 38 degrees C.)**
139	1	**MECONIUM** **Meconium, moderate/heavy**
140	1	**RUPTURE** **Premature rupture of membrane (>12 hours)**
141	1	**ABRUPTIO** **Abruptio placenta**
142	1	**PREPLACE** **Placenta previa**
143	1	**EXCEBLD** **Other excessive bleeding**
144	1	**SEIZURE** **Seizures during labor**
145	1	**PRECIP** **Precipitous labor (<3 hours)**
146	1	**PROLONG** **Prolonged labor (>20 hours)**
147	1	**DYSFUNC** **Dysfunctional labor**
148	1	**BREECH** **Breech/Malpresentation**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
149	1	**CEPHALO** **Cephalopelvic disproportion**
150	1	**CORD** **Cord prolapse**
151	1	**ANESTHE** **Anesthetic complications**
152	1	**DISTRESS** **Fetal distress**
153	1	**OTHERLB** **Other Complications of Labor and/or Delivery**
154-163	10	**NEWBORN** **Abnormal conditions of the Newborn** Each condition is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each condition (position)is: 1 ... Condition reported 2 ... Condition not reported 8 ... Condition not on certificate 9 ... Condition not classifiable
154	1	**NBFLAG** **Newborn Flag** Blank ... One or more abnormal conditions of the newborn coded, one, eight, or nine 2 ... No abnormal condition of the newborn reported. Each factor is coded a two.
155	1	**NANEMIA** **Anemia Hct.>39/Hgb.<13)**
156	1	**INJURY** **Birth injury**
157	1	**ALCOSYN** **Fetal alcohol syndrome**
158	1	**HYALINE** **Hyaline membrane disease**
159	1	**MECONSYN** **Meconium aspiration syndrome**
160	1	**VENL30** **Assisted ventilation, less than 30 minutes**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
161	1	**VEN30M** **Assisted ventilation, 30 minutes or more**
162	1	**NSEIZ** **Seizures**
163	1	**OTHERAB** **Other Abnormal Conditions of the Newborn**
164-186	23	**CONGENIT** **Congenital Anomalies** Each anomaly is assigned a separate position, and the code structure for each anomaly (position) is: 1 ... Anomaly reported 2 ... Anomaly not reported 8 ... Anomaly not on certificate 9 ... Anomaly not classifiable
164	1	**CGFLAG** **Congenital Flag** Blank ... One or more congenital anomalies coded, one, eight, or nine 2 ... No congenital anomaly is reported. Each factor is coded a two.
165	1	**ANEN** **Anencephalus**
166	1	**SPINA** **Spina bifida/Meningocele**
167	1	**HYDRO** **Hydrocephalus**
168	1	**MICROCE** **Microcephalus**
169	1	**NERVOUS** **Other central nervous system anomalies**
170	1	**HEART** **Heart malformations**
171	1	**CIRCUL** **Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies**
172	1	**RECTAL** **Rectal atresia/stenosis**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
173	1	**TRACHEO** **Tracheo-esophageal fistula/Esophageal atresia**
174	1	**OMPHALO** **Omphalocele/Gastroschisis**
175	1	**GASTRO** **Other gastrointestinal anomalies**
176	1	**GENITAL** **Malformed genitalia**
177	1	**RENALAGE** **Renal agenesis**
178	1	**UROGEN** **Other urogenital anomalies**
179	1	**CLEFTLP** **Cleft lip/palate**
180	1	**ADACTYLY** **Polydactyly/Syndactyly/Adactyly**
181	1	**CLUBFOOT** **Club foot**
182	1	**HERNIA** **Diaphragmatic hernia**
183	1	**MUSCULO** **Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies**
184	1	**DOWNS** **Down's syndrome**
185	1	**CHROMO** **Other chromosomal anomalies**
186	1	**OTHERCON** **Other congenital anomalies**
187-203	17	**FLRES** **Reporting Flags for Place of Residence** These positions contain flags to indicate whether or not the specified item is included on the birth certificate of the State of residence or of the SMSA of residence. The code structure of each flag (position) is: 0 ... The item is not reported 1 ... The item is reported or partially reported.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
187	1	**ORIGM** **Origin of mother**
188	1	**ORIGF** **Origin of father**
189	1	**EDUCM** **Education of mother**
190	1	**R4** **Reserved Position**
191	1	**GESTE** **Clinical estimate of gestation**
192	1	**R5** **Reserved position**
193	1	**FMAPSRF** **5-minute Apgar score**
194	1	**DELMETRF** **Method of delivery**
195	1	**MEDRSK** **Medical risk factors**
196	1	**TOBUSE** **Tobacco use**
197	1	**ALCUSE** **Alcohol use**
198	1	**WTGN** **Weight gain**
199	1	**OBSTRC** **Obstetric procedures**
200	1	**CLABOR** **Complications of labor and/or delivery**
201	1	**ABNML** **Abnormal conditions of newborn**
202	1	**CONGAN** **Congenital anomalies**
203	1	**API flag** **Race codes 18-68 reported (beginning with 1992 data)**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
204	1	**CDOBMIMP** **Month of Birth of Child Imputation Flag** Blank ... Month is not imputed 1 ... Month is imputed
205-206	2	**BIRMON** **Month of Birth** 01 ... January 02 ... February 03 ... March 04 ... April 05 ... May 06 ... June 07 ... July 08 ... August 09 ... September 10 ... October 11 ... November 12 ... December
207-208	2	**R6** **Reserved Position**
209	1	**WEEKDAYB** **Day of Week Child Born** 1 ... Sunday 2 ... Monday 3 ... Tuesday 4 ... Wednesday 5 ... Thursday 6 ... Friday 7 ... Saturday
210	1	**R7** **Reserved Position**

Locations 211-535 contain data from the Death Certificate. Data in locations 211-222 are included on both the numerator and denominator-plus files. Data in locations 223-535 are include in the numerator file only. Residence items in the Denominator Record and in the natality section of the Numerator (Linked) Record refer to the usual place of residence of the Mother; whereas in the mortality section of the Numerator (Linked) Record, these items refer to the place of residence of the Decedent.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
211-213	3	**AGED** **Age at Death in Days** The generated age at death in days is calculated from the date of death on the death certificate minus the date of birth on the birth certificate unless the reported age of death is less than 2 days, then the reported age is used. If the exact date of birth and/or death is unknown, the age is imputed. 000-364 ... Number of days
214	1	**AGER5** **Infant Age Recode 5** 1 ... Under 1 hour 2 ... 1-23 hours 3 ... 1-6 days 4 ... 7-27 days (late neonatal) 5 ... 28 days and over (postneonatal)
215	1	**ACCIDPL** **Place of Accident for Causes E850-E869 and E880-E928** Blank ... Causes other than E850-E869 and E880-E928 0 ... Home 1 ... Farm 2 ... Mine and quarry 3 ... Industrial place and premises 4 ... Place for recreation and sport 5 ... Street and highway 6 ... Public building 7 ... Resident institution 8 ... Other specified places 9 ... Place of accident not specified
216-219	4	**UCOD** **ICD Code (9th Revision)** See the International Classification of Diseases, 1975 Revision, Volume 1. For injuries and poisoning, the external cause is coded (E800-E999) rather than the Nature of Injury (800-999). These positions do not include the letter E for the external cause of injury. For those causes that do not have a 4th digit, location 219 is blank.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
220-222	3	**UCODR61** **61 Infant Cause Recode** A recode of the ICD cause code into 61 groups for NCHS publications. Further back in this document is a complete list of recodes and the causes included. 010-680 ... Code range (not inclusive)
223-230	8	**RECWT** **Record weight** Beginning in 1995, a record weight was added to the linked file to adjust for the approximately 2-3% of infant death records each year which cannot be linked to their corresponding birth certificates. Weights are generally slightly greater than 1.0 for infant death records, and are set at 1.0 for surviving live birth records. Weights are appropriate for us in some circumstances, but not others — please see Introduction for further details. The weights were used to produce all NCHS linked file tables, including Documentation tables 1-5 included in this tape documentation. The general format for the record weight is the number one followed by a decimal point and six decimal places as follows: 1.XXXXXX

Here ends the Denominator file. Documentation for the Mortality Section of the Numerator (Linked) file begins with multiple conditions in positions 261-504.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
261-504	244	**MULTCOND** **Multiple Conditions** See the "International Classification of Diseases", 1975 Revision, Volume 1. Both the entity-axis and record-axis conditions are coded according to this revision (9th).
261-262	2	**EANUM** **Number of Entity-Axis Conditions** 00-20 ... Code range
263-402	140	**ENTITY** **ENTITY - AXIS CONDITIONS** Space has been provided for a maximum of 20 conditions. Each condition takes 7 positions in the record. Records that do not have 20 conditions are blank in the unused area. Position 1: Part/line number on certificate 1 ... Part I, line 1 (a) 2 ... Part I, line 2 (b) 3 ... Part I, line 3 (c) 4 ... Part I, line 4 (d) 5 ... Part I, line 5 (e) 6 ... Part II, Position 2: Sequence of condition within part/line 1-7 ... Code range Position 3 - 6: Condition code (ICD 9th Revision) Position 7: Nature of Injury Flag 1 ... Indicates that the code in positions 3-6 is a Nature of Injury code 0 ... All other codes
263-269	7	**1st Condition**
270-276	7	**2nd Condition**
277-283	7	**3rd Condition**
284-290	7	**4th Condition**
291-297	7	**5th Condition**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
298-304	7	**6th Condition**
305-311	7	**7th Condition**
312-318	7	**8th Condition**
319-325	7	**9th Condition**
326-332	7	**10th Condition**
333-339	7	**11th Condition**
340-346	7	**12th Condition**
347-353	7	**13th Condition**
354-360	7	**14th Condition**
361-367	7	**15th Condition**
368-374	7	**16th Condition**
375-381	7	**17th Condition**
382-388	7	**18th Condition**
389-395	7	**19th Condition**
396-402	7	**20th Condition**
403-404	2	**RANUM** **Number of Record-Axis Conditions** 00-20 ... Code range
405-504	100	**RECORD** **RECORD - AXIS CONDITIONS** Space has been provided for a maximum of 20 conditions. Each condition takes 5 positions in the record. Records that do not have 20 conditions are blank in the unused area. Positions 1-4: Condition code (ICD 9th Revision) Position 5: Nature of Injury Flag 1 ... Indicates that the code in positions 1-4 is a Nature of Injury code 0 ... All other codes

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
405-409	5	**1st Condition**
410-414	5	**2nd Condition**
415-419	5	**3rd Condition**
420-424	5	**4th Condition**
425-429	5	**5th Condition**
430-434	5	**6th Condition**
435-439	5	**7th Condition**
440-444	5	**8th Condition**
445-449	5	**9th Condition**
450-454	5	**10th Condition**
455-459	5	**11th Condition**
460-464	5	**12th Condition**
465-469	5	**13th Condition**
470-474	5	**14th Condition**
475-479	5	**15th Condition**
480-484	5	**16th Condition**
485-489	5	**17th Condition**
490-494	5	**18th Condition**
495-499	5	**19th Condition**
500-504	5	**20th Condition**
505	1	**RESSTATD** **Resident Status - Death** **United States Occurrence** 1 ... RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same. 2 ... INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different. 3 ... INTERSTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are different, but both are in the 50 States and D.C. 4 ... FOREIGN RESIDENTS: State of occurrence is one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia, but place of residence is outside of the 50 States and D.C.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
505	1	**RESSTATD** **Resident Status - Death (Cond't)**

Puerto Rico Occurrence

1	...	RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same.
2	...	INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different.
4	...	FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in Puerto Rico to a resident of any other place.

Virgin Islands Occurrence

1	...	RESIDENTS: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same.
2	...	INTRASTATE NONRESIDENTS: State of occurrence and residence are the same, but county is different.
4	...	FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in the Virgin Islands to a resident of any other place.

Guam Occurrence

1	...	RESIDENTS: Occurred in Guam to a resident of Guam or to a resident of the U.S.
4	...	FOREIGN RESIDENTS: Occurred in Guam to a resident of any place other than Guam or the U.S.

506-507 2 **DRSTATE**

Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Deaths

This item is designed to separately identify New York City records from other New York State records.

United States Occurrence

01	...	Alabama
02	...	Alaska
03	...	Arizona
04	...	Arkansas
05	...	California
06	...	Colorado
07	...	Connecticut
08	...	Delaware
09	...	District of Columbia
10	...	Florida
11	...	Georgia
12	...	Hawaii
13	...	Idaho
14	...	Illinois
15	...	Indiana
16	...	Iowa
17	...	Kansas
18	...	Kentucky
19	...	Louisiana
20	...	Maine

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
506-507	2	**DRSTATE**

Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Deaths (Cond't)

United States Occurrence

21	...	Maryland
22	...	Massachusetts
23	...	Michigan
24	...	Minnesota
25	...	Mississippi
26	...	Missouri
27	...	Montana
28	...	Nebraska
29	...	Nevada
30	...	New Hampshire
31	...	New Jersey
32	...	New Mexico
33	...	New York
34	...	New York City
35	...	North Carolina
36	...	North Dakota
37	...	Ohio
38	...	Oklahoma
39	...	Oregon
40	...	Pennsylvania
41	...	Rhode Island
42	...	South Carolina
43	...	South Dakota
44	...	Tennessee
45	...	Texas
46	..	Utah
47	...	Vermont
48	...	Virginia
49	...	Washington
50	...	West Virginia
51	...	Wisconsin
52	...	Wyoming
53-58,60	...	Foreign Residents
53	...	Puerto Rico
54	...	Virgin Islands
55	...	Guam
56	...	Canada
57	...	Cuba
58	...	Mexico
60	...	Remainder of the World

Puerto Rico Occurrence

53	...	Puerto Rico
01-52,54-58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
506-507	2	**DRSTATE** **Expanded State of Residence - NCHS Codes - Deaths (Cond't)**

Virgin Islands Occurrence

54	...	Virgin Islands
01-53,55-58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Guam Occurrence

55	...	Guam
01-52	...	U.S. resident is also considered a resident of Guam.
53,54,58,60	...	Foreign Residents: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

508-512 5 **FIPSOCCD**
Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Geographic Codes (Occurrence) - Death

Refer to the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document for a detailed list of areas and codes. For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) publications.

508-509 2 **STOCCFIPD**
State of Occurrence (FIPS) - Death

United States

01	...	Alabama
02	...	Alaska
04	...	Arizona
05	...	Arkansas
06	...	California
08	...	Colorado
09	...	Connecticut
10	...	Delaware
11	...	District of Columbia
12	...	Florida
13	...	Georgia
15	...	Hawaii
16	...	Idaho
17	...	Illinois
18	...	Indiana
19	...	Iowa
20	...	Kansas
21	...	Kentucky
22	...	Louisiana
23	...	Maine
24	...	Maryland
25	...	Massachusetts
26	...	Michigan
27	...	Minnesota
28	...	Mississippi
29	...	Missouri
30	...	Montana

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
508-509	2	**STOCCFIPD** **State of Occurrence (FIPS) - Death (Cond't)**

United States

31	...	Nebraska
32	...	Nevada
33	...	New Hampshire
34	...	New Jersey
35	...	New Mexico
36	...	New York
37	...	North Carolina
38	...	North Dakota
39	...	Ohio
40	...	Oklahoma
41	...	Oregon
42	...	Pennsylvania
44	...	Rhode Island
45	...	South Carolina
46	...	South Dakota
47	...	Tennessee
48	...	Texas
49	...	Utah
50	...	Vermont
51	...	Virginia
53	...	Washington
54	...	West Virginia
55	...	Wisconsin
56	...	Wyoming

Puerto Rico

72	...	Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands

78	...	Virgin Islands

Guam

66	...	Guam

510-512	3	**CNTOCFIPD** **County of Occurrence (FIPS) - Death**

001-nnn	...	Counties and county equivalents (independent and coextensive cities) are numbered alphabetically within each State. (Note: To uniquely identify a county, both the State and county codes must be used.)
999	...	County with less than 250,000 population

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
513-517	5	**FIPSRESD** **Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Geographic Codes (Residence) - Death** Refer to the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document for a detailed list of areas and codes. For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) publications.
513-514	2	**STRESFIPD** **State of Residence (FIPS) - Death**

United States Occurrence

00	...	Foreign residents
01	...	Alabama
02	...	Alaska
04	...	Arizona
05	...	Arkansas
06	...	California
08	...	Colorado
09	...	Connecticut
10	...	Delaware
11	...	District of Columbia
12	...	Florida
13	...	Georgia
15	...	Hawaii
16	...	Idaho
17	...	Illinois
18	...	Indiana
19	...	Iowa
20	...	Kansas
21	...	Kentucky
22	...	Louisiana
23	...	Maine
24	...	Maryland
25	...	Massachusetts
26	...	Michigan
27	...	Minnesota
28	...	Mississippi
29	...	Missouri
30	...	Montana
31	...	Nebraska
32	...	Nevada
33	...	New Hampshire
34	...	New Jersey
35	...	New Mexico
36	...	New York
37	...	North Carolina
38	...	North Dakota
39	...	Ohio
40	...	Oklahoma

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
513-514	2	**STRESFIPD** **State of Residence (FIPS) - Death (Cond't)**

United States Occurrence

41	...	Oregon
42	...	Pennsylvania
44	...	Rhode Island
45	...	South Carolina
46	...	South Dakota
47	...	Tennessee
48	...	Texas
49	...	Utah
50	...	Vermont
51	...	Virginia
53	...	Washington
54	...	West Virginia
55	...	Wisconsin
56	...	Wyoming

Puerto Rico Occurrence

72	...	Puerto Rico
00-56, 66,78	...	Foreign resident: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Virgin Islands Occurrence

78	...	Virgin Islands
00-56, 66,72	...	Foreign resident: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

Guam Occurrence

66	...	Guam
01-56, 00,72,78	...	Foreign resident: Refer to U.S. for specific code structure.

515-517	3	**CNTYRFPD** **County of Residence (FIPS) - Death**

000	...	Foreign residents
001-nnn	...	Counties and county equivalents (independent and coextensive cities) are numbered alphabetically within each State (Note: To uniquely identify a county, both the State and county codes must be used.) A complete list of counties is shown in the Geographic Code Outline further back in this document.
999	...	County with less than 250,000 population

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
518-522	5	**PLRES** **Place (City) of Residence (FIPS)** A complete list of cities is shown in the Geographic code outline further back in this document. 00000 ... Foreign residents 00001-nnnnn ... Code range 99999 ... Balance of county; or city less than 250,000 population
523	1	**HOSPD** **Hospital and Patient Status** 1 ... Hospital, Clinic or Medical Center - Inpatient 2 ... Hospital, Clinic or Medical Center - Outpatient or admitted to Emergency Room 3 ... Hospital, Clinic or Medical Center - Dead on arrival 4 ... Hospital, Clinic or Medical Center - Patient status unknown 5 ... Nursing home 6 ... Residence 7 ... Other 9 ... Place of death unknown
524-527	4	**DTHYR** **Year of Death** 1997 ... Death occurred in 1997 1998 ... Death occurred in 1998
528-529	2	**DTHMON** **Month of Death** 01 ... January 02 ... February 03 ... March 04 ... April 05 ... May 06 ... June 07 ... July 08 ... August 09 ... September 10 ... October 11 ... November 12 ... December
530-531	2	**R8** **Reserved Position**

Item Location	Item Length	Variable Name, Item and Code Outline
532	1	**WEEKDAYD** **Day of Week of Death** 1 ... Sunday 2 ... Monday 3 ... Tuesday 4 ... Wednesday 5 ... Thursday 6 ... Friday 7 ... Saturday 9 ... Unknown
533-535	3	**R9** **Reserved positions**

1997 Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set — Birth Cohort

Geographic Code Outline

The following pages show the geographic codes used by the Division of Vital Statistics in the processing of vital event data occurring in the United States. For the linked data set, counties and cities with a population of 250,000 or more are identified.

Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) State, County, and City/Place Codes: For the 1997 birth cohort linked file, the county and city/place codes and the State code immediately preceding them are FIPS codes. These codes were effective with the 1994 data year and are based on the results of the 1990 Census. County and county equivalents (independent and coextensive cities) are numbered alphabetically within each State. When an event occurs to a nonresident of the United States, residence data are coded only to the "State" level, or to the remainder of the world. For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Bureau of Standards (NBS) publications.

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
01		Alabama
	073	Jefferson
	097	Mobile
02		Alaska
04		Arizona
	013	Maricopa
	019	Pima
05		Arkansas
	119	Pulaski
06		California
	001	Alameda
	013	Contra Costa
	019	Fresno
	029	Kern
	037	Los Angeles
	053	Monterey
	059	Orange
	065	Riverside
	067	Sacramento
	071	San Bernardino
	073	San Diego
	075	San Francisco, coext. with San Francisco city
	077	San Joaquin
	081	San Mateo
	083	Santa Barbara
	085	Santa Clara
	095	Solano
	097	Sonoma
	099	Stanislaus
	107	Tulare
	111	Ventura

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
08		Colorado
	001	Adams
	005	Arapahoe
	031	Denver, coext. with Denver city
	041	El Paso
	059	Jefferson
09		Connecticut
	001	Fairfield
	003	Hartford
	009	New Haven
	011	New London
10		Delaware
	003	New Castle
11		District of Columbia
	001	District of Columbia
12		Florida
	009	Brevard
	011	Broward
	025	Dade
	031	Duval
	033	Escambia
	057	Hillsborough
	071	Lee
	095	Orange
	099	Palm Beach
	101	Pasco
	103	Pinellas
	105	Polk
	115	Sarasota
	117	Seminole
	127	Volusia
13		Georgia
	067	Cobb

089 De Kalb
121 Fulton
135 Gwinnett

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
15		Hawaii
	003	Honolulu
16		Idaho
17		Illinois
	031	Cook
	043	Du Page
	089	Kane
	097	Lake
	163	St. Clair
	197	Will
	201	Winnebago
18		Indiana
	003	Allen
	089	Lake
	097	Marion
19		Iowa
	153	Polk
20		Kansas
	091	Johnson
	173	Sedgwick
21		Kentucky
	111	Jefferson
22		Louisiana
	033	East Baton Rouge
	051	Jefferson
	071	Orleans, coext. with New Orleans city
23		Maine
24		Maryland

003 Anne Arundel
005 Baltimore
510 Baltimore city
031 Montgomery

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
24		Maryland
	033	Prince George's
25		Massachusetts
	005	Bristol
	009	Essex
	013	Hampden
	017	Middlesex
	021	Norfolk
	023	Plymouth
	025	Suffolk
	027	Worcester
26		Michigan
	049	Genesee
	065	Ingham
	081	Kent
	099	Macomb
	125	Oakland
	161	Washtenaw
	163	Wayne
27		Minnesota
	037	Dakota
	053	Hennepin
	123	Ramsey
28		Mississippi
	049	Hinds
29		Missouri
	095	Jackson
	189	St. Louis
	510	St. Louis city
30		Montana

State	County	State and County Name
31		Nebraska
	055	Douglas

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
32		Nevada
	003	Clark
	031	Washoe
33		New Hampshire
	011	Hillsborough
34		New Jersey
	003	Bergen
	005	Burlington
	007	Camden
	013	Essex
	017	Hudson
	021	Mercer
	023	Middlesex
	025	Monmouth
	027	Morris
	029	Ocean
	031	Passaic
	039	Union
35		New Mexico
	001	Bernalillo
36		New York
	001	Albany
	027	Dutchess
	029	Erie
	055	Monroe
	059	Nassau
	085	Staten Island borough, Richmond county
	081	Queens borough, Queens county
	061	Manhattan borough, New York county
	047	Brooklyn borough, Kings county
	005	Bronx borough, Bronx county

	065	Oneida
	067	Onondaga
	071	Orange
	087	Rockland
	103	Suffolk
	119	Westchester

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
37		North Carolina
	051	Cumberland
	067	Forsyth
	081	Guilford
	119	Mecklenburg
	183	Wake
38		North Dakota
39		Ohio
	017	Butler
	035	Cuyahoga
	049	Franklin
	061	Hamilton
	093	Lorain
	095	Lucas
	099	Mahoning
	113	Montgomery
	151	Stark
	153	Summit
40		Oklahoma
	109	Oklahoma
	143	Tulsa
41		Oregon
	005	Clackamas
	039	Lane
	051	Multnomah
	067	Washington
42		Pennsylvania
	003	Allegheny
	011	Berks

017	Bucks
029	Chester
045	Delaware
049	Erie
071	Lancaster
077	Lehigh
079	Luzerne

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
42		Pennsylvania
	091	Montgomery
	101	Philadelphia, coext. with Philadelphia city
	129	Westmoreland
	133	York
44		Rhode Island
	007	Providence
45		South Carolina
	019	Charleston
	045	Greenville
	079	Richland
46		South Dakota
47		Tennessee
	037	Davidson
	065	Hamilton
	093	Knox
	157	Shelby
48		Texas
	029	Bexar
	061	Cameron
	085	Collin
	113	Dallas
	121	Denton
	141	El Paso
	201	Harris
	215	Hidalgo
	355	Nueces
	439	Tarrant

	453	Travis
49		Utah
	035	Salt Lake
	049	Utah
50		Vermont

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
51		Virginia
	059	Fairfax
	710	Norfolk city
	810	Virginia Beach city
53		Washington
	033	King
	053	Pierce
	061	Snohomish
	063	Spokane
54		West Virginia
55		Wisconsin
	025	Dane
	079	Milwaukee
	133	Waukesha
56		Wyoming

Listing of Counties Identified in the Linked Data Set

State	County	State and County Name
72		Puerto Rico
	127	San Juan
78		Virgin Islands
66	010	Guam
00	000	Canada
00	000	Cuba
00	000	Mexico
00	000	Remainder of World

Listing of Cities/Places Identified in the Linked Data Set

FIPS Codes State	City/Place	State and City/Place Name
01		Alabama
	07000	Birmingham
02		Alaska
04		Arizona
	46000	Mesa
	55000	Phoenix
	77000	Tucson
05		Arkansas
06		California
	02000	Anaheim
	27000	Fresno
	43000	Long Beach
	44000	Los Angeles
	53000	Oakland
	64000	Sacramento
	66000	San Diego
	67000	San Francisco
	68000	San Jose
	69000	Santa Ana
08		Colorado
	16000	Colorado Springs
	20000	Denver
09		Connecticut
10		Delaware
11		District of Columbia
	50000	Washington

State	FIPS Codes City/Place	State and City/Place Name
12		Florida
	35000	Jacksonville
	45000	Miami
	71000	Tampa
13		Georgia
	04000	Atlanta
15		Hawaii
	17000	Honolulu
16		Idaho
17		Illinois
	14000	Chicago
18		Indiana
	36000	Indianapolis
19		Iowa
20		Kansas
	79000	Wichita
21		Kentucky
	48000	Louisville
22		Louisiana
	55000	New Orleans
23		Maine
24		Maryland
	04000	Baltimore
25		Massachusetts
	07000	Boston

State	FIPS Codes City/Place	State and City/Place Name
26		Michigan
	22000	Detroit
27		Minnesota
	43000	Minneapolis
	58000	St. Paul
28		Mississippi
29		Missouri
	38000	Kansas City
	65000	St. Louis
30		Montana
31		Nebraska
	37000	Omaha
32		Nevada
	40000	Las Vegas
33		New Hampshire
34		New Jersey
	51000	Newark
35		New Mexico
	02000	Albuquerque
36		New York
	51000	Bronx borough, Bronx county
	11000	Buffalo
	51000	Manhattan borough, New York county
	51000	Queens borough, Queens county
	51000	Staten Island borough, Richmond county

FIPS Codes		
State	City/Place	State and City/Place Name
37		North Carolina
	12000	Charlotte
38		North Dakota
39		Ohio
	15000	Cincinnati
	16000	Cleveland
	18000	Columbus
	77000	Toledo
40		Oklahoma
	55000	Oklahoma City
	75000	Tulsa
41		Oregon
	59000	Portland
42		Pennsylvania
	60000	Philadelphia
	61000	Pittsburgh
44		Rhode Island
45		South Carolina
46		South Dakota
47		Tennessee
	48000	Memphis
	52010	Nashville-Davidson
48		Texas
	04000	Arlington
	05000	Austin
	17000	Corpus Christi
	19000	Dallas
	24000	El Paso

FIPS Codes State	City/Place	State and City/Place Name
48		Texas
	27000	Fort Worth
	35000	Houston
	65000	San Antonio
49		Utah
50		Vermont
51		Virginia
	57000	Norfolk
	82000	Virginia Beach
53		Washington
	63000	Seattle
54		West Virginia
55		Wisconsin
	53000	Milwaukee
56		Wyoming

FIPS Codes		
State	City/Place	State and City/Place Name
72	00000	Puerto Rico
78	00000	Virgin Islands
66	00000	Guam
00	00000	Canada
00	00000	Cuba
00	00000	Mexico
00	00000	Remainder of World

Chapter 5

Ninth Revision 61 Causes of Death Adapted for use by DVS

ST: 1 = Subtotal Limited: Sex: 1 = Males; 2 = Females

Length = of Cause Title Age: 1 = 5 & Over; 2 = 10-54;

3 = 28 Days & Over

***** Cause Subtotals are not Identified in this File *****

61 Recode	ST	Limited Sex	Limited Age	Length of Cause Title	And ICD-9 Codes Included
010				039	Certain intestinal infections (008-009)
020				020	Whooping cough (033)
030				029	Meningococcal infection (036)
040			3	016	Septicemia (038)
050				024	Viral diseases (045-079)
060				025	Congenital syphilis (090)
070				110	Remainder of infectious and parasitic diseases (001-007,010-032,034-035,037,039-041, *042-*044,080-088,091-139)
080				089	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)
090				108	Benign neoplasms, carcinoma in situ, and neoplasms of uncertain behavior and of unspecified nature (210-239)
100				030	Diseases of thymus gland (254)
110				023	Cystic fibrosis (277.0)
120				052	Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs (280-289)
130				020	Meningitis (320-322)
140				059	Other diseases of nervous system and sense organs (323-389)
150				044	Acute upper respiratory infections (460-465)
160				042	Bronchitis and bronchiolitis (466,490-491)
170	1			033	Pneumonia and influenza (480-487)
180				021	Pneumonia (480-486)
190				017	Influenza (487)
200				061	Remainder of diseases of respiratory system (470-478, 492-519)
210				093	Hernia of abdominal cavity and intestinal obstruction without mention of hernia (550-553,560)
220				075	Gastritis, duodenitis, and noninfective enteritis and colitis (535,555-558)
230				067	Remainder of diseases of digestive system (520-534,536-543,562-579)
240	1			030	Congenital anomalies (740-759)
250				042	Anencephalus and similar anomalies (740)

260		020	Spina bifida (741)
270		034	Congenital hydrocephalus (742.3)
280		092	Other congenital anomalies of central nervous system and eye (742.0-742.2,742.4-742.9,743)
290		041	Congenital anomalies of heart (745-746)
300		056	Other congenital anomalies of circulatory system (747)
310		050	Congenital anomalies of respiratory system (748)
320		052	Congenital anomalies of digestive system (749-751)
330		056	Congenital anomalies of genitourinary system (752-753)
340		058	Congenital anomalies of musculoskeletal system (754-756)
350		025	Down's syndrome (758.0)
360		043	Other chromosomal anomalies (758.1-758.9)
370		062	All other and unspecified congenital anomalies (744,757,759)
380	1	064	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)
390		091	Newborn affected by maternal conditions which may be unrelated to present pregnancy (760)
400		063	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy (761)
410		074	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord, and membranes (762)
420		069	Newborn affected by other complications of labor and delivery (763)
430		048	Slow fetal growth and fetal malnutrition (764)
440		077	Disorders relating to short gestation and unspecified low birthweight (765)
450		065	Disorders relating to long gestation and high birthweight (766)
460		020	Birth trauma (767)
470	1	047	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia (768)
480		051	Fetal distress in liveborn infant (768.2-768.4)
490		032	Birth asphyxia (768.5-768.9)
500		037	Respiratory distress syndrome (769)
510		047	Other respiratory conditions of newborn (770)
520		051	Infections specific to the perinatal period (771)
530		027	Neonatal hemorrhage (772)
540		094	Hemolytic disease of newborn, due to isoimmunization, and other perinatal jaundice (773-774)
550		088	Syndrome of "infant of a diabetic mother" and neonatal diabetes mellitus (775.0-775.1)
560		040	Hemorrhagic disease of newborn (776.0)
570		098	All other and ill-defined conditions originating in the perinatal period (775.2-775.9,776.1-779)

580	1	053	Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (780-799)
590		038	Sudden infant death syndrome (798.0)
600		075	Symptoms, signs, and all other ill-defined conditions (780-797,798.1-799)
610	1	041	Accidents and adverse effects (E800-E949)
620		118	Inhalation and ingestion of food or other object causing obstruction of respiratory tract or suffocation (E911-E912)
630		042	Accidental mechanical suffocation (E913)
640		067	Other accidental causes and adverse effects (E800-E910,E914-E949)
650	1	020	Homicide (E960-E969)
660		047	Child battering and other maltreatment (E967)
670		038	Other homicide (E960-E966,E968-E969)
680		027	All other causes (Residual)

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 1

LIVE BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS BY STATE OF OCCURRENCE AND BY STATE OF RESIDENCE AT BIRTH:
UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND GUAM -- 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(RESIDENCE AT BIRTH IS OF THE MOTHER)

AREA	LIVE BIRTHS		INFANT DEATHS			
			UNWEIGHTED		WEIGHTED 1/	
	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE
UNITED STATES 2/.....	3,884,329	3,880,894	27,362	27,342	27,939	27,919
ALABAMA.....	60,091	60,914	574	587	575	588
ALASKA.....	9,841	9,947	66	67	67	68
ARIZONA.....	75,764	75,699	544	545	552	553
ARKANSAS.....	35,321	36,478	285	307	290	313
CALIFORNIA.....	525,242	524,840	2,899	2,898	3,077	3075
COLORADO.....	56,868	56,533	418	399	418	399
CONNECTICUT.....	42,944	43,109	319	311	320	312
DELAWARE.....	10,729	10,253	80	78	81	79
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	14,996	7,927	177	109	184	113
FLORIDA.....	192,598	192,383	1,412	1,393	1,421	1,402
GEORGIA.....	119,136	118,221	1,013	1,010	1,013	1,010
HAWAII.....	17,414	17,393	112	111	115	114
IDAHO.....	18,256	18,582	104	123	106	125
ILLINOIS.....	177,732	180,803	1,431	1,473	1,445	1,488
INDIANA.....	83,421	83,436	629	642	647	660
IOWA.....	36,814	36,659	211	233	212	234
KANSAS.....	36,062	37,289	271	286	271	287
KENTUCKY.....	51,617	53,203	347	364	354	372
LOUISIANA.....	66,187	66,025	608	605	626	623
MAINE.....	13,474	13,669	73	73	73	73
MARYLAND.....	65,990	70,215	533	593	543	606
MASSACHUSETTS.....	81,270	80,364	404	405	412	413
MICHIGAN.....	132,501	133,714	1,079	1,093	1,103	1,117
MINNESOTA.....	64,461	64,499	380	377	381	378
MISSISSIPPI.....	40,612	41,533	413	430	415	432
MISSOURI.....	76,653	74,037	593	553	607	566

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AREA	LIVE BIRTHS		INFANT DEATHS			
			UNWEIGHTED		WEIGHTED 1/	
	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE
MONTANA	10,731	10,849	77	80	78	81
NEBRASKA	23,631	23,319	197	175	198	176
NEVADA	26,507	26,911	179	179	190	190
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,842	14,313	56	65	57	66
NEW JERSEY	110,443	113,279	671	700	689	718
NEW MEXICO	26,387	26,871	153	158	166	170
NEW YORK	258,538	257,238	1,676	1,673	1,699	1,696
UPSTATE	135,249	138,335	860	876	875	891
CITY	123,289	118,903	816	797	824	805
NORTH CAROLINA	108,041	107,015	979	976	984	981
NORTH DAKOTA	9,556	8,353	61	52	61	52
OHIO	152,564	152,033	1,149	1,135	1,199	1,184
OKLAHOMA	47,206	48,269	326	334	359	365
OREGON	45,117	43,809	258	243	259	244
PENNSYLVANIA	144,937	144,224	1,094	1,066	1,123	1,094
RHODE ISLAND	13,315	12,455	101	87	104	90
SOUTH CAROLINA	50,030	52,214	485	503	486	504
SOUTH DAKOTA	10,270	10,173	74	71	76	73
TENNESSEE	79,415	74,478	697	622	700	625
TEXAS	337,701	333,974	2,087	2,082	2,114	2,110
UTAH	43,870	43,059	273	255	274	256
VERMONT	6,332	6,607	35	33	35	33
VIRGINIA	89,668	91,862	688	694	700	706
WASHINGTON	77,143	78,190	422	433	423	434
WEST VIRGINIA	21,647	20,730	202	199	207	204
WISCONSIN	65,461	66,557	426	424	429	427
WYOMING	5,983	6,387	21	38	21	38
FOREIGN RESIDENTS	...	3,435	...	20	...	20

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(RESIDENCE AT BIRTH IS OF THE MOTHER)

AREA	LIVE BIRTHS		INFANT DEATHS			
			UNWEIGHTED		WEIGHTED 1/	
	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE	OCCURRENCE	RESIDENCE
PUERTO RICO 3/.....	64,214	64,109	701	699	...	...
VIRGIN ISLANDS 3/.....	2,127	2,017	21	20	...	...
GUAM 3/.....	4,314	4,309	29	29	...	...

1/ FIGURES ARE BASED ON WEIGHTED DATA ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST INFANT, SO CATEGORIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS.

2/ EXCLUDES DATA FOR PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND GUAM OCCURRENCES

3/ DATA FROM THE PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND GUAM FILE

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 2

LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY RACE OF MOTHER, SEX AND BIRTH WEIGHT OF CHILD:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

RACE OF MOTHER AND SEX	TOTAL	<500 GRAMS	500-749 GRAMS	750-999 GRAMS	1000-1249 GRAMS	1250-1499 GRAMS	1500-1999 GRAMS	2000-2499 GRAMS	2500 GRAMS OR MORE	NOT STATED
ALL RACES 1/										
BOTH SEXES										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,880,894	5,994	10,653	11,341	12,735	14,936	56,899	179,511	3,587,099	1,726
INFANT DEATHS...	27,919	5,297	5,295	1,834	954	720	1,700	2,237	9,549	334
INF.MORT.RATE...	7.2	883.7	497.0	161.7	74.9	48.2	29.9	12.5	2.7	193.4
MALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,985,596	3,064	5,412	5,899	6,553	7,657	27,768	82,517	1,845,789	937
INFANT DEATHS...	15,642	2,740	3,054	1,125	560	388	858	1,164	5,562	190
INF.MORT.RATE...	7.9	894.2	564.3	190.8	85.4	50.7	30.9	14.1	3.0	203.0
FEMALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,895,298	2,930	5,241	5,442	6,182	7,279	29,131	96,994	1,741,310	789
INFANT DEATHS...	12,277	2,557	2,241	708	394	332	842	1,073	3,987	144
INF.MORT.RATE...	6.5	872.6	427.5	130.2	63.7	45.6	28.9	11.1	2.3	182.0
WHITE										
BOTH SEXES										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,072,640	3,315	6,265	7,048	8,355	9,979	39,047	124,972	2,872,582	1,077
INFANT DEATHS...	18,549	2,963	3,258	1,213	640	527	1,214	1,555	7,004	176
INF.MORT.RATE...	6.0	893.9	520.0	172.1	76.7	52.8	31.1	12.4	2.4	163.1
MALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,573,622	1,702	3,228	3,665	4,336	5,140	19,193	57,854	1,477,916	588
INFANT DEATHS...	10,471	1,535	1,887	739	373	283	617	800	4,133	104
INF.MORT.RATE...	6.7	901.9	584.4	201.6	86.0	55.1	32.1	13.8	2.8	176.9
FEMALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,499,018	1,613	3,037	3,383	4,019	4,839	19,854	67,118	1,394,666	489
INFANT DEATHS...	8,079	1,428	1,371	474	268	244	597	755	2,871	72
INF.MORT.RATE...	5.4	885.4	451.5	140.1	66.6	50.4	30.1	11.2	2.1	146.5
BLACK										
BOTH SEXES										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	599,913	2,484	3,990	3,831	3,831	4,296	15,163	44,612	521,347	359
INFANT DEATHS...	8,186	2,170	1,834	549	275	161	410	568	2,070	148
INF.MORT.RATE...	13.6	873.8	459.8	143.4	71.9	37.4	27.0	12.7	4.0	411.0
MALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	304,530	1,255	1,989	1,975	1,923	2,178	7,190	19,967	267,864	189
INFANT DEATHS...	4,499	1,110	1,057	339	162	86	203	297	1,165	79
INF.MORT.RATE...	14.8	884.1	531.3	171.8	84.5	39.7	28.2	14.9	4.4	416.1
FEMALE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	295,383	1,229	2,001	1,856	1,908	2,118	7,973	24,645	253,483	170
INFANT DEATHS...	3,687	1,061	778	210	113	74	207	271	904	69
INF.MORT.RATE...	12.5	863.2	388.6	113.2	59.1	35.1	25.9	11.0	3.6	405.3

1/ INCLUDES RACES OTHER THAN WHITE AND BLACK

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
ALL RACES 1/										
TOTAL										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,880,894	28,005	46,398	204,232	157,965	1,793,421	851,729	458,145	302,541	38,458
INFANT DEATHS.....	27,919	11,504	2,288	2,515	1,058	5,471	2,013	1,107	1,032	931
INF. MORT. RATE....	7.2	410.8	49.3	12.3	6.7	3.1	2.4	2.4	3.4	24.2
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	292,069	26,924	34,928	95,231	32,805	75,206	11,414	5,418	6,340	3,803
INFANT DEATHS.....	18,036	11,483	2,184	1,828	506	1,106	225	116	140	448
INF. MORT. RATE....	61.8	426.5	62.5	19.2	15.4	14.7	19.7	21.5	22.0	117.9
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	5,994	5,538	232	21	2	6	3	-	-	192
INFANT DEATHS.....	5,297	4,967	157	11	2	2	3	-	-	155
INF. MORT. RATE....	883.7	896.8	678.1	533.1	1018.2	334.8	1031.7	-	-	804.9
500-749 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	10,653	9,000	1,239	104	7	17	6	1	4	275
INFANT DEATHS.....	5,295	4,741	362	35	2	5	1	-	-	148
INF. MORT. RATE....	497.0	526.8	292.3	341.0	286.4	300.6	171.6	-	-	537.1
750-999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	11,341	6,939	3,585	408	32	91	45	19	23	199
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,834	1,303	425	47	3	10	2	-	-	44
INF. MORT. RATE....	161.7	187.8	118.5	114.8	94.9	112.7	45.3	-	-	220.0
1,000-1,249 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	12,735	2,882	6,853	2,030	136	381	96	67	88	202
INFANT DEATHS.....	954	305	416	147	14	30	4	7	8	21
INF. MORT. RATE....	74.9	106.0	60.7	72.3	106.2	80.0	42.3	106.1	91.7	103.6
1,250-1,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	14,936	865	7,778	4,669	382	664	162	68	124	224
INFANT DEATHS.....	720	64	329	188	30	71	8	7	6	17
INF. MORT. RATE....	48.2	73.5	42.2	40.3	79.8	106.9	49.9	104.7	49.4	75.2

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
ALL RACES 1/										
1,500-1,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	56,899	936	11,007	29,935	4,843	7,199	953	472	806	748
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,700	73	360	671	154	296	54	24	39	28
INF. MORT. RATE....	29.9	77.8	32.7	22.4	31.8	41.1	56.7	51.9	48.1	37.5
2,000-2,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	179,511	764	4,234	58,064	27,403	66,848	10,149	4,791	5,295	1,963
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,237	31	135	728	300	691	153	78	87	36
INF. MORT. RATE....	12.5	40.1	31.8	12.5	10.9	10.3	15.0	16.2	16.4	18.5
2,500-2,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	642,394	1,081	4,190	51,673	57,535	355,696	89,899	40,369	35,818	6,133
INFANT DEATHS.....	3,161	20	54	388	304	1,538	368	215	226	48
INF. MORT. RATE....	4.9	18.8	12.8	7.5	5.3	4.3	4.1	5.3	6.3	7.8
3,000-3,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,435,825	-	4,788	36,504	46,039	744,366	322,786	157,902	110,275	13,165
INFANT DEATHS.....	3,693	-	34	218	163	1,725	756	397	349	52
INF. MORT. RATE....	2.6	-	7.0	6.0	3.5	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.9
3,500-3,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,117,955	-	2,492	16,383	17,182	479,188	311,110	175,943	105,666	9,991
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,023	-	17	62	67	871	483	267	222	33
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.8	-	6.9	3.8	3.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.1	3.3
4,000-4,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	331,020	-	-	3,805	3,654	118,925	99,166	65,492	36,949	3,029
INFANT DEATHS.....	545	-	-	12	10	193	156	92	75	7
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.6	-	-	3.2	2.8	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.0	2.4
4,500-4,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	53,963	-	-	542	660	17,851	15,812	11,818	6,739	541
INFANT DEATHS.....	102	-	-	5	7	31	21	17	16	3
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.9	-	-	9.4	10.8	1.8	1.3	1.5	2.4	5.8

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(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
ALL RACES 1/										
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	5,942	-	-	94	90	2,189	1,542	1,203	754	70
INFANT DEATHS.....	24	-	-	1	-	8	3	3	3	6
INF. MORT. RATE....	4.1	-	-	10.7	-	3.7	2.0	2.5	4.0	88.5
NOT STATED										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,726
INFANT DEATHS.....	334	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	334
INF. MORT. RATE....	193.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193.4

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
WHITE										
TOTAL										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,072,640	16,204	30,326	145,634	118,679	1,417,786	693,618	378,151	243,494	28,748
INFANT DEATHS.....	18,549	6,846	1,531	1,764	729	4,030	1,495	831	764	561
INF. MORT. RATE....	6.0	422.5	50.5	12.1	6.1	2.8	2.2	2.2	3.1	19.5
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	198,981	15,643	23,025	67,420	23,096	51,718	7,655	3,727	4,297	2,400
INFANT DEATHS.....	11,370	6,830	1,457	1,295	344	821	163	83	98	279
INF. MORT. RATE....	57.1	436.6	63.3	19.2	14.9	15.9	21.3	22.2	22.7	116.1
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,315	3,045	139	13	-	5	2	-	-	111
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,963	2,770	90	7	-	2	2	-	-	92
INF. MORT. RATE....	893.9	909.8	644.1	542.7	-	401.8	1039.5	-	-	830.6
500-749 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	6,265	5,240	764	63	7	13	5	1	2	170
INFANT DEATHS.....	3,258	2,920	219	20	2	4	1	-	-	91
INF. MORT. RATE....	520.0	557.3	286.2	323.0	286.4	315.6	205.9	-	-	536.6
750-999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	7,048	4,224	2,292	264	19	67	34	14	20	114
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,213	851	289	32	2	8	1	-	-	30
INF. MORT. RATE....	172.1	201.4	126.0	119.8	106.6	122.8	29.7	-	-	265.8
1,000-1,249 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	8,355	1,775	4,519	1,389	92	263	66	48	62	141
INFANT DEATHS.....	640	190	279	106	12	23	2	4	5	18
INF. MORT. RATE....	76.7	107.2	61.8	76.6	133.9	88.8	30.7	85.1	81.6	125.5
1,250-1,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	9,979	473	5,222	3,222	265	435	104	47	77	134
INFANT DEATHS.....	527	38	242	145	22	56	6	4	3	11
INF. MORT. RATE....	52.8	80.4	46.3	45.1	84.2	127.9	58.4	87.0	39.5	78.8

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
WHITE										
1,500-1,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	39,047	482	7,527	20,776	3,311	4,911	668	322	561	489
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,214	41	243	486	109	230	41	19	30	15
INF. MORT. RATE....	31.1	85.3	32.3	23.4	33.0	46.8	61.2	60.2	52.8	29.8
2,000-2,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	124,972	404	2,562	41,693	19,402	46,024	6,776	3,295	3,575	1,241
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,555	19	96	498	196	497	110	55	60	22
INF. MORT. RATE....	12.4	48.1	37.5	12.0	10.1	10.8	16.2	16.8	16.8	17.8
2,500-2,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	459,862	561	2,434	36,781	42,609	254,863	63,968	29,145	25,363	4,138
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,216	15	38	265	217	1,079	260	152	157	34
INF. MORT. RATE....	4.8	27.1	15.4	7.2	5.1	4.2	4.1	5.2	6.2	8.3
3,000-3,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,123,860	-	3,062	25,717	35,665	584,911	253,683	125,015	85,935	9,872
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,676	-	22	148	108	1,267	548	293	254	35
INF. MORT. RATE....	2.4	-	7.3	5.8	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.3	3.0	3.6
3,500-3,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	944,629	-	1,805	12,193	13,673	404,710	264,930	150,316	88,854	8,148
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,578	-	14	43	48	684	376	210	178	26
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.7	-	7.9	3.5	3.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	2.0	3.2
4,000-4,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	291,289	-	-	3,008	3,026	104,171	87,897	58,241	32,347	2,599
INFANT DEATHS.....	437	-	-	8	6	152	127	74	62	7
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.5	-	-	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.8
4,500-4,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	47,812	-	-	436	529	15,565	14,138	10,640	6,037	467
INFANT DEATHS.....	82	-	-	4	5	22	20	16	13	1
INF. MORT. RATE....	1.7	-	-	9.3	9.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.2	2.1

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(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
WHITE										
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	5,130	-	-	79	81	1,848	1,347	1,067	661	47
INFANT DEATHS.....	14	-	-	1	-	5	1	2	2	3
INF. MORT. RATE....	2.8	-	-	12.8	-	2.7	.7	1.9	3.1	66.7
NOT STATED										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	1,077	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,077
INFANT DEATHS.....	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176
INF. MORT. RATE....	163.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163.1

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(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
BLACK										
TOTAL										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	599,913	10,736	14,040	48,350	31,026	273,351	113,749	58,647	44,745	5,269
INFANT DEATHS.....	8,186	4,257	666	645	275	1,166	424	224	216	312
INF. MORT. RATE....	13.6	396.5	47.4	13.3	8.9	4.3	3.7	3.8	4.8	59.2
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	78,207	10,285	10,498	23,341	7,949	18,941	3,066	1,411	1,716	1,000
INFANT DEATHS.....	5,968	4,253	637	455	135	241	46	26	38	137
INF. MORT. RATE....	76.3	413.5	60.7	19.5	17.0	12.7	14.8	18.8	22.0	136.7
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	2,484	2,319	88	6	2	1	-	-	-	68
INFANT DEATHS.....	2,170	2,047	64	4	2	-	-	-	-	54
INF. MORT. RATE....	873.8	882.7	723.0	690.1	1018.2	-	-	-	-	789.7
500-749 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,990	3,441	425	35	-	2	1	-	1	85
INFANT DEATHS.....	1,834	1,641	132	14	-	-	-	-	-	47
INF. MORT. RATE....	459.8	476.9	311.2	403.2	-	-	-	-	-	552.3
750-999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,831	2,446	1,147	121	11	21	11	4	3	67
INFANT DEATHS.....	549	405	116	13	1	2	1	-	-	11
INF. MORT. RATE....	143.4	165.6	100.8	109.0	91.9	96.8	93.2	-	-	171.0
1,000-1,249 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	3,831	981	2,046	550	39	98	27	19	23	48
INFANT DEATHS.....	275	100	119	37	2	7	2	3	3	2
INF. MORT. RATE....	71.9	101.7	58.0	68.1	54.2	72.5	75.3	158.9	131.0	44.1
1,250-1,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	4,296	356	2,255	1,231	99	193	42	17	42	61
INFANT DEATHS.....	161	23	74	33	7	14	-	2	3	4
INF. MORT. RATE....	37.4	65.8	32.9	26.4	72.0	74.3	-	118.5	73.3	66.5

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
BLACK										
1,500-1,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	15,163	424	3,038	7,749	1,274	1,919	247	130	206	176
INFANT DEATHS.....	410	28	103	159	33	54	11	5	8	8
INF. MORT. RATE....	27.0	67.1	33.8	20.5	26.3	28.0	45.0	39.3	39.6	46.7
2,000-2,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	44,612	318	1,499	13,649	6,524	16,707	2,738	1,241	1,441	495
INFANT DEATHS.....	568	8	30	195	89	164	31	16	24	10
INF. MORT. RATE....	12.7	25.7	20.3	14.3	13.7	9.8	11.4	13.2	16.3	20.7
2,500-2,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	139,692	451	1,529	12,242	11,742	75,725	19,661	8,749	8,466	1,127
INFANT DEATHS.....	797	4	14	108	73	395	85	48	61	9
INF. MORT. RATE....	5.7	9.2	9.2	8.9	6.2	5.2	4.3	5.5	7.2	8.2
3,000-3,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	227,482	-	1,436	8,804	8,079	114,667	49,975	24,274	18,583	1,664
INFANT DEATHS.....	824	-	11	62	48	348	175	90	79	10
INF. MORT. RATE....	3.6	-	7.7	7.0	5.9	3.0	3.5	3.7	4.3	6.2
3,500-3,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	122,133	-	577	3,270	2,697	51,961	32,171	18,319	12,242	896
INFANT DEATHS.....	344	-	3	16	15	141	89	46	29	4
INF. MORT. RATE....	2.8	-	5.3	5.0	5.7	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.4	4.5
4,000-4,499 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	27,343	-	-	597	454	10,242	7,629	5,012	3,227	182
INFANT DEATHS.....	81	-	-	2	2	31	26	13	6	-
INF. MORT. RATE....	3.0	-	-	3.4	4.5	3.1	3.4	2.6	1.9	-
4,500-4,999 GRAMS										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	4,167	-	-	84	98	1,580	1,115	802	456	32
INFANT DEATHS.....	14	-	-	1	2	7	-	-	2	2
INF. MORT. RATE....	3.4	-	-	12.1	20.9	4.5	-	-	4.4	66.4

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 3

LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND GESTATIONAL AGE:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT	GESTATION									
	TOTAL	<28 WEEKS	28-31 WEEKS	32-35 WEEKS	36 WEEKS	37-39 WEEKS	40 WEEKS	41 WEEKS	42 WEEKS OR MORE	NOT STATED
BLACK										
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	530	-	-	12	7	235	132	80	55	9
INFANT DEATHS.....	9	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	2
INF. MORT. RATE....	17.3	-	-	-	-	12.9	15.5	13.0	18.2	228.4
NOT STATED										
LIVE BIRTHS.....	359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	359
INFANT DEATHS.....	148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148
INF. MORT. RATE....	411.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	411.0

1/ INCLUDES RACES OTHER THAN WHITE AND BLACK

- DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 4

LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND AGE AT DEATH:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES1/						
TOTAL (ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS)...NUMBER..	3,880,894	27,919	18,532	14,830	3,702	9,387
RATE..		7.2	4.8	3.8	1.0	2.4
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	292,069	18,036	14,711	12,427	2,284	3,325
RATE..		61.8	50.4	42.5	7.8	11.4
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	5,994	5,297	5,205	5,070	135	92
RATE..		883.7	868.3	845.8	22.5	15.4
500-749 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	10,653	5,295	4,670	3,831	839	625
RATE..		497.0	438.3	359.6	78.8	58.7
750-999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	11,341	1,834	1,391	948	443	443
RATE..		161.7	122.6	83.6	39.1	39.0
1,000-1,249 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	12,735	954	685	484	201	269
RATE..		74.9	53.8	38.0	15.8	21.1
1,250-1,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	14,936	720	510	405	106	210
RATE..		48.2	34.2	27.1	7.1	14.1
1,500-1,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	56,899	1,700	1,073	834	239	627
RATE..		29.9	18.9	14.7	4.2	11.0
2,000-2,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	179,511	2,237	1,178	856	321	1,060
RATE..		12.5	6.6	4.8	1.8	5.9
2,500-2,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	642,394	3,161	1,260	791	470	1,901
RATE..		4.9	2.0	1.2	.7	3.0
3,000-3,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	1,435,825	3,693	1,278	707	571	2,416
RATE..		2.6	.9	.5	.4	1.7

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LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND AGE AT DEATH:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES1/						
3,500-3,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	1,117,955	2,023	674	412	262	1,349
RATE..		1.8	.6	.4	.2	1.2
4,000-4,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	331,020	545	225	138	87	321
RATE..		1.6	.7	.4	.3	1.0
4,500-4,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	53,963	102	45	31	14	57
RATE..		1.9	.8	.6	.3	1.1
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE.....NUMBER..	5,942	24	16	13	3	8
RATE..		4.1	2.7	2.2	.5	1.4
NOT STATED.....NUMBER..	1,726	334	324	311	12	10
RATE..		193.4	187.5	180.5	7.0	5.9

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 4

LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND AGE AT DEATH:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE						
TOTAL (ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS)...NUMBER..	3,072,640	18,549	12,264	9,676	2,589	6,285
RATE..		6.0	4.0	3.1	.8	2.0
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	198,981	11,370	9,356	7,861	1,495	2,014
RATE..		57.1	47.0	39.5	7.5	10.1
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	3,315	2,963	2,907	2,836	70	57
RATE..		893.9	876.8	855.6	21.2	17.1
500-749 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	6,265	3,258	2,908	2,400	508	350
RATE..		520.0	464.2	383.1	81.0	55.9
750-999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	7,048	1,213	970	662	308	243
RATE..		172.1	137.6	93.9	43.6	34.5
1,000-1,249 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	8,355	640	493	357	136	147
RATE..		76.7	59.0	42.8	16.3	17.6
1,250-1,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	9,979	527	386	318	68	141
RATE..		52.8	38.7	31.9	6.8	14.1
1,500-1,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	39,047	1,214	811	637	174	403
RATE..		31.1	20.8	16.3	4.4	10.3
2,000-2,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	124,972	1,555	882	650	232	673
RATE..		12.4	7.1	5.2	1.9	5.4
2,500-2,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	459,862	2,216	957	604	353	1,259
RATE..		4.8	2.1	1.3	.8	2.7
3,000-3,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	1,123,860	2,676	999	564	435	1,677
RATE..		2.4	.9	.5	.4	1.5

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LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND AGE AT DEATH:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE						
3,500-3,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	944,629	1,578	549	339	210	1,029
RATE..		1.7	.6	.4	.2	1.1
4,000-4,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	291,289	437	187	113	73	251
RATE..		1.5	.6	.4	.3	.9
4,500-4,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	47,812	82	39	25	13	44
RATE..		1.7	.8	.5	.3	.9
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE.....NUMBER..	5,130	14	9	7	2	5
RATE..		2.8	1.8	1.4	.4	1.0
NOT STATED.....NUMBER..	1,077	176	169	161	7	7
RATE..		163.1	156.5	149.9	6.6	6.6

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UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK						
TOTAL (ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS)...NUMBER..	599,913	8,186	5,546	4,597	949	2,639
RATE..		13.6	9.2	7.7	1.6	4.4
LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	78,207	5,968	4,804	4,114	689	1,165
RATE..		76.3	61.4	52.6	8.8	14.9
LESS THAN 500 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	2,484	2,170	2,137	2,077	60	33
RATE..		873.8	860.4	836.3	24.0	13.4
500-749 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	3,990	1,834	1,580	1,287	294	254
RATE..		459.8	396.1	322.4	73.6	63.7
750-999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	3,831	549	371	253	118	178
RATE..		143.4	96.9	66.0	30.9	46.5
1,000-1,249 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	3,831	275	163	104	59	112
RATE..		71.9	42.5	27.2	15.3	29.4
1,250-1,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	4,296	161	98	64	33	63
RATE..		37.4	22.8	15.0	7.8	14.6
1,500-1,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	15,163	410	216	162	55	193
RATE..		27.0	14.3	10.7	3.6	12.8
2,000-2,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	44,612	568	238	167	71	330
RATE..		12.7	5.3	3.7	1.6	7.4
2,500-2,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	139,692	797	251	155	96	546
RATE..		5.7	1.8	1.1	.7	3.9
3,000-3,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	227,482	824	218	110	107	606
RATE..		3.6	1.0	.5	.5	2.7

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 4

LIVE BIRTHS, INFANT DEATHS, AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY BIRTH WEIGHT, RACE OF MOTHER, AND AGE AT DEATH:
UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA
(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)

(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)

BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK						
3,500-3,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	122,133	344	89	51	39	254
RATE..		2.8	.7	.4	.3	2.1
4,000-4,499 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	27,343	81	28	18	10	53
RATE..		3.0	1.0	.7	.4	1.9
4,500-4,999 GRAMS.....NUMBER..	4,167	14	5	4	1	9
RATE..		3.4	1.2	1.0	.2	2.2
5,000 GRAMS OR MORE.....NUMBER..	530	9	6	5	1	3
RATE..		17.3	11.6	9.6	1.9	5.7
NOT STATED.....NUMBER..	359	148	144	139	5	3
RATE..		411.0	402.5	388.4	14.1	8.5

1/ INCLUDES RACES OTHER THAN WHITE AND BLACK

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 5

LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER AND INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY AGE AT DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER FOR 10 MAJOR CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH: UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES 1/, ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	3,880,894	27,919	18,532	14,830	3,702	9,387
RATE..		719.4	477.5	382.1	95.4	241.9
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		6,213	4,513	3,454	1,059	1,700
RATE..		160.1	116.3	89.0	27.3	43.8
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		3,917	3,858	3,796	62	59
RATE..		100.9	99.4	97.8	1.6	1.5
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		2,902	187	28	158	2,716
RATE..		74.8	4.8	.7	4.1	70.0
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		1,297	1,227	979	248	70
RATE..		33.4	31.6	25.2	6.4	1.8
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		1,233	1,226	1,211	14	7
RATE..		31.8	31.6	31.2	.4	.2
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		948	938	916	22	10
RATE..		24.4	24.2	23.6	.6	.3
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		754	87	32	56	666
RATE..		19.4	2.3	.8	1.4	17.2
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		777	735	329	406	43
RATE..		20.0	18.9	8.5	10.5	1.1
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		412	99	25	73	313
RATE..		10.6	2.5	.7	1.9	8.1
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		455	422	337	85	33
RATE..		11.7	10.9	8.7	2.2	.8
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		9,010	5,240	3,722	1,519	3,770
RATE..		232.2	135.0	95.9	39.1	97.1

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 5

LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER AND INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY AGE AT DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER FOR 10 MAJOR CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH: UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES 1/, LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	292,069	18,036	14,711	12,427	2,284	3,325
RATE..		6,175.2	5,036.7	4,254.8	782.0	1,138.4
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		3,511	2,834	2,401	433	676
RATE..		1,202.0	970.5	822.2	148.2	231.5
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		3,733	3,679	3,620	59	54
RATE..		1,278.1	1,259.6	1,239.5	20.2	18.4
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		620	41	5	35	579
RATE..		212.2	13.9	1.8	12.1	198.3
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		1,249	1,192	956	236	57
RATE..		427.7	408.2	327.2	80.9	19.5
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		1,168	1,163	1,149	14	5
RATE..		399.9	398.2	393.4	4.8	1.7
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		829	822	810	12	7
RATE..		283.8	281.4	277.2	4.2	2.4
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		117	19	11	8	97
RATE..		40.0	6.7	3.9	2.8	33.3
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		652	614	265	349	39
RATE..		223.3	210.1	90.7	119.4	13.2
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		195	57	18	39	138
RATE..		66.7	19.5	6.2	13.2	47.3
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		209	205	184	21	4
RATE..		71.6	70.2	62.9	7.3	1.4
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		5,753	4,085	3,008	1,077	1,669
RATE..		1,969.9	1,398.6	1,029.8	368.8	571.3

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 5

LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER AND INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY AGE AT DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER FOR 10 MAJOR CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH: UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES 1/, 2,500 GRAMS OR MORE						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	3,587,099	9,549	3,497	2,091	1,406	6,052
RATE..		266.2	97.5	58.3	39.2	168.7
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		2,679	1,658	1,035	622	1,021
RATE..		74.7	46.2	28.9	17.3	28.5
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		39	36	34	2	3
RATE..		1.1	1.0	.9	.1	.1
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		2,283	146	23	123	2,137
RATE..		63.6	4.1	.6	3.4	59.6
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		39	26	15	11	13
RATE..		1.1	.7	.4	.3	.4
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		17	15	15	-	2
RATE..		.5	.4	.4	-	.1
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		93	90	81	9	3
RATE..		2.6	2.5	2.2	.3	.1
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		634	65	17	48	569
RATE..		17.7	1.8	.5	1.3	15.9
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		121	117	64	53	4
RATE..		3.4	3.3	1.8	1.5	.1
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		217	42	7	35	175
RATE..		6.1	1.2	.2	1.0	4.9
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		240	212	149	63	29
RATE..		6.7	5.9	4.2	1.8	.8
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		3,187	1,091	651	440	2,095
RATE..		88.8	30.4	18.1	12.3	58.4

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 5

LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT AND RACE OF MOTHER AND INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES BY AGE AT DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER FOR 10 MAJOR CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH: UNITED STATES, 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
(INFANT DEATHS ARE UNDER 1 YEAR. NEONATAL DEATHS ARE UNDER 28 DAYS; EARLY NEONATAL, 0-6 DAYS; LATE NEONATAL, 7-27 DAYS; AND POSTNEONATAL, 28 DAYS THROUGH 11 MONTHS)

(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER		LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
ALL RACES 1/, NOT STATED BIRTH WEIGHT							
ALL CAUSES	NUMBER...	1,726	334	324	311	12	10
	RATE..		19,340.3	18,752.2	18,047.3	704.9	588.1
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759)	NUMBER...		23	21	17	4	2
	RATE..		1,356.1	1,237.0	1,002.3	234.8	119.1
PREMATURITY (765)	NUMBER...		145	143	142	1	2
	RATE..		8,386.0	8,269.1	8,209.7	59.4	117.0
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)	NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
	RATE..		-	-	-	-	-
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)	NUMBER...		9	9	9	-	-
	RATE..		530.1	530.1	530.1	-	-
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761)	NUMBER...		47	47	47	-	-
	RATE..		2,734.2	2,734.2	2,734.2	-	-
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)	NUMBER...		27	27	26	1	-
	RATE..		1,549.1	1,549.1	1,489.7	59.4	-
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949)	NUMBER...		3	3	3	-	-
	RATE..		178.8	178.8	178.8	-	-
INFECTIONS (771)	NUMBER...		4	4	-	4	-
	RATE..		234.3	234.3	-	234.3	-
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487)	NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
	RATE..		-	-	-	-	-
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768)	NUMBER...		5	5	4	1	-
	RATE..		292.1	292.1	233.7	58.4	-
ALL OTHER CAUSES	NUMBER...		70	64	63	1	6
	RATE..		4,079.6	3,727.5	3,668.9	58.6	352.1

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(INFANT DEATHS WEIGHTED)
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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER		LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE, ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS							
ALL CAUSES	NUMBER...	3,072,640	18,549	12,264	9,676	2,589	6,285
	RATE..		603.7	399.1	314.9	84.2	204.5
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759)	NUMBER...		4,838	3,556	2,714	842	1,282
	RATE..		157.5	115.7	88.3	27.4	41.7
PREMATURITY (765)	NUMBER...		2,099	2,059	2,019	40	41
	RATE..		68.3	67.0	65.7	1.3	1.3
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)	NUMBER...		1,906	127	23	103	1,779
	RATE..		62.0	4.1	.8	3.4	57.9
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)	NUMBER...		792	751	604	147	41
	RATE..		25.8	24.4	19.6	4.8	1.3
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761)	NUMBER...		791	785	778	7	6
	RATE..		25.8	25.6	25.3	.2	.2
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)	NUMBER...		635	626	610	16	9
	RATE..		20.7	20.4	19.8	.5	.3
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949)	NUMBER...		523	67	24	44	455
	RATE..		17.0	2.2	.8	1.4	14.8
INFECTIONS (771)	NUMBER...		517	489	219	270	27
	RATE..		16.8	15.9	7.1	8.8	.9
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487)	NUMBER...		254	70	20	50	184
	RATE..		8.3	2.3	.7	1.6	6.0
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768)	NUMBER...		321	299	237	62	22
	RATE..		10.5	9.7	7.7	2.0	.7
ALL OTHER CAUSES	NUMBER...		5,873	3,435	2,427	1,008	2,438

RATE..		191.1	111.8	79.0	32.8	79.3

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE, LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	198,981	11,370	9,356	7,861	1,495	2,014
RATE..		5,713.9	4,701.8	3,950.5	751.2	1,012.1
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		2,677	2,193	1,864	330	483
RATE..		1,345.2	1,102.3	936.6	165.7	243.0
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		2,001	1,963	1,925	38	38
RATE..		1,005.5	986.6	967.7	18.9	18.9
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		347	25	4	21	322
RATE..		174.4	12.8	2.1	10.7	161.7
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		759	724	586	138	35
RATE..		381.4	363.9	294.5	69.4	17.5
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		755	750	743	7	5
RATE..		379.6	377.1	373.5	3.6	2.5
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		549	543	534	9	6
RATE..		275.8	272.8	268.2	4.6	3.1
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		64	12	8	4	52
RATE..		32.1	6.2	4.2	2.0	25.9
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		424	400	170	230	23
RATE..		213.0	201.2	85.6	115.7	11.8
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		115	40	13	26	75
RATE..		57.7	19.9	6.6	13.3	37.8
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		131	127	112	14	4
RATE..		65.7	63.6	56.4	7.2	2.1

ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		3,549	2,578	1,901	677	971
RATE..		1,783.4	1,295.5	955.2	340.3	487.9

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE, 2,500 GRAMS OR MORE						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	2,872,582	7,004	2,740	1,653	1,087	4,264
RATE..		243.8	95.4	57.6	37.8	148.4
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		2,145	1,348	839	509	797
RATE..		74.7	46.9	29.2	17.7	27.8
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		29	27	25	2	2
RATE..		1.0	.9	.9	.1	.1
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		1,559	101	19	82	1,458
RATE..		54.3	3.5	.7	2.9	50.7
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		27	21	12	9	6
RATE..		.9	.7	.4	.3	.2
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		13	12	12	-	1
RATE..		.5	.4	.4	-	.0
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		70	67	61	6	3
RATE..		2.4	2.3	2.1	.2	.1
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		456	52	12	39	404
RATE..		15.9	1.8	.4	1.4	14.1
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		90	86	49	37	4
RATE..		3.1	3.0	1.7	1.3	.1
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		139	31	7	24	109
RATE..		4.8	1.1	.2	.8	3.8
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		189	171	123	48	18

RATE..	6.6	6.0	4.3	1.7	.6
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...	2,287	825	494	331	1,462
RATE..	79.6	28.7	17.2	11.5	50.9

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
WHITE, NOT STATED BIRTH WEIGHT						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	1,077	176	169	161	7	7
RATE..		16,310.8	15,651.9	14,991.8	660.1	658.9
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		16	15	12	3	1
RATE..		1,512.6	1,417.3	1,134.6	282.7	95.2
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		70	69	69	-	1
RATE..		6,461.4	6,367.5	6,367.5	-	93.9
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
RATE..		-	-	-	-	-
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		6	6	6	-	-
RATE..		567.3	567.3	567.3	-	-
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		23	23	23	-	-
RATE..		2,103.5	2,103.5	2,103.5	-	-
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		16	16	15	1	-
RATE..		1,512.8	1,512.8	1,417.6	95.2	-
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		3	3	3	-	-
RATE..		286.5	286.5	286.5	-	-
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		3	3	-	3	-
RATE..		282.2	282.2	-	282.2	-
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
RATE..		-	-	-	-	-

HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		1	1	1	-	-
RATE..		92.9	92.9	92.9	-	-
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		38	33	33	-	5
RATE..		3,491.8	3,022.0	3,022.0	-	469.8

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK, ALL BIRTH WEIGHTS						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	599,913	8,186	5,546	4,597	949	2,639
RATE..		1,364.5	924.5	766.3	158.2	440.0
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		1,084	757	586	171	327
RATE..		180.8	126.2	97.7	28.5	54.5
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		1,704	1,687	1,664	22	17
RATE..		284.0	281.2	277.5	3.7	2.9
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		853	50	5	45	803
RATE..		142.2	8.3	.8	7.4	133.9
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		457	429	341	88	27
RATE..		76.1	71.5	56.8	14.7	4.6
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		406	405	398	6	1
RATE..		67.6	67.4	66.4	1.0	.2
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		277	276	270	6	1
RATE..		46.1	46.0	45.0	1.0	.2
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		205	17	6	11	188
RATE..		34.1	2.9	1.0	1.9	31.3
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		227	213	95	118	14
RATE..		37.9	35.5	15.8	19.7	2.4
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		140	25	4	21	114
RATE..		23.3	4.2	.7	3.6	19.1

HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		114	104	86	18	10
RATE..		19.0	17.3	14.3	3.1	1.7
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		2,720	1,584	1,142	441	1,136
RATE..		453.3	264.0	190.4	73.6	189.4

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK, LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	78,207	5,968	4,804	4,114	689	1,165
RATE..		7,631.6	6,142.1	5,260.5	881.6	1,489.5
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		671	517	431	86	154
RATE..		858.5	661.6	551.4	110.2	196.9
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		1,624	1,609	1,587	21	15
RATE..		2,076.3	2,056.8	2,029.6	27.2	19.4
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		243	10	1	9	233
RATE..		311.1	12.9	1.3	11.6	298.2
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		443	422	336	86	21
RATE..		566.9	539.7	429.5	110.2	27.2
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		377	377	371	6	-
RATE..		482.0	482.0	474.2	7.8	-
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		250	249	246	3	1
RATE..		319.6	318.3	314.4	3.9	1.3
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		49	6	2	4	43
RATE..		62.3	7.8	2.6	5.1	54.5
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		202	188	84	103	14
RATE..		258.2	240.0	108.0	132.0	18.2
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		75	15	4	11	60
RATE..		95.9	19.4	5.2	14.3	76.4

HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		71	71	64	7	-
RATE..		91.1	91.1	82.1	9.0	-
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		1,963	1,339	987	352	624
RATE..		2,509.8	1,712.4	1,262.1	450.3	797.5

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK, 2,500 GRAMS OR MORE						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	521,347	2,070	598	344	254	1,471
RATE..		397.0	114.7	65.9	48.8	282.2
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		408	236	152	84	172
RATE..		78.2	45.2	29.1	16.1	33.0
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		9	8	8	-	1
RATE..		1.8	1.6	1.6	-	.2
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		610	40	4	36	570
RATE..		116.9	7.6	.8	6.8	109.4
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		10	4	2	2	6
RATE..		1.9	.8	.4	.4	1.2
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		4	3	3	-	1
RATE..		.8	.6	.6	-	.2
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		16	16	13	3	-
RATE..		3.1	3.1	2.6	.6	-
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		156	11	4	7	145
RATE..		29.9	2.1	.8	1.4	27.8
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		24	24	10	14	-
RATE..		4.6	4.6	1.9	2.7	-
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...		65	10	-	10	55

RATE..		12.4	2.0	-	2.0	10.5
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...		39	29	18	10	10
RATE..		7.4	5.5	3.5	2.0	2.0
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...		728	217	129	88	511
RATE..		139.7	41.6	24.7	16.9	98.1

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(RATES ARE PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)

CAUSE OF DEATH, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE OF MOTHER	LIVE BIRTHS	INFANT DEATHS	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
BLACK, NOT STATED BIRTH WEIGHT						
ALL CAUSES.....NUMBER...	359	148	144	139	5	3
RATE..		41,098.9	40,248.0	38,839.5	1,408.5	850.9
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES (740-759).....NUMBER...		5	4	3	1	1
RATE..		1,410.7	1,123.9	843.2	280.7	286.8
PREMATURITY (765).....NUMBER...		71	70	69	1	1
RATE..		19,786.6	19,505.9	19,220.3	285.6	280.6
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (798.0)..NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
RATE..		-	-	-	-	-
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME (769)...NUMBER...		3	3	3	-	-
RATE..		846.7	846.7	846.7	-	-
MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS (761).....NUMBER...		25	25	25	-	-
RATE..		6,834.7	6,834.7	6,834.7	-	-
COMPLICATIONS OF PLACENTA,ETC. (762)..NUMBER...		10	10	10	-	-
RATE..		2,909.6	2,909.6	2,909.6	-	-
ACCIDENTS (E800-E949).....NUMBER...		-	-	-	-	-
RATE..		-	-	-	-	-
INFECTIONS (771).....NUMBER...		1	1	-	1	-
RATE..		279.9	279.9	-	279.9	-

PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA (480-487).....NUMBER...	-	-	-	-	-
RATE..	-	-	-	-	-
HYPOXIA AND ASPHYXIA (768).....NUMBER...	4	4	3	1	-
RATE..	1,125.8	1,125.8	845.1	280.6	-
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....NUMBER...	28	27	26	1	1
RATE..	7,905.0	7,621.5	7,339.8	281.7	283.5

1/ INCLUDES RACES OTHER THAN WHITE AND BLACK

DOCUMENTATION TABLE 6

UNLINKED INFANT DEATHS BY RACE, AGE AT DEATH, AND STATE OF RESIDENCE:
UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM -- 1997 BIRTH COHORT DATA

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(DATA IN THIS TABLE IS FOR INFANT DEATHS IN 1997 OR 1998 THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LINKED FILE BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT LINKED WITH THEIR CORRESPONDING BIRTH CERTIFICATES. SEE METHODOLOGY SECTION. RESIDENCE IS OF INFANT DECEDENT; RACE IS FROM DEATH CERTIFICATE.)

AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
UNITED STATES 2/	576	442	391	51	134
WHITE	368	286	249	37	82
BLACK	179	136	122	14	43
ALABAMA	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	1	-	-	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
ALASKA	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
ARIZONA	12	3	3	-	9
WHITE	8	2	2	-	6
BLACK	1	-	-	-	1
ARKANSAS	7	6	4	2	1
WHITE	3	3	1	2	-
BLACK	4	3	3	-	1
CALIFORNIA	180	154	142	12	26
WHITE	138	120	111	9	18
BLACK	33	27	24	3	6
COLORADO	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
CONNECTICUT	2	2	1	1	-
WHITE	2	2	1	1	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	1	1	1	-	-
FLORIDA	10	7	7	-	3
WHITE	7	5	5	-	2
BLACK	3	2	2	-	1
GEORGIA	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
HAWAII	3	2	2	-	1
WHITE	1	-	-	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
IDAHO	2	2	2	-	-
WHITE	2	2	2	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS	21	14	12	2	7
WHITE	10	8	7	1	2
BLACK	11	6	5	1	5
INDIANA	14	11	7	4	3
WHITE	12	9	6	3	3
BLACK	2	2	1	1	-
IOWA	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	1	1	1	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
KANSAS	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
KENTUCKY	10	8	7	1	2
WHITE	9	8	7	1	1
BLACK	1	-	-	-	1
LOUISIANA	15	14	12	2	1
WHITE	1	1	-	1	-
BLACK	14	13	12	1	1
MAINE	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
MARYLAND	15	6	6	-	9
WHITE	3	1	1	-	2
BLACK	12	5	5	-	7
MASSACHUSETTS	8	8	5	3	-
WHITE	6	6	5	1	-
BLACK	2	2	-	2	-
MICHIGAN	22	14	11	3	8
WHITE	12	9	7	2	3
BLACK	9	5	4	1	4
MINNESOTA	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	1	-	-	-	1
MISSISSIPPI	3	2	-	2	1
WHITE	3	2	-	2	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
MISSOURI	11	7	6	1	4
WHITE	6	3	2	1	3
BLACK	5	4	4	-	1

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
MONTANA	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	1	-	-	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
NEBRASKA	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
NEVADA	9	2	1	1	7
WHITE	7	1	-	1	6
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	1	-	-	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
NEW JERSEY	19	16	15	1	3
WHITE	12	9	9	-	3
BLACK	6	6	5	1	-
NEW MEXICO	12	11	11	-	1
WHITE	10	9	9	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	9	6	5	1	3
WHITE	5	4	3	1	1
BLACK	4	2	2	-	2
NEW YORK CITY	15	10	9	1	5
WHITE	7	5	4	1	2
BLACK	6	4	4	-	2
NORTH CAROLINA	5	2	2	-	3
WHITE	2	2	2	-	-
BLACK	2	-	-	-	2

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
NORTH DAKOTA	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
OHIO	53	40	35	5	13
WHITE	28	18	15	3	10
BLACK	25	22	20	2	3
OKLAHOMA	33	30	28	2	3
WHITE	22	20	18	2	2
BLACK	8	7	7	-	1
OREGON	2	1	1	-	1
WHITE	1	1	1	-	-
BLACK	1	-	-	-	1
PENNSYLVANIA	26	22	21	1	4
WHITE	12	10	9	1	2
BLACK	13	11	11	-	2
RHODE ISLAND	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	1	-	-	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	-	-	-	1
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
TENNESSEE	2	2	2	-	-
WHITE	2	2	2	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
TEXAS	28	22	19	3	6
WHITE	19	14	12	2	5
BLACK	9	8	7	1	1
UTAH	2	-	-	-	2
WHITE	2	-	-	-	2
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
VERMONT	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
VIRGINIA	13	12	10	2	1
WHITE	7	6	5	1	1
BLACK	6	6	5	1	-
WASHINGTON	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	1	1	1	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
WEST VIRGINIA	2	1	1	-	1
WHITE	2	1	1	-	1
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN	1	1	-	1	-
WHITE	1	1	-	1	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
WYOMING	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
FOREIGN RESIDENTS	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	1	1	1	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-

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AREA AND RACE OF CHILD 1/	INFANT	TOTAL NEONATAL	EARLY NEONATAL	LATE NEONATAL	POST-NEONATAL
PUERTO RICO 3/	2	2	1	1	-
WHITE	2	2	1	1	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
VIRGIN ISLANDS 3/	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-
GUAM 3/	1	1	1	-	-
WHITE	-	-	-	-	-
BLACK	-	-	-	-	-

1/ TOTALS FOR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDE RACES OTHER THAN WHITE AND BLACK
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Definition of live birth

Every product of conception that gives a sign of life after birth, regardless of the length of the pregnancy, is considered a live birth. This concept is included in the definition set forth by the World Health Organization (1):

> Live birth is the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such a birth is considered liveborn.

This definition distinguishes in precise terms a live birth from a fetal death (see the section on fetal deaths in the Technical Appendix of volume II, *Vital Statistics of the United States*). In the interest of comparable natality statistics, both the Statistical Commission of the United Nations and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) have adopted this definition (2,3).

History of birth-registration area

The national birth-registration area was proposed in 1850 and established in 1915. By 1933 all 48 States and the District of Columbia were participating in the registration system. The organized territories of Hawaii and Alaska were admitted in 1929 and 1950, respectively; data from these areas were prepared separately until they became States--Alaska in 1959 and Hawaii in 1960. Currently the birth-registration system of the United States covers the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the independent registration area of New York City, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. However, in the statistical tabulations, “United States” refers only to the aggregate of the 50 States (including New York City) and the District of Columbia.

The original birth-registration area of 1915 consisted of 10 States and the District of Columbia. The growth of this area is indicated in table 4-1. This table also presents for each year through 1932 the estimated midyear population of the United States and of those States included in the registration system.

Because of the growth of the area for which data have been collected and tabulated, a national series of geographically comparable data before 1933 can be obtained only by estimation. Annual estimates of births have been prepared by P. K. Whelpton for 1909-34 (4). These estimates include adjustments for underregistration and for States that were not part of the birth-registration area before 1933.

Sources of data

Natality statistics

Since 1985 natality statistics for all States and the District of Columbia have been based on information from the total file of records. The information is received on computer data tapes coded by the States and provided to NCHS through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. NCHS receives these tapes from the registration offices of all States, the District of Columbia, and New York City. Information for PuertoRico is also received on computer

tapes through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Information for the Virgin Islands and Guam is obtained from microfilm copies of original birth certificates and is based on the total file of records for all years. Data from American Samoa first became available in 1997. Similar to data from the Virgin Islands and Guam, the data are obtained from microfilm copies of original birth certificates and are based on the total file of records.

Birth statistics for years prior to 1951 and for 1955 are based on the total file of birth records. Statistics for 1951-54, 1956-66, and 1968-71 are based on 50-percent samples except for data for Guam and the Virgin Islands, which are based on all records filed. During the processing of the 1967 data the sampling rate was reduced from 50 percent to 20 percent. For details of this procedure and its consequences for the 1967 data see pages 3-9 to 3-11 in volume I of *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1967. From 1972 to 1984 statistics are based on all records filed in the States submitting computer tapes and on a 50-percent sample of records in all other States.

Information for years prior to 1970 for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam is published in the annual vital statistics reports of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Public Health of the Virgin Islands, the Department of Public Health and Social Services of the Government of Guam, and in selected *Vital Statistics of the United States* annual reports.

U.S. natality data are limited to births occurring within the United States, including those occurring to U.S. residents and nonresidents. Births to nonresidents of the United States have been excluded from all tabulations by place of residence beginning in 1970 (for further discussion see "Classification by occurrence and residence"). Births occurring to U.S. citizens outside the United States are not included in any tabulations in this report. Similarly the data for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa are limited to births registered in these areas.

Standard certificate of live birth

The U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, issued by the Public Health Service, has served for many years as the principal means of attaining uniformity in the content of the documents used to collect information on births in the United States. It has been modified in each State to the extent required by the particular State's needs or by special provisions of the State's vital statistics law. However, most State certificates conform closely in content to the standard certificate.

The first standard certificate of birth was developed in 1900. Since then, it has been revised periodically by the national vital statistics agency through consultation with State health officers and registrars; Federal agencies concerned with vital statistics; national, State, and county medical societies; and others working in public health, social welfare, demography, and insurance. This procedure has assured careful evaluation of each item for its current and future usefulness for legal, medical, demographic, and research purposes. New items have been added when necessary, and old items have been modified to ensure better reporting or, in some cases, dropped when their usefulness appeared to be limited.

1989 revision--Effective January 1, 1989, a revised U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (figure 4-A) replaced the 1978 revision. This revision provided a wide variety of new information on maternal and infant health characteristics, representing a significant departure from previous versions in both content and format. The most significant format change was the use of check boxes to obtain detailed medical and health information about the mother and child. It has been demonstrated that this format produces higher quality and more complete information than do open-ended items.

The reformatted items included "Medical Risk Factors for This Pregnancy," which combines the former items "Complications of Pregnancy" and "Concurrent Illnesses or Conditions Affecting the Pregnancy." "Complications of Labor and/or Delivery" and "Congenital Anomalies of Child" also have been revised from the open-ended format. For each of these items at least 15 specific conditions have been identified.

Several new items were added to the revised certificate. Included are items to obtain information on tobacco and alcohol use during pregnancy, weight gain during pregnancy, obstetric procedures, method of delivery, and abnormal conditions of the newborn. These items can be used to monitor the health practices of the mother that can affect pregnancy and the use of technology in childbirth, and to identify babies with specific abnormal conditions. When combined with other socioeconomic and health data, these items provide a wealth of information relevant to the etiology of low birth weight and other adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Another modification was the addition of a Hispanic identifier for the mother and father. Although NCHS had recommended that States add items to identify the Hispanic or ethnic origin of the newborn's parents, concurrent with

the 1978 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth and reported data from the cooperating States since that year, the item was new to the U.S. Standard Certificate for 1989.

The 1989 revised certificate also provided more detail than previously requested on the birth attendant and place of birth. This permits a more in-depth analysis of the number and characteristics of births by attendant and type of facility and a comparison of differences in outcome. For further discussion see individual sections for each item.

Classification of data

One of the principal values of vital statistics data is realized through the presentation of rates that are computed by relating the vital events of a class to the population of a similarly defined class. Vital statistics and population statistics, therefore, must be classified according to similarly defined systems and tabulated in comparable groups. Even when the variables common to both, such as geographic area, age, race, and sex, have been similarly classified and tabulated, differences between the enumeration method of obtaining population data and the registration method of obtaining vital
statistics data may result in significant discrepancies.

The general rules used to classify geographic and personal items for live births are set forth in "Vital Statistics Classification and Coding Instructions for Live Birth Records, 1997," *NCHS Instruction Manual*, Part 3a. The classification of certain important items is discussed in the following pages. See table A for a listing of items and the percent of records that were not stated for each State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

Classification by occurrence and residence

Births to U.S. residents occurring outside this country are not reallocated to the United States. In tabulations by place of residence, births occurring within the United States to U.S. citizens and to resident aliens are allocated to the usual place of residence of the mother in the United States, as reported on the birth certificate. Beginning in 1970 births to nonresidents of the United States occurring in the United States are excluded from these tabulations. From 1966 to 1969 births occurring in the United States to mothers who were nonresidents of the United States were considered as births to residents of the exact place of occurrence; in 1964 and 1965 all such births were allocated to "balance of county" of occurrence even if the birth occurred in a city. The change in coding beginning in 1970 to exclude births to nonresidents of the United States from residence data significantly affects the comparability of data with years before 1970 only for Texas.

For the total United States the tabulations by place of residence and by place of occurrence are not identical. Births to nonresidents of the United States are included in data by place of occurrence but excluded from data by place of residence, as previously indicated. See table B for the number of births by residence and occurrence for the 50 States and the District of Columbia for 1997.

Residence error--A nationwide test of birth-registration completeness in 1950 provided measures of residence error for natality statistics. According to this test, errors in residence reporting for the country as a whole tend to overstate the number of births to residents of urban areas and to understate the number of births to residents of other areas. This tendency has assumed special importance because of a concomitant development--the increased utilization of hospitals in cities by residents of nearby places--with the result that a number of births are erroneously reported as having occurred to residents of urban areas. Another factor that contributes to this overstatement of urban births is the customary procedure of using "city" addresses for persons living outside the city limits.

Incomplete residence--Beginning in 1973 where only the State of residence is reported with no city or county specified and the State named is different from the State of occurrence, the birth is allocated to the largest city of the State of residence. Before 1973 such births were allocated to the exact place of occurrence.

Geographic classification

The rules followed in the classification of geographic areas for live births are contained in the instruction manual mentioned previously. The geographic code structure for 1997 is given in another manual, "Vital Records Geographic Classification, 1994," *NCHS Instruction Manual* , Part 8.

United States--In the statistical tabulations, "United States" refers only to the aggregate of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Alaska has been included in the U.S. tabulations since 1959 and Hawaii since 1960.

Metropolitan statistical areas--The metropolitan statistical areas and primary metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's and PMSA's) used in this report are those established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget as of April 1, 1990, and used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (5) except in the New England States.

Except in the New England States, an MSA has either a city with a population of at least 50,000, or a Bureau of the Census urbanized area of at least 50,000 and a total MSA population of at least 100,000. A PMSA consists of a large urbanized county, or cluster of counties, that demonstrates very strong internal economic and social links and has a population over 1 million. When PMSA's are defined, the large area of which they are component parts is designated a Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) (6).

In the New England States the U.S. Office of Management and Budget uses towns and cities rather than counties as geographic components of MSA's and PMSA's. NCHS cannot, however, use this classification for these States because its data are not coded to identify all towns. Instead, the New England County Metropolitan Areas (NECMA's) are used. These areas are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (7) and are made up of county units.

Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties— Independent cities and counties included in MSA's and PMSA's or NECMA's are included in data for metropolitan counties; all other counties are classified as nonmetropolitan.

Population-size groups--Beginning in 1994 vital statistics data for cities and certain other urban places have been classified according to the population enumerated in the 1990 Census of Population. Data are available for individual cities and other urban places of 100,000 or more population. Data for the remaining areas not separately identified are shown in the tables under the heading "Balance of area" or "Balance of county." Classification of areas for 1982-93 was determined by the population enumerated in the 1980 Census of Population. As a result of changes in the enumerated population between 1980 and 1990, some urban places identified in previous reports are no longer included, and a number of other urban places have been added.

Urban places other than incorporated cities for which vital statistics data are shown in this report include the following:

- Each town in New England, New York, and Wisconsin and each township in Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania that had no incorporated municipality as a subdivision and had either 25,000 inhabitants or more, or a population of 10,000 to 25,000 and a density of 1,000 persons or more per square mile.
- Each county in States other than those indicated above that had no incorporated municipality within its boundary and had a density of 1,000 persons or more per square mile. (Arlington County, Virginia, is the only county classified as urban under this rule.)
- Each place in Hawaii with 10,000 or more population. (There are no incorporated cities in Hawaii.)

Race or national origin

Beginning with the 1989 data year birth data are tabulated primarily by race of mother. In 1988 and prior years the race or national origin shown in tabulations was that of the newborn child. However, beginning with the 19xx issue of *Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I, Natality*, trend data for years beginning with 1980 have been retabulated by race of mother. The race of the child was determined for statistical purposes by an algorithm based on the race of the mother and father as reported on the birth certificate. When the parents were of the same race, the race of the child was the same as the race of the parents. When the parents were of different races and one parent was white, the child was assigned to the race of the other parent. When the parents were of different races and neither parent was white, the child was assigned to the race of the father, with one exception--if either parent was Hawaiian, the child was assigned to Hawaiian. If race was missing for one parent, the child was assigned the race of the parent for whom it was reported. When information on race was missing for both parents, the race of the child was considered not stated and the birth was allocated according to rules discussed on page 4 of the Technical Appendix, volume I, *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1988. In 1989 the criteria for reporting the race of the parents did not change and continues to reflect the response of the informant (usually the mother).

The most important factor influencing the decision to tabulate births by race of the mother was the decennial revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth in 1989. This revision included many more health questions that are directly associated with the mother, including alcohol and tobacco use, weight gain during pregnancy, medical risk factors, obstetric procedures, complications of labor and/or delivery, and method of delivery. Additionally, many of the

other items that have been on the birth certificate for more than two decades also relate directly to the mother, for example, marital status, education level, and receipt of prenatal care. It is more appropriate to use the race of the mother than the race of the child in tabulating these items.

A second factor has been the increasing incidence of interracial parentage. In 1997, 5.0 percent of births were to parents of different races, more than double the percent in 1977 (2.0 percent). More than half of these births were to white mothers and fathers of another race (55 percent in 1997). There have been two major consequences of the increasing interracial parentage. One is the effect on birth rates by race. The number of white births under the former procedures has been arbitrarily limited to infants whose parents were both white (or one parent if the race of only one parent was reported). At the same time, the number of births of other races has been arbitrarily increased to include all births to white mothers and fathers of other races. Thus, prior to 1989, if race of mother had been used, birth rates per 1,000 white women in a given age group would have been higher, while comparable rates for black women and women of other races would have been lower. The other consequence of increasing interracial parentage is the impact on the racial differential in various characteristics of births, particularly in cases where there is generally a large racial disparity, such as the incidence of low birthweight. In this instance, the racial differential is larger when the data are tabulated by race of mother rather than by race of child. The same effect has been noted for characteristics such as nonmarital childbearing, preterm births, late or no prenatal care, and low educational attainment of mother.

The third factor influencing the change is the growing proportion of births with race of father not stated, 15 percent in 1997. Although this proportion has stabilized and declined slightly in the 1990's, it is still higher than in 1977, 10 percent. The high proportion of records with the father's race not reported reflects the increase in the proportion of births to unmarried women; in many cases no information is reported on the father. These births were already assigned the race of the mother because there is no alternative. Tabulating births by race of mother provides a more uniform approach, rather than a necessarily arbitrary combination of parental races.

The change in the tabulation of births by race presents some problems when analyzing birth data by race, particularly trend data. The problem is likely to be acute for races other than white and black.

The categories for race or national origin are "White," "Black," "American Indian" (including Aleuts and Eskimos), "Chinese," "Japanese," "Hawaiian," "Filipino," and "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" (including Asian Indian). Before 1992 there was also an "other" category, which is now combined with the "Not stated" category. Before 1978 the category "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" was not identified separately but included with "Other" races. The separation of this category from "other" allows identification of the category "Asian or Pacific Islander" by combining the new category "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" with Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, and Filipino.

Beginning in 1992, NCHS contracted with seven States with the highest API populations to code births to additional API subgroups. The API subgroups include births to Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Korean, Samoan, Guamanian, and other API women. The seven States included in this reporting area are: California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Washington. At least two-thirds of the U.S. population of each of these additional API groups lived in the seven-State reporting area(8). The data are available on the detailed natality tapes and CD-ROMs beginning with the 1992 data year. An analytic report based on the 1992 data year is also available upon request(9). In 1996, Minnesota became the eighth State to provide this information.

The category "White" comprises births reported as white and births where race is reported as Hispanic. Before 1964 all births for which race or national origin was not stated were classified as white. Beginning in 1964 changes in the procedures for allocating race when race or national origin is not stated have changed the composition of this category. (See discussion on "Race or national origin not stated.")

If the race or national origin of an Asian parent is ill-defined or not clearly identifiable with one of the categories used in the classification (for example, if "Oriental" is entered), an attempt is made to determine the specific race or national origin from the entry for place of birth. If the birthplace is China, Japan, or the Philippines, the race of the parent is assigned to that category. When race cannot be determined from birthplace, it is assigned to the category "Other Asian or Pacific Islander."

Race or national origin not stated--If the race of the mother is not defined or not identifiable with one of the categories used in the classification (0.7 percent of births in 1997) and the race of the father is known, the race of the father is assigned to the mother. Where information for both parents is missing, the race of the mother is allocated electronically according to the specific race of the mother on the preceding record with a known race of mother. Data for both parents were missing for only 0.4 percent of birth certificates for 1997. Nearly all statistics by race or national origin for the United States as a whole in 1962 and 1963 are affected by a lack of information for New Jersey, which

did not report the race of the parents in those years. Birth rates by race for those years are computed on a population base that excluded New Jersey. For the method of estimating the U.S. population by age, sex, and race excluding New Jersey in 1962 and 1963, see page 4-8 in the Technical Appendix of volume I, *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1963.

Age of mother

Beginning in 1989 an item on the birth certificate asks for "Date of Birth." In previous years, "Age (at time of this birth)" was requested. Not all States have revised this item for 1989, and therefore the age of mother either is derived from the reported month and year of birth or coded as stated on the certificate. In 1997, the mother's age is reported directly by six States (Hawaii, Kentucky, Nevada, North Dakota, Virginia, and Wyoming). From 1964 to 1996, the age of mother was edited for 10-49 years. When the age of mother was computed to be under 10 years or 50 years or over, it was considered not stated and was assigned as described below. Beginning in 1997, age of mother is edited for ages 10-54 years. When the age of mother is computed to be under 10 years or 55 years or over, it is considered not stated and was assigned as described below. A review and verification of unedited birth data for 1996 showed that the vast majority of births reported as occurring to women aged 50 years and older were to women aged 50-54 years. The numbers of births to women 50-54 years are too small for computing age-specific birth rates. These births have been included with births to women 45-49 for computing birth rates.

Age-specific birth rates are based on populations of women by age, prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. In census years the decennial census counts are used. In intercensal years, estimates of the population of women by age are published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in *Current Population Reports*.

The 1990 Census of Population derived age in completed years as of April 1, 1990, from the responses to questions on age at last birthday and month and year of birth, with the latter given preference. In the 1960, 1970, and the 1980 Census of Population, age was also derived from month and year of birth. "Age in completed years" was asked in censuses before 1960. This was nearly the equivalent of the former birth certificate question, which the 1950 test of matched birth and census records confirms by showing a high degree of consistency in reporting age in these two sources (10).

Median age of mother--Median age is the value that divides an age distribution into two equal parts, one-half of the values being less and one-half being greater. Median ages of mothers for 1960 to the present have been computed from birth rates for 5-year age groups rather than from birth frequencies. This method eliminates the effects of changes in the age composition of the childbearing population over time. Changes in the median ages from year to year can thus be attributed solely to changes in the age-specific birth rates.

Not stated date of birth of mother--Beginning in 1964 birth records with date of birth of mother and/or age of mother not stated have had age imputed according to the age of mother from the previous birth record of the same race and total-birth order (total of fetal deaths and live births). (See "Computer Edits for Natality Data, Effective 1993" NCHS Instruction Manual , Part 12, page 9.) In 1963 birth records with age not stated were allocated according to the age appearing on the record previously processed for a mother of identical race and parity (number of live births). For 1960-62 not stated ages were distributed in proportion to the known ages for each racial group. Before 1960 this was done for age-specific birth rates but not for the birth frequency tables, which showed a separate category for age not stated.

Age of father

Age of father is derived from the reported date of birth or coded as stated on the birth certificate. If the age is under 10 years, it is considered not stated and grouped with those cases for which age is not stated on the certificate. Information on age of father is often missing on birth certificates of children born to unmarried mothers, greatly inflating the number of "not stated" in all tabulations by age of father. In computing birth rates by age of father, births tabulated as age of father not stated are distributed in the same proportions as births with known age within each 5-year-age
classification of the mother. This procedure is followed because, while father's age is missing in 15 percent of the birth certificates in 1997, one third of these were on records where the mother is a teenager. This distribution procedure is done separately by race. The resulting distributions are summed to form a composite frequency distribution that is the basis for computing birth rates by age of father. This procedure avoids the distortion in rates that would result if the relationship between age of mother and age of father were disregarded.

Live-birth order and parity

Live-birth order and parity classifications refer to the total number of live births the mother has had including the 1997 birth. Fetal deaths are excluded.

Live-birth order indicates what number the present birth represents; for example, a baby born to a mother who has had two previous live births (even if one or both are not now living) has a live-birth order of three. Parity indicates how many live births a mother has had. Before delivery a mother having her first baby has a parity of zero and a mother having her third baby has a parity of two. After delivery the mother of a baby who is a first live birth has a parity of one and the mother of a baby who is a third live birth has a parity of three.

Live-birth order and parity are determined from two items on the birth certificate, "Live births now living" and "Live births now dead."

Not stated birth order--Before 1969 if both of these items were blank, the birth was considered a first birth. Beginning in 1969, births for which the pregnancy history items were not completed have been tabulated as live-birth order not stated. As a result of this revised procedure, 22,686 births in 1969 that would have been assigned to the "First birth order" category under the old rules were assigned to the "Not stated" category.

All births tabulated in the "Not stated birth order" category are excluded from the computation of percents. In computing birth rates by live-birth order, births tabulated as birth order not stated are distributed in the same proportion as births of known live-birth order.

Date of last live birth

The date of last live birth was added to the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth in 1968 for the purpose of providing information on child spacing. The interval since the last live birth is the difference between the date of last live birth and the date of present birth. For an interval to be computed, both the month and year of the last live birth must be valid. This interval is computed only for events to mothers who have had at least one previous live birth. Births for which the interval since last live birth is not stated are excluded from the computation of percents and means.

Zero interval--An interval of zero months since the last live birth indicates the second born of a set of twins, the second or third born of a set of triplets, and so forth. Births with an interval of zero months are excluded from the computation of mean intervals.

Beginning in 1995, NCHS ceased to collect information on the date of last live birth and thus the information on interval is only available from birth certificate data from 1968-94.

Educational attainment

Data on the educational attainment of both parents were collected beginning in 1968 and tabulated for publication in 1969 for the first time.

The educational attainment of either parent is defined as "the number of years of school completed." Only those years completed in "regular" schools are counted, that is, a formal educational system of public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. Business or trade schools, such as beauty and barber schools, are not considered "regular" schools for the purposes of this item. No attempt has been made to convert years of school completed in foreign school systems, ungraded school systems, and so forth, to equivalent grades in the American school system. Such entries are included in the category "not stated."

Persons who have completed only a partial year in high school or college are tabulated as having completed the highest preceding grade. For those certificates on which a specific degree is stated, years of school completed is coded to the level at which the degree is most commonly attained; for example, persons reporting B.A., A.B., or B.S. degrees are considered to have completed 16 years of school.

Education not stated--The category "Not stated" includes all records in reporting areas for which there is no information on years of school completed as well as all records for which the information provided is not compatible with coding specifications.

Births tabulated as education not stated are excluded from the computations of percents.

Beginning in 1995, NCHS ceased to collect information on the educational attainment of the father and thus the information is available from birth certificate data only for 1969-94.

Marital status

National estimates of births to unmarried women are based on two methods of determining marital status. For 1994 through 1996, birth certificates in 45 states and the District of Columbia included a question about the mother's marital status. Beginning in 1997, California added a direct question to their birth certificate; thus in 1997, all but four States (Connecticut, Michigan, Nevada, and New York) included a direct question on their birth certificates. Nevada asks for the mother's marital status through the electronic birth registration process but this item is not included on certified or paper copies of the birth certificate.

In the three States which used inferential procedures to compile birth statistics by marital status in 1997, a birth is inferred as nonmarital if any of these factors, listed in priority-of-use order, is present: a paternity acknowledgment was received, the father's name is missing, or the father's and mother's current surnames are different. In addition, criteria that are particularly applicable for a given State are also applied as necessary. For example, special procedures were used in California prior to 1997 to compare the parents' surnames when hyphenated if the parents were born in countries where naming practices can identify the parents' marital status. This procedure was in effect for many years for Asian mothers and for 1995-96 for Hispanic mothers (11). In recent years, a number of States have extended their efforts to identify the fathers when the parents are not married in order to enforce child support obligations. The presence of a paternity acknowledgment therefore is the most reliable indicator that the birth is nonmarital in the States not reporting this information directly; this is now the key indicator in the nonreporting States. The inferential procedures in effect since 1980 represent a substantial departure from the method used before 1980 to prepare national estimates of births to unmarried women, which assumed that the incidence of births to unmarried women in States with no direct question on marital status was the same as the incidence in reporting States in the same geographic division (12).

The procedures for reporting marital status in California, Nevada, New York City changed beginning January 1, 1997. Up to that date, the mother's marital status was inferred in California by comparing the surnames of the mother, father, and child. Beginning in 1997, two changes were implemented. First, a law went into effect mandating that the father's name could not be included on the birth certificate unless the parents were married or a paternity affidavit was filed. Second, the marital status of women giving birth in California is now determined by a direct question on the birth certificate, "Mother married at any time during this pregnancy?" - similar to the question asked in most other States. Reporting procedures for marital status in California are now essentially the same as those in most other States.

Procedures for inferring marital status for births in New York City changed effective in 1997; New York City is a separate registration area. Beginning in 1997, the mother is assumed to be unmarried if the father's name is missing from the birth certificate, or if a paternity affidavit was filed; these are the same procedures that have been in effect in the balance of New York State for many years. Through 1996, the inferential criteria had included a comparison of the surnames of the mother and father (13,14).

Data on marital status for Nevada prior to 1997 are based on inferential procedures with the key criterion relying on a comparison of parental surnames. Beginning in 1997, Nevada is collecting information on the mother's marital status through the electronic birth registration process. This item is not included, however, on certified or paper copies of the birth certificate. Because of a recently discovered computer processing error, the data previously reported by Nevada for 1995 and 1996 substantially overestimated the number and percent of births to unmarried women. Corrected summary data are now available. The percent unmarried was 38.8 percent in 1995 and 39.3 percent in 1996. Based on the direct question, 35.5 percent of births in 1997 were to unmarried women. If the inferential procedures had remained in effect in 1997, however, Nevada estimates that 39.8 percent of births in that year were to unmarried women (slightly higher than in 1996). The change in reporting procedures therefore accounts for nearly all of the reported change in nonmarital births in Nevada in 1997.

Because California and New York City together account for 17 percent of U.S. births, data by marital status for these areas were examined carefully to determine the effect of these reporting changes on the national data. The reporting changes had little impact on the total numbers and proportions of nonmarital births for the United States as a whole, and relatively little impact on the overall data for California. The changes affected the overall data for New York State (including New York City) as well as the data by age. In general, there was a tendency for the proportion unmarried to increase between 1996 and 1997 for women aged 15-24 years, and for the proportions to decrease for women aged 30-44 years; changes for women aged 25-29 years were not consistent. The contrasts by age were very pronounced in the data for California. Large decreases in nonmarital births were found for all age groups for New York.

The tendency for considerable increases in the proportions of nonmarital births among teenagers and the concurrent decline for older women in California is a direct reflection of the changes in reporting procedures in that

State. Previously, unmarried women were frequently listing the father's name on the birth certificate. In many cases, especially among younger Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander women, the inferential procedures identified these births, incorrectly, as occurring to married women, a result of variations in naming practices among these population groups. National and State laws now preclude the father's name from being listed unless the parents are married or a paternity affidavit has been filed. Among older married women who have retained their birth surname after marriage, particularly well-educated white women, there was a tendency for their births to be considered nonmarital, because the surnames did not match. For California, the changes in nonmarital birth patterns by age were compensating, so that the overall levels of nonmarital births for California in 1997 are only moderately higher than in 1996. For New York, the changes in inferential procedures affected all age groups, identifying fewer births as nonmarital in 1997; without these changes, levels of nonmarital births would have been unchanged (13,14).

The use of inferential marital status data together with information from a direct question represents an attempt to use related information on the birth certificate to improve the quality of national data as well as to provide data for the individual nonreporting States. An evaluation of this method and its validity for California (the largest nonreporting State until 1997) has been published (15). Because of the continued substantial increases in nonmarital childbearing throughout the 1980's, the data have been intensively evaluated by the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS. The results of this evaluation show that trends in birth rates for unmarried women for rates computed on the basis of estimated data and on the basis of inferred data are essentially the same.

The mother's marital status was not reported in 1997 on 0.05 percent of the birth records in the 46 States and the District of Columbia where this information is obtained by a direct question. Marital status was imputed as "married" for these records.

When births to unmarried women are reported as second or higher order births, it is not known whether the mother was married or unmarried when the previous deliveries occurred, because her marital status at the time of these earlier births is not available from the birth record.

Rates for 1940 and 1950 are based on decennial census counts. Rates for 1955-97 are based on a smoothed series of population estimates (12). Because of sampling error, the original U.S. Bureau of the Census population estimates by marital status fluctuate erratically from year to year; therefore, they have been smoothed so that the rates do not show similar variations. These rates differ from those published in volumes of *Vital Statistics of the United States* before 1969, which were based on the original estimates provided annually by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Birth rates by marital status for 1971-79 have been revised and differ from rates published before 1980 in volumes of *Vital Statistics of the United States* (see "Computation of rates and other measures").

Place of delivery and attendant at birth

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth included separate categories for freestanding birthing centers, the mother's residence, and clinic or doctor's office as the place of birth. Prior to 1989, place of birth was classified simply as either "In hospital" or "Not in hospital." Births occurring in hospitals, institutions, clinics, centers, or homes were included in the category "In hospital." In this context the word "homes" does not refer to the mother's residence but to an institution, such as a home for unmarried women. Birthing centers were included in either category, depending on each State's assessment of the facility. Beginning in 1989 births occurring in clinics and in birthing centers not attached to a hospital are classified as "Not in hospital." This change in classification may account in part for the lower proportion of "In hospital" births compared with previous years. (The change in classification of clinics should have minor impact because comparatively few births occur in these facilities, but the effect of any change in classification of freestanding birthing centers is unknown.)

Beginning in 1975 the attendant at birth and place of delivery items were coded independently, primarily to permit the identification of the person in attendance at hospital deliveries. The 1989 certificate includes separate classifications for doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), certified nurse midwife (CNM), other midwife, and other attendants. In earlier certificates births attended by certified nurse midwives were grouped with those attended by lay midwives. The new certificate also facilitates the identification of home births, births in freestanding birthing centers, and births in clinics or physician offices.

Data for the "In hospital" category for 1975-88 include all births in clinics or maternity centers, regardless of the attendant. Data for 1975-77 published before 1980 included clinic and center births in the category "In hospital" only when the attendant was a physician. Data shown for 1975-77 published after 1980 will, therefore, differ from data published before 1980. As a result of this change, for 1975 an additional 12,352 births are now classified as occurring in hospitals, raising the percent of births occurring in hospitals from 98.7 to 99.1. Similarly, for 1976 the number of

births occurring in hospitals increased by 14,133 and the percent in hospitals raised from 98.6 to 99.1; for 1977 the increase is 15,937 and the percent in hospitals raised from 98.5 to 99.0. For 1974 and earlier the “In hospital” category includes all births in hospitals or institutions and births in clinics, centers, or maternity homes only when attended by physicians.

The “Not in hospital” category includes births for which no information is reported on place of birth. Before 1975 births for which the stated place of birth was a “doctor's office” and delivery was by a physician were included in the category ``In hospital." Beginning in 1975 these births were tabulated as “Not in hospital” and included with births delivered by physicians in this category. Although the actual number of such births is unknown, the effect of the change is minimal. In 1974, 0.3 percent of all births were delivered by physicians outside of hospitals; in 1975 this proportion was 0.4 percent.

Babies born on the way to or on arrival at the hospital are classified as having been born in the hospital. This may account for some of the hospital births not delivered by physicians or midwives.

Beginning in 1993, all in-hospital births occurring in Illinois where the attendant was classified as an “other” midwife were changed to certified nurse-midwife. This was necessary because almost all of these births were delivered by midwives certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives but because Illinois does not certify midwives, many of these births were classified as “other” midwives.

Birthweight

Birthweight is reported in some areas in pounds and ounces rather than in grams. However, the metric system has been used in tabulating and presenting the statistics to facilitate comparison with data published by other groups. The categories for birthweight were changed in 1979 to be consistent with the recommendations in the *Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases* (ICD-9). The categories in gram intervals and their equivalents in pounds and ounces are as follows:

Less than 500 grams = 1 lb 1 oz or less
500-999 grams = 1 lb 2 oz-2 lb 3 oz
1,000-1,499 grams = 2 lb 4 oz-3 lb 4 oz
1,500-1,999 grams = 3 lb 5 oz-4 lb 6 oz
2,000-2,499 grams = 4 lb 7 oz-5 lb 8 oz
2,500-2,999 grams = 5 lb 9 oz-6 lb 9 oz
3,000-3,499 grams = 6 lb 10 oz-7 lb 11 oz
3,500-3,999 grams = 7 lb 12 oz-8 lb 13 oz
4,000-4,499 grams = 8 lb l4 oz-9 lb l4 oz
4,500-4,999 grams = 9 lb 15 oz-11 lb 0 oz
5,000 grams or more = 11 lb l oz or more

The ICD-9 defines low birthweight as less than 2,500 grams. This is a shift of 1 gram from the previous criterion of 2,500 grams or less, which was recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1935 and adopted in 1948 by the World Health Organization in the *Sixth Revision of the International Lists of Diseases and Causes of Death*.

After data classified by pounds and ounces are converted to grams, median weights are computed and rounded before publication. To establish the continuity of class intervals needed to convert pounds and ounces to grams, the end points of these intervals are assumed to be half an ounce less at the lower end and half an ounce more at the upper end. For example, 2 lb 4 oz-3 lb 4 oz is interpreted as 2 lb 3 ½ oz-3 lb 4 ½ oz.

Births for which birthweight is not reported are excluded from the computation of percents and medians.

Period of gestation

The period of gestation is defined as beginning with the first day of the last normal menstrual period (LMP) and ending with the day of the birth. The LMP is used as the initial date because it can be more accurately determined than the date of conception, which usually occurs 2 weeks after the LMP.

Births occurring before 37 completed weeks of gestation are considered to be "preterm" or "premature" for purposes of classification. At 37-41 weeks gestation, births are considered to be "term," and at 42 completed weeks and over, "postterm." These distinctions are according to the ICD-9 definitions.

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth included a new item, "clinical estimate of gestation," that is being compared with length of gestation computed from the LMP date when the latter appears to be inconsistent with birthweight. This is done for normal weight births of apparently short gestations and very low birthweight births reported to be full term. The clinical estimate also was used if the date of the LMP was not reported. The period of gestation for 4.9 percent of the births in 1997 was based on the clinical estimate of gestation. For 97 percent of these records the clinical estimate was used because the LMP date was not reported. For the remaining 3 percent the clinical estimate was used because it was compatible with the reported birth weight, whereas the LMP-computed gestation was not. In cases where the reported birthweight was inconsistent with both the LMP-computed gestation and the clinical estimate of gestation, the LMP-computed gestation was used if it was within 5 weeks of the clinical estimate and birth weight was reclassified as "not stated." This was necessary for fewer than 300 births or less than 0.01 percent of all birth records in 1997. If the reported birthweight was inconsistent with both the LMP-computed gestation and the clinical estimate of gestation, gestation and birthweight were classified as "not stated" if the LMP-computed gestation was not within 5 weeks of the clinical estimate. These changes result in only a very small discontinuity in the data. For further information on the use of the clinical estimate of gestation see "Computer Edits for Natality Data, Effective 1993," *NCHS Instruction Manual* , Part 12, pages 34-36.

Before 1981 the period of gestation was computed only when there was a valid month, day, and year of LMP. However, length of gestation could not be determined from a substantial number of live-birth certificates each year because the day of LMP was missing. Beginning in 1981 weeks of gestation have been imputed for records with missing day of LMP when there is a valid month and year. Each such record is assigned the gestational period in weeks of the preceding record that has a complete LMP date with the same computed months of gestation and the same 500-gram birthweight interval. The effect of the imputation procedure is to increase slightly the proportion of preterm births and to lower the proportion of births at 39, 40, 41, and 42 weeks of gestation. A more complete discussion of this procedure and its implications is presented in a previous report (16).

Because of postconception bleeding or menstrual irregularities, the presumed date of LMP may be in error. In these instances the computed gestational period may be longer or shorter than the true gestational period, but the extent of such errors is unknown.

Month of pregnancy prenatal care began

For those records in which the name of the month is entered for this item, instead of first, second, third, and so forth, the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began is determined from the month named and the month last normal menses began. For these births, if the item "Date last normal menses began" is not stated, the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began is tabulated as not stated.

Number of prenatal visits

Tabulations of the number of prenatal visits were presented for the first time in 1972. Beginning in 1989 these data were collected from the birth certificates of all States. Percent distributions and the median number of prenatal visits exclude births to mothers who had no prenatal care.

Apgar score

The 1- and 5-minute Apgar scores were added to the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth in 1978 to evaluate the condition of the newborn infant at 1 and 5 minutes after birth. The Apgar score is a useful measure of the need for resuscitation and a predictor of the infant's chances of surviving the first year of life. It is a summary measure of the infant's condition based on heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, reflex irritability, and color. Each of these factors is given a score of 0, 1, or 2; the sum of these 5 values is the Apgar score, which ranges from 0 to 10. A score of 10 is optimum, and a low score raises some doubts about the survival and subsequent health of the infant. Beginning in 1995, NCHS only collected information on the 5-minute Apgar score. In 1997 the reporting area for the 5-minute Apgar score

was comprised of 48 States and the District of Columbia, accounting for 78 percent of all births in the United States. California and Texas did not have information on Apgar scores on their birth certificate.

Tobacco and alcohol use during pregnancy

The checkbox format allows for classification of a mother as a smoker or drinker during pregnancy and for reporting the average number of cigarettes smoked per day or drinks consumed per week. When smoking and/or drinking status is not reported or is inconsistent with the quantity of cigarettes or drinks reported, the status is changed to be consistent with the amount reported. For example, if the drinking status is reported as "no" but one or more average drinks a week are reported, the mother is classified as a drinker. If the number of cigarettes smoked per day is reported as one or more, the mother is considered a smoker. When one (or a fraction of one) drink a week is recorded, the mother is classified as a drinker. For records on which the number of drinks or number of cigarettes is reported as a span, for example, 10-15, the lower number is used. The number of drinkers and number of drinks reported on birth certificates are believed to underestimate actual alcohol use.

Data on tobacco use were collected by 46 States, the District of Columbia, and New York City in 1997. This reporting area accounted for 80 percent of all births in the U.S. in 1997. Information was not available for California, Indiana, South Dakota, and the remainder of New York State. Information on alcohol use was included on the certificates of 48 States and the District of Columbia, accounting for 86 percent of all U.S. births in 1997. California and South Dakota did not include items on alcohol use of their birth certificates.

Weight gained during pregnancy

Weight gain is reported in pounds. A loss of weight is reported as zero gain. Computations of median weight gain were based on ungrouped data. This item was included on the certificates of 49 States and the District of Columbia; California did not report this information. This reporting area excluding California accounted for 86 percent of all births in the United States in 1997.

Medical risk factors for this pregnancy

In 1997 an item on medical risk factors was included on the birth certificates of all States and the District of Columbia, but 3 States did not report all of the 16 risk factors. Alabama did not report renal disease, Texas did not report genital herpes or uterine bleeding, and Kansas did not report Rh sensitization.

The format allows for the designation of more than one risk factor and includes a choice of "None." Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as "Not stated."

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (17).

Definitions of medical terms

Anemia--Hemoglobin level of less than 10.0 g/dL during pregnancy or a hematocrit of less than 30 percent during pregnancy.

Cardiac disease--Disease of the heart.

Acute or chronic lung disease--Disease of the lungs during pregnancy.

Diabetes--Metabolic disorder characterized by excessive discharge of urine and persistent thirst; includes juvenile onset, adult onset, and gestational diabetes during pregnancy.

Genital herpes--Infection of the skin of the genital area by herpes simplex virus.

Hydramnios/oligohydramnios--Any noticeable excess (hydramnios) or lack (oligohydramnios) of amniotic fluid.

Hemoglobinopathy--A blood disorder caused by alteration in the genetically determined molecular structure of hemoglobin (for example, sickle cell anemia).

Hypertension, chronic--Blood pressure persistently greater than 140/90, diagnosed prior to onset of pregnancy or before the 20th week of gestation.

Hypertension, pregnancy-associated--An increase in blood pressure of at least 30 mm Hg systolic or 15 mm Hg diastolic on two measurements taken 6 hours apart after the 20th week of gestation.

Eclampsia--The occurrence of convulsions and/or coma unrelated to other cerebral conditions in women with signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia.

Incompetent cervix--Characterized by painless dilation of the cervix in the second trimester or early in the third trimester of pregnancy, with prolapse of membranes through the cervix and ballooning
of the membranes into the vagina, followed by rupture of membranes and subsequent expulsion of the fetus.

Previous infant 4,000+ grams--The birthweight of a previous live-born child was over 4,000 grams (8 lbs 13 oz). Previous preterm or small-for-gestational-age infant--Previous birth of an infant prior to term (before 37 completed weeks of gestation) or of an infant weighing less than the 10th percentile for gestational age using a standard weight-for-age chart.

Renal disease--Kidney disease.

Rh sensitization--The process or state of becoming sensitized to the Rh factor as when an Rh-negative woman is pregnant with an Rh-positive fetus.

Uterine bleeding--Any clinically significant bleeding during the pregnancy, taking into consideration the stage of pregnancy; any second or third trimester bleeding of the uterus prior to the onset of labor.

Obstetric procedures

This item includes six specific obstetric procedures. Birth records with "Obstetric procedures" left blank are considered "not stated." Data on obstetric procedures were reported by all States and the District of Columbia in 1997.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials for the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS), formerly the Association for Vital Records and Health Statistics (17).

Definitions of medical terms

Amniocentesis--Surgical transabdominal perforation of the uterus to obtain amniotic fluid to be used in the detection of genetic disorders, fetal abnormalities, and fetal lung maturity.

Electronic fetal monitoring--Monitoring with external devices applied to the maternal abdomen or with internal devices with an electrode attached to the fetal scalp and a catheter through the cervix into the uterus, to detect and record fetal heart tones and uterine contractions.

Induction of labor--The initiation of uterine contractions before the spontaneous onset of labor by medical and/or surgical means for the purpose of delivery.

Stimulation of labor--Augmentation of previously established labor by use of oxytocin.

Tocolysis--Use of medications to inhibit preterm uterine contractions to extend the length of pregnancy and therefore avoid a preterm birth.

Ultrasound--Visualization of the fetus and placenta by means of sound waves.

Complications of labor and/or delivery

The checkbox format allows for the selection of 15 specific complications and for the designation of more than 1 complication where appropriate. A choice of "None" is also included. Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as "not stated."

All States and the District of Columbia included this item on their birth certificates in 1997. However, Texas did not report all of the complications. Texas did not report genital herpes and uterine bleeding.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials. (17).

Definitions of medical terms

Febrile--A fever greater than 100 degrees F. or 38 C. occurring during labor and/or delivery.

Meconium, moderate/heavy--Meconium consists of undigested debris from swallowed amniotic fluid, various products of secretion, excretion, and shedding by the gastrointestinal tract; moderate to heavy amounts of meconium in the amniotic fluid noted during labor and/or delivery.

Premature rupture of membranes (more than 12 hours)--Rupture of the membranes at any time during pregnancy and more than 12 hours before the onset of labor.

Abruptio placenta--Premature separation of a normally implanted placenta from the uterus.

Placenta previa--Implantation of the placenta over or near the internal opening of the cervix.

Other excessive bleeding--The loss of a significant amount of blood from conditions other than abruptio placenta or placenta previa.

Seizures during labor--Maternal seizures occurring during labor from any cause.

Precipitous labor (less than 3 hours)--Extremely rapid labor and delivery lasting less than 3 hours.

Prolonged labor (more than 20 hours)--Abnormally slow progress of labor lasting more than 20 hours.

Dysfunctional labor--Failure to progress in a normal pattern of labor.

Breech/malpresentation--At birth, the presentation of the fetal buttocks rather than the head, or other malpresentation.

Cephalopelvic disproportion--The relationship of the size, presentation, and position of the fetal head to the maternal pelvis prevents dilation of the cervix and/or descent of the fetal head.

Cord prolapse--Premature expulsion of the umbilical cord in labor before the fetus is delivered.

Anesthetic complications--Any complication during labor and/or delivery brought on by an anesthetic agent or agents.

Fetal distress--Signs indicating fetal hypoxia (deficiency in amount of oxygen reaching fetal tissues).

Abnormal conditions of the newborn

This item provides information on eight specific abnormal conditions. More than one abnormal condition may be reported for a given birth or ``None" may be selected. If the item is not completed it is tabulated as ``not stated." This item was included on the birth certificates of all States and the District of Columbia in 1997. However, four areas did not include all conditions. Nebraska and Texas did not report birth injury, New York City did not report assisted ventilation less than 30 minutes or assisted ventilation of 30 minutes or more, and Wisconsin did not report fetal alcohol syndrome.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics. (17).

Definitions of medical terms

Anemia--Hemoglobin level of less than 13.0 g/dL or a hematocrit of less than 39 percent.

Birth injury--Impairment of the infant's body function or structure due to adverse influences that occurred at birth.

Fetal alcohol syndrome--A syndrome of altered prenatal growth and development occurring in infants born of women who consumed excessive amounts of alcohol during pregnancy.

Hyaline membrane disease/RDS--A disorder primarily of prematurity, manifested clinically by respiratory distress and pathologically by pulmonary hyaline membranes and incomplete expansion
of the lungs at birth.

Meconium aspiration syndrome--Aspiration of meconium by the fetus or newborn, affecting the lower respiratory system.

Assisted ventilation (less than 30 minutes)--A mechanical method of assisting respiration for newborns with respiratory failure.

Assisted ventilation (30 minutes or more)--Newborn placed on assisted ventilation for 30 minutes or longer.

Seizures--A seizure of any etiology.

Congenital anomalies of child

The data provided in this item relate to 21 specific anomalies or anomaly groups. It is well documented that congenital anomalies, except for the most visible and most severe, are incompletely reported on birth certificates. The

completeness of reporting specific anomalies depends on how easily they are recognized in the short time between birth and birth-registration. Forty-nine States and the District of Columbia included this item on their birth certificates (New Mexico did not). This reporting area included 99 percent of all births in the United States in 1997. The format allows for the identification of more than one anomaly including a choice of "None" should no anomalies be evident. The category "not stated" includes birth records for which the item is not completed.

The following definitions are adapted and abbreviated from a set of definitions compiled by a committee of Federal and State health statistics officials. (17).

Definitions of medical terms

Anencephalus--Absence of the cerebral hemispheres.

Spina bifida/meningocele--Developmental anomaly characterized by defective closure of the bony encasement of the spinal cord, through which the cord and meninges may or may not protrude.

Hydrocephalus--Excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the ventricles of the brain with consequent enlargement of the cranium.

Microcephalus--A significantly small head.

Other central nervous system anomalies--Other specified anomalies of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system.

Heart malformations--Congenital anomalies of the heart.

Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies--Other specified anomalies of the circulatory and respiratory systems.

Rectal atresia/stenosis--Congenital absence, closure, or narrowing of the rectum.

Tracheo-esophageal fistula/Esophageal atresia--An abnormal passage between the trachea and the esophagus; esophageal atresia is the congenital absence or closure of the esophagus.

Omphalocele/gastroschisis--An omphalocele is a protrusion of variable amounts of abdominal viscera from a midline defect at the base of the umbilicus. In gastroschisis, the abdominal viscera protrude through an abdominal wall defect, usually on the right side of the umbilical cord insertion.

Other gastrointestinal anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the gastrointestinal system.

Malformed genitalia--Congenital anomalies of the reproductive organs.

Renal agenesis--One or both kidneys are completely absent.

Other urogenital anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the organs concerned in the production and excretion of urine, together with organs of reproduction.

Cleft lip/palate--Cleft lip is a fissure of elongated opening of the lip; cleft palate is a fissure in the roof of the mouth. These are failures of embryonic development.

Polydactyly/syndactyly/adactyly--Polydactyly is the presence of more than five digits on either hands and/or feet; syndactyly is having fused or webbed fingers and/or toes; adactyly is the absence of fingers and/or toes.

Club foot--Deformities of the foot, which is twisted out of shape or position.

Diaphragmatic hernia-- Herniation of the abdominal contents through the diaphragm into the thoracic cavity usually resulting in respiratory distress.

Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies--Other specified congenital anomalies of the muscles, skeleton, or skin.

Down's syndrome--The most common chromosomal defect with most cases resulting from an extra chromosome (trisomy 21).

Other chromosomal anomalies--All other chromosomal aberrations.

Method of delivery

The birth certificate contains a checkbox item on method of delivery. The choices include vaginal delivery, with the additional options of forceps, vacuum, and vaginal birth after previous cesarean section (VBAC), as well as a choice of primary or repeat cesarean. When only forceps, vacuum, or VBAC is checked, a vaginal birth is assumed. In 1997 this information was collected from the birth certificates of all States and the District of Columbia.

Several rates are computed for method of delivery. The overall cesarean section rate or total cesarean rate is computed as the proportion of all births that were delivered by cesarean section. The primary cesarean rate is a measure that relates the number of women having a primary cesarean birth to all women giving birth who have never had a cesarean delivery. The denominator for this rate is the sum of women with a vaginal birth excluding VBACs and women

with a primary cesarean birth. The rate for vaginal birth after previous cesarean (VBAC) delivery is computed by relating all VBAC deliveries to the sum of VBAC and repeat cesarean deliveries, that is, to women with a previous cesarean section. VBAC rates for first births exist because the rates are computed on the basis of previous pregnancies, not just live births.

Hispanic parentage

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Births includes items to identify the Hispanic origin of the parents. Concurrent with the 1978 revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth, NCHS recommended that items to identify the Hispanic or ethnic origin of the newborn's parents be included on birth certificates and has tabulated and evaluated these data from the reporting States. All 50 States and the District of Columbia reported Hispanic origin of the parents for 1997. In 1989 Louisiana, New Hampshire, and Oklahoma did not report this information; in 1990 New Hampshire and Oklahoma did not report, and in 1991-92 New Hampshire did not report Hispanic origin.

In computing birth and fertility rates for the Hispanic population, births with origin of mother not stated are included with non-Hispanic births rather than being distributed. Thus, rates for the Hispanic population are underestimates of the true rates to the extent that the births with origin of mother not stated (1.4 percent in 1997) were actually to Hispanic mothers. The population with origin not stated was imputed. The effect on the rates is believed to be small.

Quality of data

Although vital statistics data are useful for a variety of administrative and scientific purposes, they cannot be correctly interpreted unless various qualifying factors and methods of classification are taken into account. The factors to be considered depend on the specific purposes for which the data are to be used. It is not feasible to discuss all the pertinent factors in the use of vital statistics tabulations, but some of the more important ones should be mentioned.

Most of the factors limiting the use of data arise from imperfections in the original records or from the impracticability of tabulating these data in very detailed categories. These limitations should not be ignored, but their existence does not lessen the value of the data for most general purposes.

Completeness of registration

An estimated 99 percent of all births occurring in the United States in 1997 were registered; for white births registration was 99.4 percent complete and for all other births, 98.6 percent complete. These estimates are based on the results of the 1964-68 test of birth-registration completeness according to place of delivery (in or out of hospital) and race and on the 1989 proportions of births in these categories. The primary purpose of the test was to obtain current measures of registration completeness for births in and out of hospital by race on a national basis. Data for States were not available as they had been from the previous birth-registration tests in 1940 and 1950. A detailed discussion of the method and results of the 1964-68 birth-registration test is available (18).

The 1964-68 test has provided an opportunity to revise the estimates of birth-registration completeness for the years since the previous test in 1950 to reflect the improvement in registration. This has been done using registration completeness figures from the two tests by place of delivery and race. Estimates of registration completeness for four groups (based on place of delivery and race) for 1951-65 were computed by interpolation between the test results. (It was assumed that the data from the more recent test are for 1966, the midpoint of the test period.) The results of the 1964-68 test are assumed to prevail for 1966 and later years. These estimates were used with the proportions of births registered in these categories to obtain revised numbers of births adjusted for underregistration for each year. The overall percent of birth-registration completeness by race was then computed. Data adjusted for underregistration for 1951-59 have been revised to be consistent with the 1964-68 test results and differ slightly from data shown in annual reports for years before 1969. For these years the published number of births and birth rates for both racial groups have been revised slightly downward because the 1964-68 test indicated that previous adjustments to registered births were slightly inflated. Because registration completeness figures by age of mother and by live-birth order are not available from the 1964-68 test, it must be assumed that the relationships among these variables have not changed since 1950.

Discontinuation of adjustment for underregistration, 1960--Adjustment for underregistration of births was discontinued in 1960 when birth registration for the United States was estimated to be 99.1 percent complete. This removed a bias introduced into age-specific rates when adjusted births classified by age were used. Age-specific rates are calculated by dividing the number of births to an age group of mothers by the population of women in that age group. Tests have shown that population figures are likely to be understated through census undercounts; these errors compensate for underregistration of births. Adjustment for underregistration of births, therefore, removes the compensating effect of underenumeration, biasing the age-specific rates more than when uncorrected birth and population data are used. (For further details see page 4-11 in the Technical Appendix of volume I, Vital Statistics of the United States, 1963.)

The age-specific rates used in the cohort fertility tables are an exception to the above statement. These rates are computed from births corrected for underregistration and population estimates adjusted for underenumeration and misstatement of age. Adjusted birth and population estimates are used for the cohort rates because they are an integral part of a series of rates, estimated with a consistent methodology. It was considered desirable to maintain consistency with respect to the cohort rates, even though it means that they will not be precisely comparable with other rates shown for 5-year age groups.

Completeness of reporting

Interpretation of these data must include evaluation of item completeness. The percent "not stated" is one measure of the quality of the data. Completeness of reporting varies among items and States. See table A for the percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated.

Quality control procedures

States in the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program are required to have an error rate of less than 2.0 percent for each item for 3 consecutive data months during the initial qualifying period. Once a State is qualified, NCHS monitors the quality of data received. This was achieved through independent verification of a sample of records for some States as well as comparing the State data with data from previous years. In addition, there is verification at the State level before NCHS is sent the data.

After the coding is completed, counts of the taped records are balanced against control totals for each shipment of records from a registration area. Impossible codes are eliminated during the editing processes on the computer and corrected on the basis of reference to the source record or adjusted by arbitrary code assignment. All subsequent operations involved in tabulation and table preparation are verified during computer processing or by statistical clerks.

Small frequencies

The numbers of births reported for an area represent complete counts. As such, they are not subject to sampling error, although they are subject to errors in the registration process. However, when the figures are used for analytical purposes, such as the comparison of rates over a period of time or for different areas, the number of events that actually occurred may be considered as one of a large series of possible results that could have arisen under the same circumstances. The probable range of values may be estimated from the actual figures according to certain statistical assumptions.

In general, distributions of vital events may be assumed to follow the binomial distribution. Estimates of standard errors and tests of significance under this assumption are described in most standard statistics texts. When the number of events is large, the relative standard error, expressed as a percent of the number or rate, is usually small.

When the number of events is small (fewer than 100) and the probability of such an event is small, considerable caution must be observed in interpreting the conditions described by the figures.

Events of rare nature may be assumed to follow a Poisson probability distribution. For this distribution, a simple approximation may be used to estimate the error as follows:

If N is the number of births and R is the corresponding rate, the chances are 19 in 20 that

1. The “true” number of events lies between

$$N - 2\sqrt{N} \text{ and } N + 2\sqrt{N}$$

2. The “true” rate lies between

$$R - 2\frac{R}{\sqrt{N}} \text{ and } R + 2\frac{R}{\sqrt{N}}$$

If the rate R1 corresponding to N1 events is compared with the rate R2 corresponding to N2 events, the difference between the two rates may be regarded as statistically significant if it exceeds

$$2\sqrt{\frac{R_1^2}{N_1} + \frac{R_2^2}{N_2}}$$

For example, suppose that the observed birth rate for area A was 15.0 per 1,000 population and that this rate was based on 50 recorded births. Given prevailing conditions, the chances are 19 in 20 that the ``true'' or underlying birth rate for that area lies between 10.8 and 19.2 per 1,000 population. Let it be further supposed that the birth rate for area A of 15.0 per 1,000 population is being compared with a rate of 20.0 per 1,000 population for area B, which is based on 40 recorded births. Although the difference between the rates for the two areas is 5.0, this difference is less than twice the standard error of the difference

$$2\sqrt{\frac{(15.0)^2}{50} + \frac{(20.0)^2}{40}}$$

of the two rates that is computed to be 7.6. From this, it is concluded that the difference between the rates for the two areas is not statistically significant.

Computation of rates and other measures

Population bases

The rates shown in this report were computed on the basis of population statistics prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Rates for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990 are based on the population enumerated as of April 1 in the censuses of those years. Rates for all other years are based on the estimated midyear (July 1) population for the respective years. Birth rates for the United States, individual States, and metropolitan areas are based on the total resident populations of the respective areas. Except as noted these populations exclude the Armed Forces abroad but include the Armed Forces stationed in each area.

The resident population of the birth- and death-registration States for 1900-32 and for the United States for 1900-97 is shown in table 4-1. In addition, the population including Armed Forces abroad is shown for the United States. Table C shows the sources for these populations.

In both the 1980 and 1990 censuses, a substantial number of persons did not specify a racial group that could be classified as any of the White, Black, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, Asian, or Pacific Islander categories on the census form (19). In 1980 the number of persons of "other" race was 6,758,319; in 1990 it was 9,804,847. In both censuses, the large majority of these persons were of Hispanic origin (based on response to a separate question on the form), and many wrote in their Hispanic origin, or Hispanic origin type (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican) as their race. In both 1980 and 1990, persons of unspecified race were allocated to one of the four tabulated racial groups (white, black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander), based on their response to the Hispanic origin question. These four race categories conform with the 1979 edition of OMB Directive 15 which mandates that race data must contain at least these 4 categories. These categories are also more consistent with the race categories in vital statistics.

In the allocation of unspecified race was carried out using cross-tabulations of age, sex, race, type of Hispanic origin, and county of residence. Persons of Hispanic origin and unspecified race were allocated to either white or black, based on their Hispanic origin type. Persons of "other" race and Mexican origin were categorically assumed to be white, while persons in other Hispanic categories were distributed to white and black pro rata within the county-age-sex group. For "other-not-specified" persons who were not Hispanic, race was allocated to white, black, or Asian and Pacific Islander, based on proportions gleaned from sample data. The 20-percent sample (respondents who were enumerated on the longer census form) provided a highly detailed coding of race, which allowed identification of otherwise unidentifiable responses with a specified race category. Allocation proportions were thus established at the State level, which were used to distribute the non-Hispanic persons of "other" race in the 100-percent tabulations.

In 1990 the race modification procedure was carried out using individual census records. Persons whose race could not be specified were assigned to a racial category using a pool of "race donors," which was derived from persons of specified race and the identical response to the Hispanic origin question within the auspices of the same Census District Office. As in 1980, the underlying assumption was that the Hispanic origin response was the major criterion for allocating race. Unlike 1980, persons of Hispanic origin, including Mexican, could be assigned to any racial group, rather than white or black only, and the non-Hispanic component of "other" race was allocated primarily on the basis of geography (District Office), rather than detailed characteristic.

The means by which respondent's age was determined were fundamentally different in the two censuses; therefore, the problems that necessitated the modification were different. In 1980 respondents reported year of birth and quarter of birth (within year) on the census form. When census results were tabulated, persons born in the first quarter of the year (before April 1) had age equal to 1980 minus year of birth, while persons born in the last three quarters had age equal to 1979 minus year of birth.

In 1990 the quarter year of birth was not reported on the census form, so that direct determination of age from year of birth was impossible. In 1990 census publications age is based on respondents' direct reports of age at last birthday. This definition proved inadequate for postcensal estimates, because it was apparent that many respondents had reported their age at time of either completion of the census form or interview by an enumerator, which could occur several months after the April 1 reference data. As a result, age was biased upward. Modification was based on a respecification of age, for most individual respondents, by year of birth, with allocation to first quarter (persons aged 1990 minus year of birth) and last three quarters (aged 1989 minus year of birth) based on a historical series of registered births by

month. This process partially restored the 1980 logic for assignment of age. It was not considered necessary to correct for age overstatement and heaping in 1990, because the availability of age and year of birth on the census form provided elimination of spurious year-of-birth reports in the census data before modification occurred.

Populations for 1997--The population of the United States by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin is shown in the Census Bureau report United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1997. PPL-91R.U.S. Bureau of the Census. Rounded populations are consistent with U.S. Bureau of the Census file NESTV97. Washington: U.S. Department of Commerce. 1998.

Populations for 1996--The population of the United States by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin is shown in the Census Bureau report, United States population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1996. U.S. Bureau of the Census. PPL-57. Washington: U.S. Department of Commerce. 1997.

Populations for 1995--The population of the United States by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin is shown in the Census Bureau report, United States population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1995. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Census file RESDO795, PPL-41. Washington: U.S. Department of Commerce. 1996.

Populations for 1994--The population of the United States by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin is shown in the Census Bureau report, United States population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1994. U.S. Bureau of the Census. PPL-21. Washington: U.S. Department of Commerce. 1995.

Populations for 1993--The population of the United States by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin is tabulated from Census file RESO793.

Populations for 1992--The population of the United States by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin is tabulated from census file RESPO792.

Populations for 1991--The population of the United States by age, race, and sex is shown in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1095. Monthly population figures were published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1097.

Populations for 1990--The population of the United States by age, race, and sex, and the population for each State is shown *in Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1095. The figures have been modified as described above. Monthly population figures were published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1094.

Population estimates for 1981-89--Birth rates for 1981-89 (except those for cohorts of women) have been revised, based on revised population estimates that are consistent with the 1990 census levels, and thus may differ from rates published in volumes of *Vital Statistics of the United States* for these years. The 1990 census counted approximately 1.5 million fewer persons than had earlier been estimated for April 1, 1990. The revised estimates for the United States by age, race, and sex were published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1095. Population estimates by month are based on data published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 1094 and unpublished data. Unpublished revised estimates for States were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Populations for 1980--The population of the United States by age, race, and sex, and the population for each State are shown in tables 4-2 and 4-3 of volume I, *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1980. The figures by race have been modified as described above. Monthly population figures were published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 899.

Population estimates for 1971-79--Birth rates for 1971-79 (except those for cohorts of women) have been revised, based on revised population estimates that are consistent with the 1980 census levels, and thus may differ from rates published in volumes of *Vital Statistics of the United States* for these years. The 1980 census counted approximately 5.5 million more persons than had earlier been estimated for April 1, 1980 (17). The revised estimates for the United States by age, race, and sex were published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 917. Population estimates by month are based on data published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 899. Unpublished revised estimates for States were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Population estimates for 1961-69--Birth rates for 1961-69 are based on revised estimates of the population and thus may differ slightly from rates published before 1976. The revised estimates used in computing these rates were published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 519. The rates for 1961-64 are based on revised estimates of the population published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Numbers 321 and 324 and may differ slightly from rates published in those years.

Population estimates for 1951-59--Final intercensal estimates of the population by age, race, and sex and total population by State for 1951-59 are shown in tables 4-4 and 4-5 of volume I, *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1966. Beginning with 1963 these final estimates have been used to compute birth rates for 1951-59 in all issues of *Vital Statistics of the United States*.

Net census undercounts and overcounts

The U.S. Bureau of the Census has conducted extensive research to evaluate the coverage of the U.S. population (including undercount, overcount, and misstatement of age, race, and sex) in the last five decennial censuses 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990. These studies provide estimates of the national population, that were not enumerated or overenumerated in the respective censuses, by age, race, and sex (20-22). The report for 1990 (23) includes estimates of net underenumeration and overenumeration for age, sex, and racial subgroups of the national population, modified for race consistency with previous population counts as described in the section ``Population bases."

These studies indicate that there are differential coverages in the censuses among the population subgroups; that is, some age, race, and sex groups are more completely enumerated than others. To the extent that these estimates of overcounts or undercounts are valid, that they are substantial, and that they vary among subgroups and geographic areas, census miscounts can have consequences for vital statistics measures (21). However, the effects of undercounts in the census are reduced to the extent that there is underregistration of births. If these two factors are of equal magnitude, rates based on unadjusted populations are more accurate than those based on adjusted populations because the births have not been adjusted for underregistration.

The impact of net census miscounts on vital statistics measures includes the effects on levels of the rates and effects on differentials among groups.

If adjustments were made for persons who were not counted in the census of population, the size of the denominators would generally increase and the rates would be smaller than without an adjustment. Adjusted rates for 1990 can be computed by multiplying the reported rates by ratios of the 1990 census-level population adjusted for the estimated net census miscounts, which are shown in table D. A ratio of less than 1.0 indicates a net census undercount and would result in a corresponding decrease in the rate. A ratio in excess of 1.0 indicates a net census overcount and would result in a corresponding increase in the rate.

Enumeration of white females in the childbearing ages was at least 97 percent complete for all ages. Among black women, the undercount ranged up to 5 percent. Generally, females in the childbearing ages were more completely enumerated than males for similar race-age groups.

If vital statistics measures were calculated with adjustments for net census miscounts for each of these subgroups, the resulting rates would have been differentially changed from their original levels; that is, rates for those groups with the greatest estimated overcounts or undercounts would show the greatest relative changes due to these adjustments. Thus the racial differential in fertility between the white and the ``All other" population can be affected by such adjustments.

Cohort fertility tables

The various fertility measures shown for cohorts of women are computed from births adjusted for underregistration and population estimates corrected for underenumeration and misstatement of age. Data published after 1974 use revised population estimates prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and have been expanded to include data for the two major racial groups. Heuser has prepared a detailed description of the methods used in deriving these measures as well as more detailed data for earlier years (24).

Parity distribution--The percent distribution of women by parity (number of children ever born alive to mother) is derived from cumulative birth rates by order of birth. The percent of zero-parity women is found by subtracting the cumulative first birth rate from 1,000 and dividing by 10. The proportions of women at parities one through six are found from the following formula:

$$\text{Percent at N parity} = (\text{(cum. rate, order N)} - \text{(cum. rate, order N + 1)})/10$$

The percent of women at seventh and higher parities is found by dividing the cumulative rate for seventh-order births by 10.

Birth probabilities--birth probabilities indicate the likelihood that a woman of a certain parity and age at the beginning of the year will have a child during the year. Birth probabilities differ from central birth rates in that the denominator for birth probabilities is specific for parity as well as for age.

Age-sex-adjusted birth rates

The age-sex-adjusted birth rates are computed by the direct method. The age distribution of women aged 10-49 years as enumerated in 1940 and the total population of the United States for that year are used as the standard populations. The age-sex-adjusted birth rates show differences in the level of fertility independent of differences in the age and sex composition of the population. It is important not to confuse these adjusted rates with the crude rates shown in other tables.

Total fertility rate

The total fertility rate is the sum of the birth rates by age of mother (in 5-year age groups) multiplied by 5. It is an age-adjusted rate because it is based on the assumption that there are the same number of women in each age group. The rate of 2,032.5 in 1997, for example, means that if a hypothetical group of 1,000 women were to have the same birth rates in each age group that were observed in the actual childbearing population in 1997, they would have a total of 2,032.5 children by the time they reached the end of the reproductive period (taken here to be age 50 years), assuming that all of the women survived to that age.

Intrinsic vital rates

The intrinsic vital rates are calculated from a stable population. A stable population is that hypothetical population, closed to external migration, that would become fixed in age-sex structure after repeated applications of a constant set of age-sex specific birth and death rates. For the mathematical derivation of intrinsic vital rates, see pages 4-13 and 4-14 in the Technical Appendix of volume I, Vital Statistics of the United States, 1962. The technique of calculating intrinsic vital rates is described by Barclay (25).

Seasonal adjustment of rates

The seasonally adjusted birth and fertility rates are computed from the X-11 variant of Census Method II (26). This method of seasonal adjustment used since 1964 differs slightly from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Seasonal Factor Method, which was used for Vital Statistics of the United States, 1964. The fundamental technique is the same in that it is an adaptation of the ratio-to-moving-average method. Before 1964 the method of seasonal adjustment was based on the X-9 variant and other variants of Census Method II. A comparison of the Census Method II with the BLS Seasonal Factor Method shows the differences in the seasonal patterns of births to be negligible.

Computation of percents, medians, and means

Percent distributions, medians, and means are computed using only events for which the characteristic is reported. The “Not stated” category is subtracted from the total before computation of these measures. The asterisk (*) indicates that the numerator and/or denominator number is less than 20.

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U.S. STANDARD

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

LOCAL FILE NUMBER

BIRTH NUMBER

CHILD

1. CHILD'S NAME *(First, Middle, Last)*
2. DATE OF BIRTH *(Month, Day, Year)*
3. TIME OF BIRTH M
4. SEX
5. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF BIRTH
6. COUNTY OF BIRTH
7. PLACE OF BIRTH: ☐ Hospital ☐ Freestanding Birthing Center ☐ Clinic/Doctor's Office ☐ Residence ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____
8. FACILITY NAME *(If not institution, give street and number)*

CERTIFIER/ ATTENDANT

9. I certify that this child was born alive at the place and time and on the date stated. *Signature* ▶
10. DATE SIGNED *(Month, Day, Year)*
11. ATTENDANT'S NAME AND TITLE *(If other than certifier) (Type/Print)* Name _____ ☐ M.D ☐ D O ☐ C N M ☐ Other Midwife ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____
12. CERTIFIER'S NAME AND TITLE *(Type/Print)* Name _____ ☐ M.D. ☐ D.O. ☐ Hospital Admin. ☐ C.N.M. ☐ Other Midwife ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____
13. ATTENDANT'S MAILING ADDRESS *(Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code)*

DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE Enter State File Number of death certificate for this child

14. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE ▶
15. DATE FILED BY REGISTRAR *(Month, Day, Year)*

MOTHER

16a. MOTHER'S NAME *(First, Middle, Last)*
16b. MAIDEN SURNAME
17. DATE OF BIRTH *(Month, Day, Year)*
18. BIRTHPLACE *(State or Foreign Country)*
19a. RESIDENCE—STATE
19b. COUNTY
19c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
19d. STREET AND NUMBER
19e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? *(Yes or no)*
20. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS *(If same as residence, enter Zip Code only)*

FATHER

21. FATHER'S NAME *(First, Middle, Last)*
22. DATE OF BIRTH *(Month, Day, Year)*
23. BIRTHPLACE *(State or Foreign Country)*

INFORMANT

24. I certify that the personal information provided on this certificate is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. *Signature of Parent or Other Informant* ▶

INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH USE ONLY

25. OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Specify No or Yes—If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)	26. RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. *(Specify below)*	27. EDUCATION *(Specify only highest grade completed)* Elementary/Secondary (0-12) | College (1-4 or 5+)
MOTHER 25a. ☐ No ☐ Yes Specify:	26a.	27a.
FATHER 25b. No ☐ Yes Specify:	26b.	27b.

28. PREGNANCY HISTORY *(Complete each section)*	29. MOTHER MARRIED? (At birth, conception, or any time between) *(Yes or no)*	30. DATE LAST NORMAL MENSES BEGAN *(Month, Day, Year)*
LIVE BIRTHS *(Do not include this child)* 28a. Now Living Number _____ ☐ None; 28b. Now Dead Number _____ ☐ None	OTHER TERMINATIONS *(Spontaneous and induced at any time after conception)* 28d. Number _____ ☐ None	31. MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN—First, Second, Third, etc. *(Specify)*
		32. PRENATAL VISITS—Total Number *(If none, so state)*
		33. BIRTH WEIGHT *(Specify unit)*
		34. CLINICAL ESTIMATE OF GESTATION *(Weeks)*
28c. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH *(Month, Year)*	28e. DATE OF LAST OTHER TERMINATION *(Month, Year)*	35a. PLURALITY—Single, Twin, Triplet, etc. *(Specify)*
		35b. IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH—Born First, Second, Third, etc. *(Specify)*

MULTIPLE BIRTHS Enter State File Number for Mate(s) LIVE BIRTH(S)

FETAL DEATH(S)

36. APGAR SCORE	37a. MOTHER TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO DELIVERY? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, enter name of facility transferred **from:**
36a. 1 Minute; 36b. 5 Minutes	37b. INFANT TRANSFERRED? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, enter name of facility transferred **to:**

38a. MEDICAL RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY
(Check all that apply)

- Anemia (Hct. < 30/Hgb. < 10) ... 01 ☐
- Cardiac disease ... 02 ☐
- Acute or chronic lung disease ... 03 ☐
- Diabetes ... 04 ☐
- Genital herpes ... 05 ☐
- Hydramnios/Oligohydramnios ... 06 ☐
- Hemoglobinopathy ... 07 ☐
- Hypertension, chronic ... 08 ☐
- Hypertension, pregnancy-associated ... 09 ☐
- Eclampsia ... 10 ☐
- Incompetent cervix ... 11 ☐
- Previous infant 4000 + grams ... 12 ☐
- Previous preterm or small-for-gestational-age infant ... 13 ☐
- Renal disease ... 14 ☐
- Rh sensitization ... 15 ☐
- Uterine bleeding ... 16 ☐
- None ... 00 ☐
- Other _____ 17 ☐
  (Specify)

38b. OTHER RISK FACTORS FOR THIS PREGNANCY
(Complete all items)

- Tobacco use during pregnancy ... Yes ☐ No ☐
  Average number cigarettes per day _____
- Alcohol use during pregnancy ... Yes ☐ No ☐
  Average number drinks per week _____
- Weight gained during pregnancy _____ lbs.

39. OBSTETRIC PROCEDURES
(Check all that apply)

- Amniocentesis ... 01 ☐
- Electronic fetal monitoring ... 02 ☐
- Induction of labor ... 03 ☐
- Stimulation of labor ... 04 ☐
- Tocolysis ... 05 ☐
- Ultrasound ... 06 ☐
- None ... 00 ☐
- Other _____ 07 ☐
  (Specify)

40. COMPLICATIONS OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY
(Check all that apply)

- Febrile (> 100 °F. or 38 °C.) ... 01 ☐
- Meconium, moderate/heavy ... 02 ☐
- Premature rupture of membrane (> 12 hours) ... 03 ☐
- Abruptio placenta ... 04 ☐
- Placenta previa ... 05 ☐
- Other excessive bleeding ... 06 ☐
- Seizures during labor ... 07 ☐
- Precipitous labor (< 3 hours) ... 08 ☐
- Prolonged labor (> 20 hours) ... 09 ☐
- Dysfunctional labor ... 10 ☐
- Breech/Malpresentation ... 11 ☐
- Cephalopelvic disproportion ... 12 ☐
- Cord prolapse ... 13 ☐
- Anesthetic complications ... 14 ☐
- Fetal distress ... 15 ☐
- None ... 00 ☐
- Other _____ 16 ☐
  (Specify)

41. METHOD OF DELIVERY *(Check all that apply)*

- Vaginal ... 01 ☐
- Vaginal birth after previous C-section ... 02 ☐
- Primary C-section ... 03 ☐
- Repeat C-section ... 04 ☐
- Forceps ... 05 ☐
- Vacuum ... 06 ☐

42. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN
(Check all that apply)

- Anemia (Hct. < 39/Hgb. < 13) ... 01 ☐
- Birth injury ... 02 ☐
- Fetal alcohol syndrome ... 03 ☐
- Hyaline membrane disease/RDS ... 04 ☐
- Meconium aspiration syndrome ... 05 ☐
- Assisted ventilation < 30 min ... 06 ☐
- Assisted ventilation ≥ 30 min ... 07 ☐
- Seizures ... 08 ☐
- None ... 00 ☐
- Other _____ 09 ☐
  (Specify)

43. CONGENITAL ANOMALIES OF CHILD
(Check all that apply)

- Anencephalus ... 01 ☐
- Spina bifida/Meningocele ... 02 ☐
- Hydrocephalus ... 03 ☐
- Microcephalus ... 04 ☐
- Other central nervous system anomalies
  (Specify) _____ 05 ☐
- Heart malformations ... 06 ☐
- Other circulatory/respiratory anomalies
  (Specify) _____ 07 ☐
- Rectal atresia/stenosis ... 08 ☐
- Tracheo-esophageal fistula/ Esophageal atresia ... 09 ☐
- *Omphalocele*/ Gastroschisis ... 10 ☐
- Other gastrointestinal anomalies
  (Specify) _____ 11 ☐
- Malformed genitalia ... 12 ☐
- Renal agenesis ... 13 ☐
- Other urogenital anomalies
  (Specify) _____ 14 ☐
- Cleft lip/palate ... 15 ☐
- Polydactyly/Syndactyly/Adactyly 16 ☐
- Club foot ... 17 ☐
- Diaphragmatic hernia ... 18 ☐
- Other musculoskeletal/integumental anomalies
  (Specify) _____ 19 ☐
- Down's syndrome ... 20 ☐
- *Other chromosomal anomalies*
  (Specify) _____ 21 ☐
- None ... 00 ☐
- Other _____ 22 ☐
  (Specify)

Table A. Percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated: United States and each State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa: 1997

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[By place of residence]

Area	Number of births	Place of birth	Attendant at birth	Mother's birth-place	Father's age	Father's race	Hispanic Origin		Educational attainment Mother	Live-birth order	Length of Gestation	Month prenatal care began	Number of prenatal visits
							Mother	Father					
Total of reporting areas 1/	3,880,894	0.0	0.0	0.2	14.5	14.9	1.4	15.6	1.5	0.5	1.0	2.6	3.4
Alabama	60,914	-	0.0	0.1	24.7	24.8	.0	24.7	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9
Alaska	9,947	.0	.0	.1	14.1	16.0	.2	14.7	1.0	.1	.1	1.5	1.0
Arizona	75,699	.0	.1	.3	21.6	23.7	1.3	24.1	2.1	.3	.2	1.3	1.7
Arkansas	36,478	.0	.1	.3	20.4	21.2	.2	20.7	.8	.2	.4	2.4	3.2
California	524,840	.0	.1	.1	7.5	6.6	.5	6.0	1.3	.1	2/ 5.0	1.2	2.6
Colorado	56,533	-	.0	.2	10.0	10.6	.1	10.8	1.2	.1	.0	.7	1.4
Connecticut	43,109	.0	.0	.4	9.3	11.0	6.1	14.8	4.8	8.2	1.2	6.7	10.4
Delaware	10,253	.0	.0	.3	29.1	30.3	.5	30.1	.3	.2	.2	.6	.8
District of Columbia	7,927	.0	-	.0	47.5	54.3	1.9	48.0	9.5	.4	.5	15.8	17.9
Florida	192,383	.0	-	.1	18.1	18.1	.1	19.3	.4	.0	.1	1.1	1.7
Georgia	118,221	.0	.0	.2	18.5	18.7	.9	19.2	1.3	.3	.1	2.0	1.7
Hawaii	17,393	.0	.0	.1	8.5	8.7	.3	8.9	.4	.0	5.3	2.5	3.1
Idaho	18,582	-	.0	.2	8.0	11.3	1.5	11.3	8.1	.9	.6	4.0	12.7
Illinois	180,803	.0	.0	.1	15.4	16.9	.0	16.9	.7	.1	.2	1.6	2.0
Indiana	83,436	.3	.1	.2	13.0	13.1	.4	13.3	1.0	.7	.1	2.0	3.4
Iowa	36,659	.0	.0	.3	12.3	14.3	1.0	14.9	1.5	.1	.1	1.3	4.4
Kansas	37,289	.0	.0	.1	10.6	10.9	.9	12.0	.3	.1	.1	.6	1.0
Kentucky	53,203	.0	.0	.0	22.1	22.7	.0	24.1	.2	.2	.2	.9	1.0
Louisiana	66,025	.0	.0	.0	23.1	23.3	.0	23.2	.1	.0	.1	.3	.4
Maine	13,669	.0	-	-	10.1	14.9	4.2	18.9	.7	.2	.1	.6	.7
Maryland	70,215	-	.0	.9	8.3	10.7	1.2	6.8	4.8	3.3	1.5	11.4	17.2
Massachusetts	80,364	.0	.0	.1	8.0	7.8	.6	7.0	.5	.5	.5	1.1	1.0
Michigan	133,714	.1	.1	.1	16.6	18.5	5.3	22.8	1.2	.5	.1	3.6	4.2
Minnesota	64,499	.0	.0	-	9.2	11.5	5.2	15.4	2.0	.3	1.0	4.7	4.1
Mississippi	41,533	.0	.0	.1	25.4	24.6	.1	25.3	.2	.1	.2	.5	.8
Missouri	74,037	-	.0	.2	18.5	18.7	.1	19.0	.9	.4	.2	1.9	3.3
Montana	10,849	.0	.5	-	9.7	10.7	3.2	13.7	.2	.1	.0	.6	.5
Nebraska	23,319	-	-	.0	12.1	12.6	2.3	14.2	.1	-	.0	.3	.6
Nevada	26,911	.0	.0	.8	23.3	24.9	.7	23.1	2.1	.8	.8	4.0	9.9
New Hampshire	14,313	.0	.0	.0	8.0	8.7	3.0	10.8	.8	.1	.4	2.9	3.7
New Jersey	113,279	.1	.1	.3	9.0	10.9	.5	9.7	2.3	.2	.2	3.6	3.9
New Mexico	26,871	-	.0	2.1	26.6	25.9	.0	25.9	4.4	.5	.3	4.8	4.4
New York	257,238	.1	.1	.6	17.9	18.2	9.6	26.0	1.4	.3	.2	8.9	5.8
North Carolina	107,015	.0	.0	.0	17.4	17.4	.0	17.3	.1	.0	.1	.6	.6
North Dakota	8,353	-	-	.0	8.7	9.9	2.9	12.6	.1	-	.1	.4	.3
Ohio	152,033	.0	.1	.2	11.5	13.9	.5	13.5	.5	.1	.0	.4	1.7
Oklahoma	48,269	.0	.0	.1	17.3	19.0	.4	19.5	3.6	4.1	3.6	10.7	11.3
Oregon	43,809	.0	1.0	.1	10.7	4.3	.2	4.6	1.0	.0	.0	.4	.5
Pennsylvania	144,224	.0	.0	.6	5.5	3.4	.6	3.1	2.0	.3	.2	1.7	2.9
Rhode Island	12,455	.0	-	.2	13.5	14.1	13.0	23.2	2.8	2.2	2.2	8.0	8.6
South Carolina	52,214	.0	.0	.3	28.5	28.7	.1	28.6	4.2	.4	.2	1.9	2.0
South Dakota	10,173	-	-	-	11.9	12.1	.2	12.7	.3	.0	.0	.6	.6
Tennessee	74,478	-	.0	.1	15.9	16.2	.1	16.1	.2	.1	.2	1.3	1.6
Texas	333,974	.0	.0	.4	15.7	15.6	.3	15.6	1.0	.9	.4	1.9	4.5
Utah	43,059	-	.0	.1	9.8	10.9	.3	9.2	.9	.1	.1	1.0	1.2
Vermont	6,607	-	.0	.0	6.0	9.4	3.0	10.6	2.1	.1	.2	3.1	1.0
Virginia	91,862	.0	.0	.1	17.9	19.1	.1	18.0	.4	.2	.3	.9	2.0
Washington	78,190	.0	.0	.7	11.6	11.9	3.2	12.1	10.4	3.8	1.5	9.2	12.9
West Virgin	20,730	.1	.0	.1	13.0	15.9	.0	15.9	.4	.2	.3	3.5	3.2
Wisconsin	66,557	.0	-	.0	27.6	27.7	.0	27.7	.1	.0	.0	.2	.3
Wyoming	6,387	-	-	.1	13.6	13.8	.3	13.8	.3	.0	.0	.4	.4
Puerto Rico	64,109	-	.0	-	2.7	3.0	...	...	.2	.0	.0	.2	.1
Virgin Islands	2,017	-	.2	-	19.8	21.7	5.4	31.1	1.6	.3	.6	.7	1.6
Guam	4,308	.1	.3	.7	24.8	26.8	1.9	28.2	2.1	1.5	.9	3.5	4.0
American Samoa	1,634	-	...	4.8	34.6	36.9	...	...	...	.2	...	...	...

See footnotes at end of table.

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[By place of residence]

Area	Number of births	Birth weight	5-minute Apgar score	Medical risk factors	Tobacco use	Alcohol use	Weight gain	Obstetric procedures	Complications of labor and/or delivery	Method of delivery	Abnormal conditions of newborn	Congenital anomalies
Total of reporting areas 1/	3,880,894	0.1	0.6	1.2	1.5	1.4	8.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	2.1	1.5
Alabama	60,914	0.0	0.3	3/ 0.1	0.2	0.2	4.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Alaska	9,947	.3	.5	.1	.3	.3	1.4	.1	.1	.3	.1	.1
Arizona	75,699	.1	.4	.0	1.9	2.1	10.5	.0	.0	.2	.0	.4
Arkansas	36,478	.2	4.6	.4	1.0	1.1	9.8	.2	.4	.6	.3	.3
California	524,840	.0	...	.0	...	...	...	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Colorado	56,533	.0	.3	.0	.2	.2	4.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1
Connecticut	43,109	.0	3.4	14.9	9.8	9.5	23.7	13.1	15.2	7.3	21.0	22.4
Delaware	10,253	.1	.3	.0	.1	.1	.9	.0	.0	.1	.1	.1
District of Columbia	7,927	.1	1.0	-	.1	.1	18.8	-	-	.1	.0	-
Florida	192,383	.0	.2	.0	.1	.1	4.2	.0	.0	.6	.0	.0
Georgia	118,221	.0	.5	.4	.2	.3	4.7	.0	.0	.4	.0	.0
Hawaii	17,393	1.7	4.6	20.2	.3	.3	13.8	13.1	7.6	19.4	21.0	22.4
Idaho	18,582	.1	.7	.7	1.8	2.0	10.8	.5	.7	.2	.4	.5
Illinois	180,803	.1	.3	.1	1.0	.2	4.0	.0	.1	.4	.1	.1
Indiana	83,436	.4	.4	.2	...	.4	4.0	.1	.3	.4	.8	.8
Iowa	36,659	.0	.3	.1	2.2	2.5	6.6	.0	.1	.3	.1	.1
Kansas	37,289	.0	.3	4/ .4	.5	.5	.7	.3	.3	2.5	.3	.3
Kentucky	53,203	.1	.4	6.7	5.3	5.2	9.4	4.0	7.1	4.8	12.5	11.7
Louisiana	66,025	.1	.3	.1	.2	.2	7.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Maine	13,669	.1	.1	.1	1.8	2.7	1.1	.0	.0	.1	.1	.1
Maryland	70,215	.1	.5	.0	1.1	1.6	12.6	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0
Massachusetts	80,364	.5	.6	1.2	.4	.4	2.0	1.1	1.2	.8	2.1	1.9
Michigan	133,714	.3	.4	.4	1.5	1.2	9.4	.1	.3	.6	.6	.7
Minnesota	64,499	.1	.7	7.0	6.1	6.2	15.2	5.2	6.2	4.4	7.1	7.4
Mississippi	41,533	.0	.5	.1	.2	.2	5.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Missouri	74,037	.1	.4	.1	.6	.6	3.7	.0	.0	.5	.0	.0
Montana	10,849	.0	.3	.1	1.3	1.4	.5	.1	.1	.6	.1	.1
Nebraska	23,319	.0	.2	.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	.0	.0	.2	7/ .0	.0
Nevada	26,911	.0	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	9.8	.2	.7	.7	2.2	2.5
New Hampshire	14,313	.3	.6	.3	.3	.2	6.5	.2	.3	.2	.4	.4
New Jersey	113,279	.1	.3	2.1	1.4	1.4	4.5	.2	2.1	.4	24.2	2.6
New Mexico	26,871	.3	3.5	.2	2.0	2.1	11.2	.0	.0	.4	.0	...
New York	257,238	.1	.3	1.1	5/ 4.4	.3	9.7	.3	.5	.4	8/ 0.8	.9
North Carolina	107,015	.0	.3	.0	.1	.1	2.8	.0	.0	.3	.0	.0
North Dakota	8,353	.1	.3	.1	.5	.8	1.5	.1	.1	.7	.1	.1
Ohio	152,033	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	3.0	.0	.1	.4	.1	.1
Oklahoma	48,269	.7	5.5	28.8	20.8	21.0	31.4	24.2	28.0	21.2	35.0	35.8
Oregon	43,809	.0	.4	.5	.6	.6	3.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0
Pennsylvania	144,224	.1	.4	.1	.8	.4	6.7	.0	.1	.1	.6	.5
Rhode Island	12,455	.3	.4	4.9	2.5	2.7	10.7	4.9	5.1	.2	12.1	12.3
South Carolina	52,214	.0	.3	.0	.2	.3	3.5	.0	.0	.6	.0	.0
South Dakota	10,173	.0	.3	.0	...	...	2.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0
Tennessee	74,478	.1	.3	.1	.3	.4	4.5	.1	.1	.5	.0	.0
Texas	333,974	.1	...	6/ 1.2	.2	.2	18.9	.1	9/.1	.6	7/ .1	.1
Utah	43,059	.1	.3	.2	.4	.4	5.9	.0	.1	.0	.3	.5
Vermont	6,607	.3	.2	.1	.9	.3	1.5	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Virginia	91,862	.1	.4	.1	.2	.1	7.7	.1	.1	.3	.3	.0
Washington	78,190	.2	.5	1.7	4.4	13.5	22.9	1.3	4.3	.5	5.1	4.9
West Virginia	20,730	.0	.2	.5	.7	2.6	7.8	.0	.5	.2	.8	.5
Wisconsin	66,557	.0	.4	.1	.1	.1	1.5	.0	.1	.0	10/ .1	.1
Wyoming	6,387	.0	.2	.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	.0	-	.2	.0	-
Puerto Rico	64,109	.0	.2	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Virgin Islands	2,017	.1	2.4	8.3	1.1	1.1	9.5	4.1	9.6	1.5	10.5	10.1
Guam	4,308	.2	1.9	12.6	3.1	3.3	28.6	11.9	13.3	3.5	15.3	16.0
American Samoa	1,634	.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A. Percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated: United States and each State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa: 1997

- Quantity zero.
0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.
... Data not available.
1/ Excludes data for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam.
2/ California reports date last normal menses began but does not report clinical estimate of gestation.
3/ Alabama does not report renal disease.
4/ Kansas does not report Rh sensitization.
5/ New York city (but not New York State) reports tobacco use.
6/ Texas does not report genital herpes and uterine bleeding.
7/ Nebraska and Texas do not report birth injury.
8/ New York City does not report assisted ventilation less than 30 minutes or assisted ventilation of 30 minutes or more.
9/ Texas does not report anesthetic complications and fetal distress.
10/ Wisconsin does not report fetal alcohol syndrome.

Table B. Births by State of Occurrence and Residence, 1997

Area	Occurrence	Residence
Total	3,884,329	3,884,329
United States	3,884,329	3,880,894
Alabama	60,091	60,914
Alaska	9,841	9,947
Arizona	75,764	75,699
Arkansas	35,321	36,478
California	525,242	524,840
Colorado	56,868	56,533
Connecticut	42,944	43,109
Delaware	10,729	10,253
District of Columbia	14,996	7,927
Florida	192,598	192,383
Georgia	119,136	118,221
Hawaii	17,414	17,393
Idaho	18,256	18,582
Illinois	177,732	180,803
Indiana	83,421	83,436
Iowa	36,814	36,659
Kansas	36,062	37,289
Kentucky	51,617	53,203
Louisiana	66,187	66,025
Maine	13,474	13,669
Maryland	65,990	70,215
Massachusetts	81,270	80,364
Michigan	132,501	133,714
Minnesota	64,461	64,499
Mississippi	40,612	41,533
Missouri	76,653	74,037
Montana	10,731	10,849
Nebraska	23,631	23,319
Nevada	26,507	26,911
New Hampshire	13,842	14,313
New Jersey	110,443	113,279
New Mexico	26,387	26,871
New York State only	135,249	138,335
New York, city only	123,289	118,903
North Carolina	108,041	107,015
North Dakota	9,556	8,353
Ohio	152,564	152,033
Oklahoma	47,206	48,269
Oregon	45,117	43,809
Pennsylvania	144,937	144,224
Rhode Island	13,315	12,455
South Carolina	50,030	52,214
South Dakota	10,270	10,173
Tennessee	79,415	74,478
Texas	337,701	333,974
Utah	43,870	43,059
Vermont	6,332	6,607
Virginia	89,668	91,862
Washington	77,143	78,190
West Virgnina	21,647	20,730
Wisconsin	65,461	66,557
Wyoming	5,983	6,387

Table B. Births by State of Occurrence and Residence, 1997

Area	Occurrence	Residence
Foreign Residents	--	3,435
Puerto Rico	--	22
Virgin Islands	--	30
Guam	--	5
Canada	--	178
Cuba	--	--
Mexico	--	2,480
Remainder of world	--	720

Table C. Sources for resident population and population including Armed Forces abroad: Birth- and death-registration States, 1900-1932, and United States, **1900-1997**.

Year	Source
1997	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1997. PPL-91R. Rounded populations consistent with U.S. Bureau of the Census file NESTV97. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1998.
1996	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1996. PPL-57. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1997.
1995	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1995. Census file RESD0795, PPL-41. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1996.
1994	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1990 to 1994. PPL-21. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1995.
1993	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1993. Census file RESO793. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1995.
1992	U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States population estimates, by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1992. Census file RESPO792. Washington:U.S. Department of Commerce. 1994.
1991	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Unpublished data consistant with Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1095, Feb. 1993.
1990	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Unpublished data from the 1990 census. 1990 CPH-L-74 and unpublished data consistent with Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1095, Feb. 1993.
1989	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1057, Mar. 1990.
1988	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1045, Jan. 1990.
1986-87	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1022, Mar. 1988.
1985	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1000, Feb. 1987.
1984	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 985, Apr. 1986.
1983	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 965, Mar. 1985.
1982	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 949, May 1984.
1981	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 929, May 1983.
1980	U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population: 1980, Number of Inhabitants, PC80-1-A1, United States Summary, 1983.
1971-79	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 917, July 1982.
1970	U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population: 1970, Number of Inhabitants, Final Report PC(1)-A1, United States Summary, 1971.
1961-69	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 519, April 1974.
1960	U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population: 1960, Number of Inhabitants, PC(1)-A1, United States Summary, 1964.
1951-59	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 310, June 30, 1965.
1940-50	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 499, May 1973.
1930-39	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 499, May 1973, and National Office of Vital Statistics, Vital Statistics Rates in the United States, 1900-1940, 1947.
1920-29	National Office of Vital Statistics, Vital Statistics Rates in the United States, 1900-1940, 1947.
1917-19	Same as for 1930-39.
1900-1916	Same as for 1920-29.

Table D. Ratio of census-level resident population to resident population adjusted for estimated net census undercount by age, sex, and race: April 1, 1990

Age	Total			White			Black		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages	0.9815	0.9721	0.9906	0.9802	0.9728	0.9873	0.9432	0.9151	0.9699
10-14	0.9882	0.9891	0.9873	0.9830	0.9841	0.9818	0.9591	0.9586	0.9595
15-19	1.0166	1.0198	1.0133	1.0094	1.0128	1.0059	0.9988	1.0016	0.9959
20-24	1.0002	0.9987	1.0017	0.9975	0.9985	0.9966	0.9593	0.9432	0.9753
25-29	0.9591	0.9439	0.9748	0.9558	0.9441	0.9681	0.9123	0.8732	0.9510
30-34	0.9687	0.9487	0.9892	0.9669	0.9518	0.9828	0.9129	0.8599	0.9651
35-39	0.9790	0.9628	0.9954	0.9764	0.9643	0.9888	0.9303	0.8808	0.9778
40-44	0.9901	0.9758	1.0044	0.9875	0.9764	0.9988	0.9410	0.8943	0.9850
45-49	0.9775	0.9633	0.9916	0.9762	0.9648	0.9877	0.9302	0.8807	0.9762
50-54	...	0.9623	...	...	0.9651	...	...	0.8802	...
55 years and over	...	0.9758	...	...	0.9783	...	...	0.9294	...
15-44	...	...	0.9954	...	...	0.9890	...	...	0.9739
15-54	...	0.9710	...	...	0.9710	...	...	0.9046	...

... Category not applicable.

Table 4-1. Population of Birth- and Death-Registration States, 1990-1932, and United States, 1900-1997

{Population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980,and 1990 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years}

Year	United States/1		Year	United States/1		Birth-registration States		Death-registration States	
	Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area		Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area	Number of States/2	Population residing in area	Number of States/2	Population residing in area
1997	267,901,000	267,636,061	1950	151,132,000	150,697,361	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1996	265,556,890	265,283,783	1949	149,188,000	148,665,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1995	263,033,968	262,755,270	1948	146,631,000	146,093,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1994	260,659,690	260,340,990	1947	144,126,000	143,446,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1993	258,119,768	257,783,004	1946	141,389,000	140,054,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1992	255,457,501	255,077,536	1945	139,928,000	132,481,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1991	252,688,000	252,177,000	1944	138,397,000	132,885,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1990	249,225,000	248,709,873	1943	136,739,000	134,245,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1989	247,342,000	246,819,000	1942	134,860,000	133,920,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1988	245,021,000	244,499,000	1941	133,402,000	133,121,000	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1987	242,804,000	242,289,000	1940	131,820,000	131,669,275	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1986	240,651,000	240,133,000	1939	131,028,000	130,879,718	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1985	238,466,000	237,924,000	1938	129,969,000	129,824,939	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1984	236,348,000	235,825,000	1937	128,961,000	128,824,829	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1983	234,307,000	233,792,000	1936	128,181,000	128,053,180	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1982	232,188,000	231,664,000	1935	127,362,000	127,250,232	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1981	229,966,000	229,466,000	1934	126,485,000	126,373,773	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1980	227,061,000	226,545,805	1933	125,690,000	125,578,763	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1979	225,055,000	224,567,000	1932	124,949,000	124,840,471	47	118,903,899	47	118,903,899
1978	222,585,000	222,095,000	1931	124,149,000	124,039,648	46	117,455,229	47	118,148,987
1977	220,239,000	219,760,000	1930	123,188,000	123,076,741	46	116,544,946	47	117,238,278
1976	218,035,000	217,563,000	1929	- - -	121,769,939	46	115,317,450	46	115,317,450
1975	215,973,000	215,465,000	1928	- - -	120,501,115	44	113,636,160	44	113,636,160
1974	213,854,000	213,342,000	1927	- - -	119,038,062	40	104,320,830	42	107,084,532
1973	211,909,000	211,357,000	1926	- - -	117,399,225	35	90,400,590	41	103,822,683
1972	209,896,000	209,284,000	1925	- - -	115,831,963	33	88,294,564	40	102,031,555
1971	207,661,000	206,827,000	1924	- - -	114,113,463	33	87,000,295	39	99,318,098
1970	204,270,000	203,211,926	1923	- - -	111,949,945	30	81,072,123	38	96,788,197
1969	202,677,000	201,385,000	1922	- - -	110,054,778	30	79,560,746	37	92,702,901
1968	200,706,000	199,399,000	1921	- - -	108,541,489	27	70,807,090	34	87,814,447
1967	198,712,000	197,457,000	1920	- - -	106,466,420	23	63,597,307	34	86,079,263
1966	196,560,000	195,576,000	1919	105,063,000	104,512,110	22	61,212,076	33	83,157,982
1965	194,303,000	193,526,000	1918	104,550,000	103,202,801	20	55,153,782	30	79,008,412
1964	191,889,000	191,141,000	1917	103,414,000	103,265,913	20	55,197,952	27	70,234,775
1963	189,242,000	188,483,000	1916	- - -	101,965,984	11	32,944,013	26	66,971,177
1962	186,538,000	185,771,000	1915	- - -	100,549,013	10	31,096,697	24	61,894,847
1961	183,691,000	182,992,000	1914	- - -	99,117,567	. . .	. . .	24	60,963,309
1960	179,933,000	179,323,175	1913	- - -	97,226,814	. . .	. . .	23	58,156,740
1959	177,264,000	176,513,000	1912	- - -	95,331,300	. . .	. . .	22	54,847,700
1958	174,141,000	173,320,000	1911	- - -	93,867,814	. . .	. . .	22	53,929,644
1957	171,274,000	170,371,000	1910	- - -	92,406,536	. . .	. . .	20	47,470,437
1956	168,221,000	167,306,000	1909	- - -	90,491,525	. . .	. . .	18	44,223,513
1955	165,275,000	164,308,000	1908	- - -	88,708,976	. . .	. . .	17	38,634,759
1954	162,391,000	161,164,000	1907	- - -	87,000,271	. . .	. . .	15	34,552,837
1953	159,565,000	158,242,000	1906	- - -	85,436,556	. . .	. . .	15	33,782,288
1952	156,954,000	155,687,000	1905	- - -	83,819,666	. . .	. . .	10	21,767,980
1951	154,287,000	153,310,000	1904	- - -	82,164,974	. . .	. . .	10	21,332,076
			1903	- - -	80,632,152	. . .	. . .	10	20,943,222
			1902	- - -	79,160,196	. . .	. . .	10	20,582,907
			1901	- - -	77,585,128	. . .	. . .	10	20,237,453
			1900	- - -	76,094,134	. . .	. . .	10	19,965,446

... Category not applicable

1/Alaska included beginning 1959 and Hawaii, 1960.

2/The District of Columbia is not included in "Number of States," but it is represented in all data shown for each year.

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census; see text.

Table 4-2. Estimated Population of the United States, by Age, Race, and Sex: July 1, 1997

United States but exclude those stationed outside the United States]

Age	All races			White			Black			American Indian			Asian or Pacific Islander		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages	267,636,061	131,017,669	136,618,392	221,334,048	108,892,758	112,441,290	33,947,084	16,120,914	17,826,170	2,322,044	1,152,805	1,169,239	10,032,885	4,851,192	5,181,693
Under 1	3,796,593	1,942,523	1,854,070	3,020,665	1,548,908	1,471,757	555,354	281,774	273,580	40,876	20,599	20,277	179,698	91,242	88,456
1-4 years	15,353,002	7,858,303	7,494,699	12,163,625	6,239,768	5,923,857	2,336,285	1,184,890	1,151,395	160,660	81,358	79,302	692,432	352,287	340,145
5-9 years	19,738,398	10,104,334	9,634,064	15,559,813	7,977,544	7,582,269	3,147,263	1,597,222	1,550,041	226,307	114,976	111,331	805,015	414,592	390,423
10-14 years	19,039,670	9,756,558	9,283,112	15,093,410	7,749,672	7,343,738	2,936,608	1,492,104	1,444,504	239,473	121,579	117,894	770,179	393,203	376,976
15-19 years	19,067,918	9,826,506	9,241,412	15,151,220	7,837,946	7,313,274	2,962,609	1,505,420	1,457,189	219,481	110,768	108,713	734,608	372,372	362,236
15-17 years	11,600,281	5,984,284	5,615,997	9,198,548	4,758,704	4,439,844	1,802,955	921,359	881,596	139,233	70,416	68,817	459,545	233,805	225,740
18-19 years	7,467,637	3,842,222	3,625,415	5,952,672	3,079,242	2,873,430	1,159,654	584,061	575,593	80,248	40,352	39,896	275,063	138,567	136,496
20-24 years	17,511,806	8,979,345	8,532,461	13,969,619	7,219,148	6,750,471	2,598,010	1,284,683	1,313,327	186,263	94,973	91,290	757,914	380,541	377,373
25-29 years	18,868,641	9,470,009	9,398,632	15,162,631	7,686,498	7,476,133	2,614,980	1,252,590	1,362,390	190,604	99,639	90,965	900,426	431,282	469,144
30-34 years	20,740,870	10,340,361	10,400,509	16,903,250	8,522,594	8,380,656	2,762,406	1,298,038	1,464,368	183,556	93,078	90,478	891,658	426,651	465,007
35-39 years	22,624,677	11,286,336	11,338,341	18,709,658	9,431,451	9,278,207	2,857,605	1,342,537	1,515,068	183,436	91,395	92,041	873,978	420,953	453,025
40-44 years	21,373,251	10,596,489	10,776,762	17,805,941	8,923,447	8,882,494	2,582,364	1,205,641	1,376,723	165,285	80,468	84,817	819,661	386,933	432,728
45-49 years	18,469,622	9,073,571	9,396,051	15,564,301	7,737,362	7,826,939	2,076,937	948,964	1,127,973	134,377	65,417	68,960	694,007	321,828	372,179
50-54 years	15,163,012	7,383,195	7,779,817	13,049,279	6,420,579	6,628,700	1,500,444	672,655	827,789	103,218	49,827	53,391	510,071	240,134	269,937
55-59 years	11,757,221	5,645,965	6,111,256	10,091,429	4,899,979	5,191,450	1,208,332	529,516	678,816	77,228	36,572	40,656	380,232	179,898	200,334
60-64 years	10,055,769	4,744,625	5,311,144	8,683,444	4,147,189	4,536,255	1,004,238	430,198	574,040	60,518	28,270	32,248	307,569	138,968	168,601
65-69 years	9,762,494	4,461,389	5,301,105	8,525,158	3,933,383	4,591,775	934,717	399,659	535,058	48,195	21,835	26,360	254,424	106,512	147,912
70-74 years	8,736,056	3,807,434	4,928,622	7,784,935	3,416,070	4,368,865	713,126	290,374	422,752	38,627	17,291	21,336	199,368	83,699	115,669
75-79 years	7,063,405	2,915,372	4,148,033	6,365,567	2,640,079	3,725,488	538,497	208,208	330,289	27,913	11,677	16,236	131,428	55,408	76,020
80-84 years	4,642,308	1,713,444	2,928,864	4,225,771	1,563,641	2,662,130	324,818	110,844	213,974	17,814	7,150	10,664	73,905	31,809	42,096
85 years +	3,871,348	1,111,910	2,759,438	3,504,332	997,500	2,506,832	292,491	85,597	206,894	18,213	5,933	12,280	56,312	22,880	33,432

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the Bureau of the Census; see text.

Table 4-3. Estimated Total Population and Female Population Aged 15-44 Years: United States, each division and State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa: July 1, 1997

[Figures include Armed Forces stationed in each area and exclude those stationed outside the United States]

Area	Total	Female 15-44 years
United States	267,636,061	59,688,117
Geographic divisions:		
New England	13,378,545	3,008,115
Middle Atlantic	38,209,736	8,371,233
East North Central	43,889,857	9,847,222
West North Central	18,570,596	4,074,267
South Atlantic	48,230,168	10,746,008
East South Central	16,325,977	3,711,664
West South Central	29,631,016	6,694,138
Mountain	16,482,103	3,626,872
Pacific	42,918,063	9,608,598
New England		
Maine	1,242,051	275,956
New Hampshire	1,172,709	273,301
Vermont	588,978	133,232
Massachusetts	6,117,520	1,390,445
Rhode Island	987,429	220,026
Connecticut	3,269,858	715,155
Middle Atlantic		
New York	18,137,226	4,023,874
New Jersey	8,052,849	1,768,188
Pennsylvania	12,019,661	2,579,171
East North Central		
Ohio	11,186,331	2,503,414
Indiana	5,864,108	1,326,800
Illinois	11,895,849	2,645,101
Michigan	9,773,892	2,227,162
Wisconsin	5,169,677	1,144,745
West North Central		
Minnesota	4,685,549	1,050,544
Iowa	2,852,423	607,235
Missouri	5,402,058	1,191,071
North Dakota	640,883	136,964
South Dakota	737,973	160,035
Nebraska	1,656,870	361,239
Kansas	2,594,840	567,179

Area	Total	Female 15-44 years
South Atlantic		
Delaware	731,581	170,083
Maryland	5,094,289	1,192,961
District of Columbia	528,964	128,568
Virginia	6,733,996	1,584,016
West Virginia	1,815,787	390,046
North Carolina	7,425,183	1,663,752
South Carolina	3,760,181	864,721
Georgia	7,486,242	1,788,398
Florida	14,653,945	2,963,463
East South Central		
Kentucky	3,908,124	887,672
Tennessee	5,368,198	1,216,065
Alabama	4,319,154	981,452
Mississippi	2,730,501	626,475
West South Central		
Arkansas	2,522,819	541,864
Louisiana	4,351,769	1,005,270
Oklahoma	3,317,091	712,202
Texas	19,439,337	4,434,802
Mountain		
Montana	878,810	183,694
Idaho	1,210,232	264,432
Wyoming	479,743	103,387
Colorado	3,892,644	880,817
New Mexico	1,729,751	381,437
Arizona	4,554,966	969,528
Utah	2,059,148	486,688
Nevada	1,676,809	356,889
Pacific		
Washington	5,610,362	1,264,962
Oregon	3,243,487	698,688
California	32,268,301	7,255,465
Alaska	609,311	137,403
Hawaii	1,186,602	252,080
Puerto Rico	901,660	3,827,038
Virgin Islands	25,109	114,483
Guam	31,026	145,780
American Samoa	13,227	60,383

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the Bureau of the Census; see text.

1997 ADDENDUM TO "TECHNICAL APPENDIX" OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES: MORTALITY, 1995

To assist the users of the mortality public-use data tapes and CD-ROMs, provided is a copy of the "Technical Appendix" of the Vital Statistics of the United States: Mortality, 1995. This technical appendix provides certain qualifications that are essential to using, analyzing, and interpreting the data on those tapes and CD-ROMs. Certain modifications to the technical appendix are essential to make it applicable to the mortality file for the 1997 data year. Those modifications include the following:

I. Sources of data

State-coded medical data

1996
Utah

For 1997, of the States in the VSCP, 42 States submitted precoded medical data for all death certificates in the form of electronic data files. Of these 42 States, Maine, Montana, and North Dakota contracted with a private company to provide NCHS with precoded medical data. The remaining eight VSCP States, New York City, and the District of Columbia submitted copies of the original certificates from which NCHS coded the medical data.

For 1997, approximately 29 percent of the Nation's death records were multiple-cause coded using SuperMICAR and 71 percent using MICAR. This represents data from 22 States which was coded by SuperMICAR and data from 28 States, the District of Columbia, and New York City which was coded by MICAR.

All States submitted precoded demographic data for all death certificates in the form of electronic data files in 1997.

Data for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam have been included on the mortality public-use data tapes since 1994. Data for American Samoa are included for the first time for 1997.

II. Classification of data

A. Race

Death certificates for some States have a checkbox for "multi-racial".

Some States are mandated by law to code "multi-racial" as a separate category. For these States, death records with an entry of "multi-racial" but without a specified racial entry or entries were assigned to the specified race of the previous record. States not mandated to code "multi- racial" may code "multi-racial" in the same way as mandated States or may code "multi- racial" to "Other entries." For death records where race is coded to "Other entries", if origin is Hispanic and the place of birth is Puerto Rico, Cuba or Mexico, the race is assigned as White. Otherwise, except for Puerto Rico, death records with race coded to "Other entries" were assigned to the specified race of the previous record with known race. For Puerto Rico, if race is coded to "Other entries", race is assigned to "Other races."

B. Hispanic origin

For 1997, data by Hispanic origin include, for the first time, all 50 States and the District of Columbia .

Infant mortality--Infant mortality data by Hispanic origin are based on deaths to residents of the entire United States.

Infant mortality rates by Hispanic origin are biased because of inconsistencies in reporting Hispanic or ethnic origin between the birth and death certificates for the same infant. Estimates of reporting bias may be made by comparing rates based on the linked file of infant deaths and live births 1/ with those where the Hispanic or ethnic origin of infant death is based on information from the death certificate 2/. Infant mortality rates by Hispanic origin are less subject to reporting bias when based on linked files of infant deaths and live births(1).

C. Educational attainment

Deaths by educational attainment have been included on the public-use data tapes since 1989. It is recommended for 1997 that analyses of educational attainment data include deaths to residents of 46 States and the District of Columbia whose data were approximately 80 percent or more complete on a place-of-occurrence basis. Although data for Kentucky are included on the data tape, they would be excluded from analyses because more than 20 percent of their death certificates were classified to "unknown educational attainment." Data for Georgia, Rhode Island, and South Dakota were excluded from the data tape because their death certificates did not include an educational attainment item.
Death rates for educational attainment are based on population estimates derived from the U.S. Bureau of the Census' Current Population

Survey (CPS) and adjusted to resident population control totals. As a result, the rates are subject to the variability of the denominator as well as the numerator. Computation of the relative standard errors, 95-percent confidence intervals, and statistical tests are discussed in the Technical notes of the National Vital Statistics Reports(2).

Death rates for educational attainment may be biased for the following three reasons: 1) because of inconsistencies in reporting between the death certificates and the CPS for decedents; 2) because of a change in the basic item used to collect data about education in the CPS; and 3) because of possible under-enumeration of the population estimates (there have been no studies evaluating this potential bias).

In the National Longitudinal Mortality Survey (NLMS) a total of 9,257 death certificates were compared with responses to educational attainment questions from a total of 12 CPS's conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for data year 1989 3/. Based on the results of this study and after proportionally allocating the "unknown education" on the death certificate, the ratio of CPS deaths having reported less than a high school education (grades 0-11) to death certificate deaths having reported less than high school education was about 1.37. This indicates that the number of deaths and death rates for decedents having less than high school education are biased downward in the vital statistics data by about 37 percent. Similarly, the corresponding ratios for having completed high school (grade 12) and having completed more than high school (grades 13 and more) are 0.70 and 0.87 respectively.

In the CPS, the item used to collect education information was changed in 1992 from:

23a) What is the highest grade or year of regular school ... has ever attended?;

23b) Did ... complete that grade (year?); Yes, No

to:

23) What is the highest level of school ... has completed or the highest degree ... has received?

Based on a Bureau of the Census study 4/, the ratio of population estimates derived from the "old" educational attainment definition for less than a high school education (grades 0-11) to population estimates derived from the "new" definition for less than high school education was about 0.99. This indicates that the death rates for decedents having less than high school education are biased upward in the vital

statistics data by about 1 percent. Similarly, the corresponding ratios for having completed high school (grade 12) and having completed more than high school (grades 13 and more) were 1.15 and 0.93 respectively.

Accounting for both the inconsistency in reporting between the death certificates and the CPS for decedents and the change in the definition of education population estimates may be accomplished simultaneously by combining the above ratios. The combined ratio for less than high school is about 1.36 (1.37 x .99), for high school about 0.81 (0.70 x 1.15), and for more than high school about 0.81 (0.87 x .93). These ratios may vary by age, sex, race/Hispanic origin, cause of death, and geographic area.

D. Occupation and industry

For 1997, the occupation and industry mortality data were included for the following 16 reporting States:

Colorado	North Carolina
Georgia	Ohio
Idaho	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Carolina
Kentucky	Utah
Nevada	Vermont
New Jersey	West Virginia
New Mexico	Wisconsin

E. Quality of data

California death confirmations--Selected causes of death considered to be of public health concern are routinely confirmed by the States according to agreed upon procedures between the State vital statistics programs and the National Center for Health Statistics 5/,6/,7/. For 1997, the State of California did not confirm deaths from the following causes (number of deaths shown in parentheses after cause):

Giardiasis (1); Brucellosis (1); Leprosy (1); Whooping cough (1); Tetanus (1); Schistosomiasis (1); Other cestode infection (8); Congenital rubella (1).

III. Population bases for computing rates

The population used for computing death rates (furnished by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) represents the population residing in the specified area. Population estimates used for computing rates by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and non-Hispanic origin for the United States for 1997 are based on population estimates as of July 1, 1997 8/ (available upon request). The estimates are based on demographic analysis and, therefore, are not subject to sampling variability.

Population estimates used for computing death rates by specified Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, age, and sex for the United States are as of July 1, 1997 9/ (available upon request). The estimates for Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Other Hispanics are based on the CPS adjusted to resident population control totals and, therefore, are subject to sampling error (see Technical Appendix from Vital Statistics of the United States: Mortality, 1995).

Population estimates used for computing death rates by marital status, age, race, and sex for the United States 9/ are as of July 1, 1997 and are available upon request. Population estimates used for computing death rates by marital status, age, Hispanic origin, race for non- Hispanic origin, and sex for the United States 9/ are as of July 1, 1997 and are also available upon request. The population estimates for never married, married, widowed, and divorced and for Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Other Hispanics are based on the CPS adjusted to resident population control totals and, therefore, are subject to sampling error (see Technical Appendix from Vital Statistics of the United States: Mortality, 1995).

Population estimates used for computing death rates by educational attainment, age, and sex for the total of 46 States and the District of Columbia are presented in table IV of the Technical notes of the "Report of Final Mortality Statistics" 2/. These estimates are based on the CPS adjusted to resident population control for the 46 States and the District of Columbia.

Population estimates for each State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa 10-14/ are presented in table V of the Technical notes of the "Report of Final Mortality Statistics" 2/. These estimates are based on demographic analysis, and therefore, are not subject to sampling variability.

All population estimates for 1997 are based on the 1990 census level counts that were modified by age, race, and sex to be consistent with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget categories and historical categories for death data 15/.

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Death statistics

Mortality statistics for 1995 are, as for all previous years except 1972, based on information from records of all deaths occurring in the United States.

The death-registration system of the United States encompasses the 50 States, the District of Columbia, New York City (which is independent of New York State for the purpose of death registration), Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In statistical tabulations, United States refers only to the aggregate of the 50 States (including New York City) and the District of Columbia. Data for Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are presented separately from data for the United States. No data are included for American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

The Virgin Islands was admitted to the registration area for deaths in 1924; Puerto Rico, in 1932; and Guam, in 1970. Tabulations of death statistics for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were regularly shown in *Vital Statistics of the United States* from the year of their admission through 1971 except for the years 1967-69, and tabulations for Guam were included for 1970 and 1971. Death statistics for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam were not included in *Vital Statistics of the United States* for 1972 but have been included each year since 1973. Information for 1972 for these three areas was published in the respective annual vital statistics reports of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Health of the Virgin Islands, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services of the Government of Guam.

Procedures used by NCHS to collect death statistics have changed over the years. Before 1971 tabulations of deaths were based solely on information obtained by NCHS from copies of the original certificates. The information from these copies was edited, coded, and tabulated. For 1960-70 all mortality information taken from these records was transferred by NCHS to magnetic tape for computer processing.

Beginning with 1971 an increasing number of States have provided NCHS, via the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program (VSCP), with electronic files of data coded according to NCHS specifications. The year in which State-coded demographic data were first transmitted in electronic data files to NCHS is shown below for each of the States, New York City, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, all of which now furnish demographic or nonmedical data in electronic data files.

1971	1972	1973
Florida	Maine	Colorado
	Missouri	Michigan
	New Hampshire	New York (except New York
	Rhode Island	City)
	Vermont	

1974	1975	1976
Illinois	Louisiana	Alabama
Iowa	Maryland	Kentucky
Kansas	North Carolina	Minnesota
Montana	Oklahoma	Nevada
Nebraska	Tennessee	Texas
Oregon	Virginia	West Virginia
South Carolina	Wisconsin	

1977
Alaska
Idaho
Massachusetts
New York City
Ohio
Puerto Rico

1978
Indiana
Utah
Washington

1979
Connecticut
Hawaii
Mississippi
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Wyoming

1980
Arkansas
New Mexico
South Dakota

1982
North Dakota

1985
Arizona
California
Delaware
Georgia
District of Columbia

1994
Virgin Islands

For Guam, mortality statistics for 1995 are based on information obtained directly by NCHS from copies of the original certificates received from the registration office.

In 1974 States began coding medical (cause-of-death) data in electronic data files according to NCHS specifications. The year in which State-coded medical data were first transmitted to NCHS is shown below for the 41 States now furnishing such data. In 1995 Maine, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming contracted with a private company to provide precoded medical data to NCHS. Kansas provided the medical data for Alaska. The remaining 9 VSCP States, New York City, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam submitted copies of the original certificates from which NCHS coded the medical data.

1974
Iowa
Michigan

1975
Louisiana
Nebraska
North Carolina
Virginia
Wisconsin

1980
Colorado
Kansas
Massachusetts
Mississippi
New Hampshire
Pennsylvania
South Carolina

1981
Maine

1983
Minnesota

1984
Maryland
New York (except New York City)
Vermont

1986
California
Florida
Texas

1988
Alaska
Delaware
Idaho
North Dakota
Wyoming

1989
Georgia
Indiana
Washington

1991	1992	1993
Arkansas	Montana	Alabama
		Connecticut
		Hawaii
		Nevada
		Oregon
		South Dakota

1994	1995
Oklahoma	New Mexico
Rhode Island	

For 1995 and previous years except 1972, NCHS coded the medical information from copies of the original certificates received from the registration offices for all deaths occurring in those States that were not furnishing NCHS with medical data coded according to NCHS specifications. For 1981 and 1982, these procedures were modified because of a coding and processing backlog resulting from personnel and budgetary restrictions. To produce the mortality files on a timely basis with reduced resources, NCHS used State-coded underlying cause-of-death information supplied by 19 States for 50 percent of the records; for the other 50 percent of the records for these States as well as for 100 percent of the records for the remaining 21 registration areas, NCHS coded the medical information. Mortality statistics for 1972 were based on information obtained from a 50-percent sample of death records instead of from all records as in other years. The sample resulted from personnel and budgetary restrictions. Sampling variation associated with the 50-percent sample is described in “Estimates of errors arising from 50-percent sample for 1972” under “Quality control procedures”.

Standard certificate

For many years, the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death, issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, has been used as the principal means to attain uniformity in the contents of documents used to collect information on these events. It has been modified by each State to the extent required by the particular needs of the State or by special provisions of the State vital statistics law. However, the certificates of most States conform closely in content and arrangement to the standards.

The first issue of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death appeared in 1900. Since then, it has been revised periodically by the national vital statistics agency through consultation with State health officers and registrars; Federal agencies concerned with vital statistics; national, State, and county medical societies; and others working in such fields as public health, social welfare, demography, and insurance. This revision procedure has ensured careful evaluation of each item in terms of its current and future usefulness for legal, medical and health, demographic, and research purposes. New items have been added when necessary, and old items have been modified to ensure better reporting; or in some cases, items have been dropped when their usefulness appeared to be limited.

The current version of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death was recommended for State use beginning on January 1, 1989. The U.S. Standard Certificate of Death is shown in figure 7-A (1).

History

The first death statistics published by the Federal Government concerned events in 1850 and were based on statistics collected during the decennial census of that year. In 1880 a national “registration area” was created for deaths. Originally, this area consisted of Massachusetts, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, and several large cities that had efficient systems for death registration. The death-registration area continued to expand until 1933,

when it included for the first time the entire United States. Tables showing data for death-registration States include the District of Columbia for all years; registration cities in nonregistration States are not included. For more details on the history of the death-registration area, see *U.S. Vital Statistics System: Major Activities and Developments, 1950-95* (2).

Classification of data

Vital statistics data is presented in terms of both frequencies and rates which are classified according to demographic variables such as geographic area, age, sex, and race. Since the calculation of rates requires population data, both vital statistics and population data must be classified and tabulated in comparable groups. The general rules used in the classification of geographic and personal items for deaths for 1995 are set forth in the NCHS instruction manual, Part 4 (3). A discussion of the classification of certain important items is presented below.

Classification by occurrence and residence

Tabulations for the United States and specified geographic areas are classified by place of residence unless stated as by place of occurrence. Before 1970 resident mortality statistics for the United States included all deaths occurring in the States and the District of Columbia, with deaths of nonresidents assigned to place of death. For the United States (50 States and the District of Columbia), deaths of nonresidents refers to deaths that occur in the 50 States and the District of Columbia of nonresident aliens; nationals residing abroad; and residents of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and other territories of the United States. Similarly, for Puerto Rico and for the Virgin Islands, deaths of nonresidents refers to deaths that occurred to a resident of any place other than Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, respectively. For Guam, however, deaths of nonresidents refers to deaths that occurred to a resident of any place other than Guam or the United States. Beginning with 1970, deaths of nonresidents are not included in tables by place of residence.

Deaths by place of occurrence, on the other hand, include deaths of both residents and nonresidents of the United States. Consequently, for each year beginning with 1970, the total number of deaths in the United States by place of occurrence was somewhat greater than the total by place of residence. For 1995 this difference amounted to 3,119 deaths.

Before 1970, except for 1964 and 1965, deaths of nonresidents of the United States occurring in the United States were treated as deaths of residents of the exact place of occurrence, which in most instances was an urban area. In 1964 and 1965, deaths of nonresidents of the United States occurring in the United States were allocated as deaths of residents of the balance of the county in which they occurred.

Residence error--Results of a 1960 study showed that the classification of residence information on the death certificates corresponded closely to the residence classification of the census records for the decedents whose records were matched (4).

A recent review of infant mortality rates for major urban areas suggests that the problem of residence error persists in vital statistics data despite the presence of an item on the U.S. Standard certificates of birth and death that asks whether residence was inside or outside city limits. Full resolution of this problem may require the application of automated systems for assigning addresses to geopolitical units.

Geographic classification

The rules followed in the classification of geographic areas for deaths are contained in NCHS instruction manual, Part 4 (3). The geographic codes assigned by NCHS on birth and death records are given in another instruction manual (5). Beginning with 1994 data, the geographic codes were modified to reflect results of the 1990 census. For 1982-93 codes are based on the results of the 1980 census and for 1970-81 on the 1970 census.

Metropolitan statistical areas--The Metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's) and Primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA's) are those established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget as of April 1, 1990, and used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (6), except in the New England States.

Outside the New England States, an MSA has either a city with a population of at least 50,000 or a U.S. Bureau of the Census urbanized area of at least 50,000 and a total MSA population of at least 100,000. A PMSA consists of a large urbanized county or cluster of counties that demonstrate very strong internal economic and social links and has a population over one million. When PMSA's are defined, the larger area of which they are component parts is designated a Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) (7).

In the New England States, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget uses towns and cities rather than counties as geographic components of MSA's and PMSA's. However, NCHS cannot use this classification for these States because its data are not coded to identify all towns. Instead, NCHS uses New England County Metropolitan Areas (NECMA's). Made up of county units, these areas are established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (8).

Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties--Independent cities and counties included in MSA's and PMSA's or in NECMA's are included in data for metropolitan counties; all other counties are classified as nonmetropolitan.

Population-size groups--Beginning with the 1994 data year, vital statistics data for cities and certain other urban places were classified according to the population enumerated in the 1990 Census of Population. Data are available for individual cities and other urban places of 10,000 or more population. As a result of changes in the enumerated population between 1980 and 1990, some urban places are no longer identified separately and other urban places have been added. Data for the remaining areas not separately identified appear under the heading “balance of area” or “balance of county.” For the years 1982-93 classification of areas was determined by the population enumerated in the 1980 Census of Population and for the years 1970-81 in the 1970 Census of Population.

Urban places other than incorporated cities include the following:

- Each town in New England, New York, and Wisconsin and each township in Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania that had no incorporated municipality as a subdivision and had either 25,000 inhabitants or more, or a population of 10,000 to 25,000 and a density of 1,000 persons or more per square mile.
- Each county in States other than those indicated above that had no incorporated municipality within its boundary and had a density of 1,000 persons or more per square mile. (Arlington County, Virginia, is the only county classified as urban under this rule.)
- Each place in Hawaii with a population of 10,000 or more. (There are no incorporated cities in the State.)

Before 1964 places were classified as “urban” or “rural.” Technical appendixes for earlier years discuss the previous classification system.

State or country of birth

Mortality statistics by State or country of birth became available beginning with 1979. State or country of birth of a decedent is assigned to 1 of the 50 States or the District of Columbia; or to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Guam--if specified on the death certificate. The place of birth is also tabulated for Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and for the remainder of the world. Deaths for which information on State or country of birth was unknown, not stated, or not classifiable accounted for a small proportion of all deaths in 1995, about 0.6 percent.

Early mortality reports published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census contained tables showing nativity of parents as well as nativity of decedent. Publication of these tables was discontinued in 1933. Mortality data showing nativity of decedent were again published in annual reports for 1939-41 and for 1950.

Age

The age recorded on the death record is the age at last birthday, the same as the age classification used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. For 1995 data, 463 resident death records (0.02 percent) contained not-stated age. For computation of age-specific and age-adjusted death rates, deaths with age not stated are excluded. For life table computation, deaths with age not stated are distributed proportionately.

Race

For vital statistics in the United States in 1995, deaths are classified by race--white, black, American Indian, Chinese, Hawaiian, Japanese, Filipino, and Other Asian or Pacific Islander. Beginning with 1992 data, an expanded code structure was used for seven States showing five additional Asian or Pacific Islander groups. These groups are Asian Indian, Korean, Samoan, Vietnamese, and Guamanian. These groups are coded only for deaths occurring in California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Washington. In 1990, at least two-thirds of the U.S. population of each of these groups lived in this seven-State reporting area: Asian Indian, Korean, and Vietnamese, 63-66 percent; Guamanian, 74 percent; and Samoan, 84 percent (9). This additional race detail is available on the mortality public-use data tapes (10,11) and in tabular form. Beginning with 1992 data, all records coded as "other races" (0.02 percent of the total deaths in 1995) were assigned to the specified race of the previous record rather than to a separate category called "other races." Mortality data for Filipino and Other Asian or Pacific Islander were shown for the first time in 1979.

The white category includes, in addition to persons reported as white, those reported in the race item on the death certificate as Hispanic, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and all other Caucasians. The American Indian category includes North, Central, and South American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut. If the racial entry on the death certificate indicates a mixture of Hawaiian and any other race, the entry is coded to Hawaiian. If the race is given as a mixture of white and any other race, the entry is coded to the appropriate nonwhite race. If a mixture of races other than white is given (except Hawaiian), the entry is coded to the first race listed. This procedure for coding the first race listed has been used since 1969. Before 1969 if the entry for race was a mixture of black and any other race except Hawaiian, the entry was coded to black.

Race not stated--For 1995 the number of death records for which race was unknown, not stated, or not classifiable was 1,954 or 0.1 percent of the total deaths. Beginning in 1992 death records with race not stated were assigned to the specified race of the previous record with known race. From 1965 to 1991 death records with race entry not stated were assigned to a racial designation as follows: If the preceding record was coded white, the code assignment was made to white; if the code was other than white, the assignment was made to black. Before 1964 all records with race not stated were assigned to white except records of residents of New Jersey for 1962-64.

New Jersey, 1962-64--New Jersey omitted the race item from its certificates of live birth and death in the beginning of 1962. The item was restored during the latter part of 1962. However, the certificate revision without the race item was used for most of 1962 as well as 1963. Therefore, figures by race for 1962 and 1963 exclude New Jersey. For 1964, 6.8 percent of the death records used for residents of New Jersey did not contain the race item.

Adjustments made in vital statistics to account for the omission of the race item in New Jersey for part of the certificates filed during 1962-64 are described in the Technical Appendix of *Vital Statistics of the United States* for each of those data years.

Quality of race data--A number of studies have been conducted on the reliability of race reported on the death certificate. These studies compare race reported on the death certificate with that reported on another data collection instrument such as the census or a survey. Race information on the death certificate is reported by the funeral director as provided by an informant, often the surviving next of kin, or, in the absence of an informant, on the basis of observation. In contrast, race on the census or the Current Population Survey (CPS) is self-reported or reported by a member of the household and, therefore, may be considered more valid. A high level of agreement between the death certificate and the census or survey report is essential to ensure unbiased death rates by race.

In one study a sample of approximately 340,000 death certificates was compared with census records for a 4-month period in 1960 (12). Percent agreement was 99.8 percent for white decedents, and 98.2 percent for black decedents; but less for the smaller minority groups (table A); the net difference in the number of deaths between the census records and death certificates can be expressed as a ratio of the census to the death certificate. A ratio of 1.0 for both white and black decedents (table A) indicates that the number of deaths for these race groups was essentially the same for these two sources. In another study, the National Longitudinal Mortality Study (NLMS), a total of 29,713 death certificates were compared with responses to the race questions from a total of 12 CPS's conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the years 1979-85 (13). The ratio between the two sources for white and black decedents was 1.0 as in the earlier study, however, the ratio for American Indian was 1.22 indicating that 22 percent more decedents were identified as American Indian in the census source as compared to the death certificate. The ratio for Asians was 1.12 (table A). In 1986 the National Mortality Followback Survey, conducted

by NCHS, listed a question about the race of decedents 25 years old and over. The total sample was 18,733 decedents (14). The rates of agreement were similar to those observed in the other studies.

All of these studies show that persons self-reported as American Indian or Asian on census and survey records (and by informants in the Followback Survey) were sometimes reported as white on the death certificate. The net effect of misclassification is an underestimation of deaths and death rates for the smaller minority races.

Hispanic deaths

Mortality statistics for the Hispanic population are based on information for those States and the District of Columbia that included items on the death certificate to identify Hispanic or ethnic origin of decedents. Data for 1995 were obtained from the District of Columbia and all States except Oklahoma, which was excluded because its death certificate did not include an item to identify Hispanic or ethnic origin.

Hispanic mortality data were published for the first time in 1984. Generally, the reporting States used items similar to one of two basic formats recommended by NCHS. The first format is directed specifically toward the Hispanic population and appears on the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death as follows:

! WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN?
(Specify No or Yes--If Yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)
□ No ___□ Yes
Specify:

The second format is a more general ancestry item and appears as follows:

! ANCESTRY--Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, African, English, Irish, German, Hmong, etc., (*specify*)

Death rates --Death rates for the total Hispanic population and race for non-Hispanic origin utilize demographically-derived population estimates produced by the Bureau of the Census (15). By comparison, population estimates for Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Other Hispanics are based in part on the Current Population Survey (15). Rates using the latter, therefore, are subject to sampling variation as well as random variation (see “Random variation and sampling errors”).

The 49 States and the District of Columbia accounted for about 99.6 percent of the Hispanic population in the United States in 1990. This included about 99.5 percent of the Mexican population, 99.8 percent of the Puerto Rican population, 99.9 percent of the Cuban population, and 99.7 percent of the “Other Hispanic” population (9). For qualifications regarding infant mortality of the Hispanic-origin population, see “Infant deaths.”

In 1994 New York City instituted the use of a revised death certificate where the race and ethnic items were to be completed by the funeral director. Previously these items were completed by the physician or medical examiner. In 1995 of the 70,752 deaths occurring in New York City, only 3 percent were coded to Unknown origin. Similarly, 4 percent were coded to unknown origin in 1994 whereas 23 percent were coded to Unknown origin in 1993. Between 1993 and 1994 the number of deaths occurring in New York City decreased 69 percent for Other and unknown Hispanic and 83 percent for Unknown origin. As a result of increased specificity in reporting ethnic origin, the number of deaths increased substantially in 1994 for Non-Hispanic and for each of the specified Hispanic subgroups.

Quality of data on Hispanic deaths--The NLMS examined the reliability of Hispanic origin reported on 43,520 death certificates with that reported on a total of 12 CPS's conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the years 1979-85 (13). The ratio of deaths for CPS divided by deaths for death certificate was 1.07 percent indicating net underreporting of Hispanic origin on death certificates as compared with self-reports on the surveys. The sample was too small to assess the reliability of specified Hispanic groups.

Marital status

Mortality statistics by marital status have been published annually since 1979. They were previously published in *Vital Statistics of the United States* for 1949-51 and 1959-61. Several reports analyzing mortality by marital

status have been published, including the special study based on 1959-61 data (16). Reference to earlier reports is given in the appendix of part B of the 1959-61 special study.

Mortality statistics by marital status are tabulated separately for never married, married, widowed, and divorced. Deaths for which the marriage is specified as being annulled are classified as never married. Marital status specified as separated or common-law marriage is classified as married. Of the 2,267,097 resident deaths 15 years of age and over in 1995, 9,705 certificates (0.4 percent) had marital status not stated.

Death rates -- Death rates for marital status use population estimates produced by the Bureau of the Census based on the Current Population Survey (15). Because these population estimates are subject to sampling variation, death rates based on them are subject to both sampling variation as well as random variation (see "Random variation and sampling errors").

Educational attainment

Beginning with the 1989 data year, mortality data on educational attainment have been tabulated from information reported on the death certificate using the following item:

! DECEDENT'S EDUCATION *(Specify only highest grade completed)*
Elementary/Secondary (0-12)
College (1-4 or 5+)

For 1995, mortality data on educational attainment were reported by 46 States and the District of Columbia. Georgia, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and South Dakota did not include an educational attainment item on their death certificate.

Selected mortality tables on educational attainment are based on deaths to residents of 45 States and the District of Columbia whose data were approximately 80 percent or more complete on a place-of-occurrence basis. In addition to the four States mentioned previously, data for Kentucky are excluded from these tables because more than 20 percent of their death certificates were classified to "unknown educational attainment."

Injury at work

Deaths for "Injury at work" were included on the 1993 public-use data tapes for the first time. These data were obtained from the following item that appears on the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death:

! INJURY AT WORK?
(Yes or no)

All States have this item on their death certificates.

Occupation and industry

Deaths by occupation and industry are included on the 1995 public-use data tapes and CD-ROM. These data have been included since 1985 and were obtained from the following items that appear on the U.S. Standard Certificate of Death:

! DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION
(Give kind of work done during most of working life.
Do not use retired.)

! KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

For 1995, the occupation and industry mortality data were included for the following 19 reporting States:

Colorado	New Mexico
Georgia	North Carolina
Idaho	Ohio
Indiana	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Carolina
Kentucky	Utah
Maine	Vermont
Nevada	West Virginia
New Hampshire	Wisconsin
New Jersey	

Data for 1993-95 were coded using the revised NCHS Part 19 instruction manual (17) and the Bureau of the Census 1990 occupation and industry titles and three-digit codes, which are shown in the 1990 Census of Population and Housing (18).

Occupation and industry mortality data for 1984-92 were based on the 1980 Bureau of the Census occupation and industry classifications. For a listing of the changes between the 1980 and the 1990 classification systems, see Appendix D of the NCHS Part 19 instruction manual (17).

In addition to the codes shown in the Bureau of the Census publication (18), the following special codes were created:

Occupation	Industry
913 Retired	961 Own Home/At Home
914 Housewife/ Homemaker	970 Retired
915 Student	990 Blank, Unknown, NA
916 Volunteer	
917 Unemployed, never worked, disabled, child, infant	
999 Blank, Unknown, NA	

Place of death and status of decedent

Mortality statistics by type of place of death have been shown annually in *Vital Statistics of the United States* since 1979. Before that year they were published in 1958 (tables 1-30--1-32). In addition, mortality data also were available for the first time in 1979 for the status of decedent when death occurred in a hospital or medical center. The 1994 data were obtained from the following two items appearing on the revised U.S. Standard Certificate of Death (1):

! PLACE OF DEATH *(check only one)*

HOSPITAL: □ Inpatient □ ER/Outpatient □ DOA

OTHER: □ Nursing Home □ Residence □ Other *(specify)*

! FACILITY NAME *(If not institution, give street and number)*

Before the 1989 revision of the Standard Certificate of Death, information on place of death and status of decedent could be determined if hospital or institution indicated Inpatient, Outpatient, ER, or DOA, and if the name of the hospital or institution, which was used to determine the kind of facility, appeared on the certificate. The change to a checkbox format in many States for this item may affect the comparability of data for 1989 and subsequent years with data for years before 1989.

Except for Oklahoma, all of the States (including New York City) and the District of Columbia have this item (or its equivalent) on their certificates. For all reporting States and the District of Columbia in the VSCP, NCHS accepts the State definition, classification, or code for hospitals, medical centers, nursing homes, or other institutions.

Effective with data for 1980, the coding of place of death and status of decedent was modified. A new coding category was added: "Dead on arrival--hospital, clinic, or medical center." Had the 1979 coding categories been used, these deaths would have been coded to "Place unknown."

California--For the first 5 months of data year 1989, California coded "Place of death" to "other" rather than "residence".

Mortality by month and date of death

Deaths by month have been tabulated regularly and are available for each year since 1900. Deaths from selected causes by date of death have been published each year since 1972 and are available for 1962.

Numbers of deaths by date of death are produced for the total number of deaths and for the numbers of deaths for the following three causes, for which the greatest interest in date of occurrence of death has been expressed: Motor vehicle accidents, Suicide, and Homicide and legal intervention.

These data show the frequency distribution of deaths for selected causes by day of week. They also make it possible to identify holidays with peak numbers of deaths from specified causes.

Report of autopsy

Beginning with the 1995 data year, mortality data on autopsy are no longer collected due to budgetary constraints.

Cause of death

Cause-of-death classification--Since 1949 cause-of-death statistics have been based on the underlying cause of death, which is defined as "(a) the disease or injury which initiated the train of events leading directly to death, or (b) the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury" (19).

For each death the underlying cause is selected from an array of conditions reported in the medical certification section on the death certificate. This section provides a format for entering the cause of death sequentially. The conditions are translated into medical codes through use of the classification structure and the selection and modification rules contained in the applicable revision of the *International Classification of Diseases* (ICD), published by the World Health Organization (WHO). Selection rules provide guidance for systematically identifying the underlying cause of death. Modification rules are intended to improve the usefulness of mortality statistics by giving preference to certain classification categories over others and/or to consolidate two conditions or more on the certificate into one classification category.

As a statistical datum, underlying cause of death is a simple, one-dimensional statistic; it is conceptually easy to understand and a well-accepted measure of mortality. It identifies the initiating cause of death and is therefore most useful to public health officials in developing measures to prevent the onset of the chain of events leading to death. The rules for selecting the underlying cause of death are included in ICD as a means of standardizing classification, which contributes toward comparability and uniformity in mortality medical statistics among countries.

Tabulation lists--Beginning with data year 1979, the cause-of-death statistics published by NCHS have been classified according to the Ninth Revision of the *International Classification of Diseases* (ICD-9) (19).

Five lists of causes have been developed by NCHS for tabulation and publication of mortality data--the Each-Cause List, List of 282 Selected Causes of Death, List of 72 Selected Causes of Death, List of 61 Selected Causes of Infant Death, and List of 34 Selected Causes of Death. These lists were designed to be as comparable as possible with the NCHS lists used under the Eighth Revision. However, complete comparability could not always be achieved.

The Each-Cause List is made up of each three-digit category of the WHO Detailed List to which deaths may be validly assigned and most four-digit subcategories. This list is used for the tabulation of data for the entire United States. The Each-Cause table in *Vital Statistics of the United States* does not show the four-digit or special five-digit subcategories provided for Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E825). The four-digit subcategories that identify persons injured and the five-digit subcategories that identify place of accident for deaths from nontransport accidents are tabulated separately.

The List of 282 Selected Causes of Death is constructed to be compatible with the recommended WHO lists for tabulating mortality data in ICD-9. This list is used for tabulating both State and national mortality data.

The List of 72 Selected Causes of Death was, in part, constructed by combining titles in the List of 282 Selected Causes of Death. It is used in tabulating data for the entire United States and each State and for Metropolitan statistical areas and for ranking leading causes of death excluding infants. (See “Cause-of-death ranking”.)

The List of 61 Selected Causes of Infant Death shows more detailed titles for Congenital anomalies and Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period than any other list except the Each-Cause List, and is used for ranking infant causes of death. (See “Cause-of-death ranking”.)

The List of 34 Selected Causes of Death was created by combining titles in the List of 72 Selected Causes. This list is used for tabulating data by detailed geographic area.

Beginning with data for 1987, changes were made in these lists to accommodate the introduction in the United States of new categories *042-*044 for Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. The changes are described in the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1987. To facilitate data use, beginning with data for 1994, the categories for HIV infection (*042-*044) and Alzheimer’s disease (ICD-9 No. 331.0) are included separately at the bottom of tables showing the List of 72 Selected Causes of Death and the List of 282 Selected Causes of Death. They are also subsumed in categories of the list.

Effect of ICD revisions--The International Classification of Diseases (ICD), used in the United States since 1900, has been revised approximately every 10 years so the disease classifications may be consistent with advances in medical science and with changes in diagnostic practice. Each revision of the ICD has produced some break in comparability of cause-of-death statistics. Cause-of-death statistics beginning with 1979 are classified by NCHS according to ICD-9 (19). For a discussion of each of the classifications used with death statistics since 1900, see *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1979, Volume II, Mortality, Part A, section 7, pages 9-14.

Revisions of the ICD cause discontinuities in cause of death statistics because of changes in the classification or in the rules for selecting and modifying the underlying cause of death. To measure the discontinuity, dual coding studies have been carried out since the Fifth Revision of the ICD (1940). A dual coding study was undertaken between the Ninth and the Eighth Revisions (20). For additional information about these studies, see the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1979.

Significant coding changes under the Ninth Revision--Since the implementation of ICD-9 in the United States, effective with mortality data for 1979, several coding changes have been introduced that are described in detail in *Vital Statistics of the United States* for the years in which they were introduced. The more important changes are: In early 1983 a change that affected data from 1981 to 1986 was made in the coding of Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and HIV infection. Also effective with data year 1981 was a coding change for Poliomyelitis. For data year 1982, the definition of child was changed (which affects the classification of deaths to a number of categories, including Child battering and other maltreatment), and guidelines for coding deaths to the category Child battering and other maltreatment (ICD-9 No. E967) were changed also. During the calendar year 1985, detailed instructions for coding Motor vehicle accidents involving all-terrain vehicles were implemented to ensure consistency in coding these accidents. Effective with data year 1986, “Primary” and “Invasive” tumors, unspecified, were classified as “Malignant”; these neoplasms had been classified to Neoplasms of unspecified nature (ICD-9 No. 239).

Beginning with data for 1987, NCHS introduced new category numbers *042-*044 for classifying and coding HIV infection, formerly referred to as Human T-cell lymphotropic virus-III/lymphadenopathy associated virus (HTLV-III/LAV) infection. The asterisks appearing before the categories indicate these codes are not part of ICD-9. Also changed effective with data year 1987 were coding rules for the conditions "Dehydration" and "Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy." Effective with data year 1988, minor content changes were made to the classification for HIV infection. Detailed discussion of these changes may be found in the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1988.

Coding in 1995--The rules and instructions used in coding 1995 mortality medical data remained essentially the same as those used for the 1994 data.

Medical certification--The use of a standard classification list, although essential for State, regional, and international comparison, does not ensure strict comparability of the tabulated figures. A high degree of comparability among areas could be attained only if all records of cause of death were reported with equal accuracy and completeness. The medical certification of cause of death can be made only by a qualified person, usually a physician, a medical examiner, or a coroner. Therefore, the reliability and accuracy of cause-of-death statistics are, to a large extent, governed by the ability of the certifier to make the proper diagnosis and by the care with which he or she records this information on the death certificate.

A number of studies have been undertaken on the quality of medical certification on the death certificate. In general, these have been for relatively small samples and for limited geographic areas. A bibliography prepared by NCHS (21), covering 128 references over 23 years, indicates no definitive conclusions have been reached about the quality of medical certification on the death certificate. No country has a well-defined program for systematically assessing the quality of medical certifications reported on death certificates or for measuring the error effects on the levels and trends of cause-of-death statistics.

One index of the quality of reporting causes of death is the proportion of death certificates coded to the Ninth Revision, Chapter XVI, Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (ICD-9 Nos. 780-799). Although deaths occur for which it is impossible to determine the underlying cause, this proportion indicates the care and consideration given to the certification by the medical certifier. This proportion also may be used as a rough measure of the specificity of the medical diagnoses made by the certifier in various areas. In 1995, 1.2 percent of all reported deaths in the United States were assigned to this category. The percent of deaths assigned to this category remained stable at 1.5 percent from 1981 to 1987, but has declined slightly since then.

Automated selection of underlying cause of death--Before data for 1968, mortality medical data were based on manual coding of an underlying cause of death for each certificate in accordance with WHO rules. Effective with data year 1968, NCHS converted to computerized coding of the underlying cause and manual coding of all causes (multiple causes) on the death certificate. In this system, called Automated Classification of Medical Entities (ACME) (22), the multiple cause codes serve as inputs to the computer software that employs WHO rules to select the underlying cause. The ACME system applies the same rules for selecting the underlying cause as would be applied manually by a nosologist; however, under this system, the computer consistently applies the same criteria, thus eliminating intercoder variation in this step of the process.

The ACME computer program requires the coding of all conditions shown on the medical certification. These codes are matched automatically against decision tables that consistently select the underlying cause of death for each record according to the international rules. The decision tables provide the comprehensive relationships among the conditions classified by ICD when applying the rules of selection and modification.

The decision tables were developed by NCHS staff on the basis of their experience in coding underlying causes of death under the earlier manual coding system and as a result of periodic independent validations. These tables periodically are updated to reflect additional new information on the relationship among medical conditions. For data year 1988, these tables were amended to incorporate minor changes to the previously mentioned classification for HIV infection (*042-*044) that originally had been implemented with data year 1987. Coding procedures for selecting the underlying cause of death by using the ACME computer program, as well as by using the ACME decision tables, are documented in NCHS instruction manuals (22,23,24).

Beginning with data year 1990, another computer system was implemented for automating cause-of-death coding. This system, called Mortality Medical Indexing, Classification, and Retrieval (MICAR) (25,26), automates coding multiple causes of death. Because MICAR automates multiple-cause coding rules, errors in recognizing terms, applying coding rules, and using the ICD index are eliminated. The use of the MICAR system ensures

consistent application of multiple-cause coding rules, which is especially important for rules that are complex and infrequently applied. In addition, MICAR can provide more detailed information on the conditions reported on death certificates than is available through the ICD category structure (27). In the first year of implementation, only about 5 percent of the Nation's death records were coded using MICAR with subsequent processing through ACME. This percentage increased from 26 percent in 1991 to 35 percent in 1992, 59 percent in 1993, 72 percent in 1994, and 74 percent in 1995. States whose data were coded by MICAR in 1995 included Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York (excluding New York City), New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. For these States, MICAR processed about 88 percent of the mortality records with an average system error rate of 0.17 on an underlying cause basis, and a rate of 0.32 on a multiple-cause basis. Records that MICAR was unable to process were coded manually and then processed using ACME.

Beginning with data year 1993, another computer system was implemented for automating cause-of-death coding. This system, called SuperMICAR, is an enhancement of the MICAR system, which allows for total literal entry of the multiple cause-of-death text as reported by the certifier. This information is automatically coded by the MICAR and ACME computer systems. In the first year of implementation, about 9 percent of the Nation's death records were coded using SuperMICAR with subsequent processing through MICAR and ACME. This percentage increased from 9 percent in 1993 to 12 percent in 1994, and 14 percent in 1995. States using SuperMICAR in 1995 included Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. In 1995, for these States, SuperMICAR processed about 75 percent of the mortality records with an average system error rate of 0.59 on an underlying cause basis, and a rate of 1.17 on a multiple-cause basis. Records that SuperMICAR was unable to process were coded manually and then processed using ACME.

Cause-of-death ranking--Cause-of-death ranking except for infants is based on numbers of deaths assigned to categories in the List of 72 Selected Causes of Death, Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044), and Alzheimer's disease (ICD-9 No. 331.0). Added to the list of rankable causes was HIV infection, effective with data year 1987 and Alzheimer's disease, effective with data year 1994. Cause-of-death ranking for infants is based on the List of 61 Selected Causes of Infant Death and HIV infection (added to the list of rankable causes of infant death effective with data year 1987).

The group titles Major cardiovascular diseases and Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions from the List of 72 Selected Causes of Death are not ranked; Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period and Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions from the List of 61 Selected Causes of Infant Death are not ranked. In addition, category titles beginning with the words "Other" or "All other" are not ranked to determine the leading causes of death. When one of the titles representing a subtotal is ranked (such as Tuberculosis), its component parts (in this case, Tuberculosis of respiratory system and Other tuberculosis) are not ranked.

Maternal deaths

Maternal deaths are those for which the certifying physician has designated a maternal condition as the underlying cause of death. Maternal conditions are those assigned to Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (ICD-9 Nos. 630-676). In the Ninth Revision, WHO for the first time defined a maternal death as follows:

> A maternal death is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and the site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes.

Under the Eighth Revision, maternal deaths were assigned to the category "Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium" (*Eighth Revision International Classification of Diseases, Adapted for Use in the United States* (ICDA-8) Nos. 630-678). Although WHO did not define maternal mortality, an NCHS classification rule existed that limited the definition of a maternal death to a death that occurred within a year after termination of pregnancy from any "maternal cause," that is, any cause within the range of ICDA-8 Nos. 630-678. This rule

applied only if a duration was given for the condition. If no duration was specified and the underlying cause of death was a maternal condition, the duration was assumed to be within a year and the death was coded by NCHS as a maternal death. The change from an under-1-year limitation for duration used in the Eighth Revision to an under-42-days limitation used in the Ninth Revision did not have much effect on the comparability of maternal mortality statistics. However, comparability was affected by the following classification change: Under the Ninth Revision, maternal causes of death have been expanded to include Indirect obstetric causes (ICD-9 Nos. 647-648). These causes include Infective and parasitic conditions as well as other conditions present in the mother and classifiable elsewhere but that complicate pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, such as Syphilis, Tuberculosis, Diabetes mellitus, Drug dependence, and Congenital cardiovascular disorders.

Maternal mortality rates are computed on the basis of the number of live births. The maternal mortality rate indicates the likelihood of a pregnant woman dying of maternal causes. The number of live births used in the denominator is an approximation of the population of pregnant women who are at risk of a maternal death.

Race--Beginning with the 1989 data year, NCHS changed the method of tabulating live birth data by race from race of child, which was determined from the race of the parents, to race of mother. This resulted in a discontinuity in maternal mortality rates by race between 1989-95 and previous years; see “Change in tabulation of race data for live births,” under “Infant deaths” in the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1990, or the series report, “Effect on Mortality Rates of the 1989 Change in Tabulating Race” (28).

Infant deaths

Age--Infant death is defined as a death under 1 year of age. The term excludes fetal deaths. Infant deaths usually are divided into two categories according to age, neonatal and postneonatal. Neonatal deaths are those that occur during the first 27 days of life; postneonatal deaths are those that occur between 28 days and 1 year of age. Generally, it has been believed that different factors influencing the child's survival predominate in these two periods: Factors associated with prenatal development, heredity, and the birth process were considered dominant in the neonatal period; environmental factors, such as nutrition, hygiene, and accidents, were considered more important in the postneonatal period. Recently, however, the distinction between these two periods has blurred due in part to advances in neonatology, which have enabled more very small premature infants to survive the neonatal period.

Rates--Infant mortality rates are the most commonly-used indices for measuring the risk of dying during the first year of life; they are calculated by dividing the number of infant deaths in a calendar year by the number of live births registered for the same period and are presented as rates per 1,000 or per 100,000 live births. Infant mortality rates use the number of live births in the denominator to approximate the population at risk of dying before the first birthday. This measure is an approximation because some live births will not have been exposed to a full year's risk of dying and some of the infants who die during a year will have been born in the previous year. The error introduced in the infant mortality rate by this inexactness is usually small, especially when the birth rate is relatively constant from year to year (29,30). Other sources of error in the infant mortality rate have been attributed to differences in applying the definitions for infant death and fetal death when registering the event (31,32,33).

In contrast to infant mortality rates based on live births, infant death rates are based on the estimated population under 1 year of age. Infant death rates, which appear in tabulations of age-specific death rates, are calculated by dividing the number of infant deaths in a calendar year by the estimated midyear population of persons under 1 year of age and are presented as rates per 100,000 population in this age group. Patterns and trends in the infant death rate may differ somewhat from those of the more commonly used “infant mortality rate,” mainly because of differences in the nature of the denominator and in the time reference. Whereas the population denominator for the infant death rate is estimated using data on births, infant deaths, and migration for the 12-month period of July-June, the denominator for the infant mortality rate is a count of births occurring during the 12 months of January-December. The difference in the time reference can result in different trends between the two indices during periods when birth rates are moving up or down markedly.

The infant death rate also is subject to greater imprecision than is the infant mortality rate because of problems of enumerating and estimating the population under 1 year of age (32).

Change in tabulation of race data for live births--Beginning with the 1989 data year, NCHS changed the method of tabulating live-birth data by race from race of child, which was determined from the race of the parents, to race of mother. As in previous years, race for infant and maternal deaths (the numerator of the rate) is tabulated by the race of the decedent. Because live births comprise the denominator of infant and maternal mortality rates, this change resulted in a discontinuity in rates between 1989-95 data, and that for previous years. For additional information, see the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1990, or the series report, "Effect on Mortality Rates of the 1989 Change in Tabulating Race" (28).

Comparison of race data from birth and death certificates--Regardless of whether vital events are tabulated by race of mother or by race of parents, studies in which race on the birth and death certificates for the same infant were compared find inconsistencies in reporting race between birth and death certificates (34).

These reporting inconsistencies can result in systematic biases in infant mortality rates by specified race, in particular, underestimates for specified races other than white or black. In the computation of race-specific infant mortality rates, the race item for the numerator comes from the death certificate, and for the denominator, from the birth certificate. Biases in the rates may arise because of possible inconsistencies in reporting race on these two vital records. Race of the mother and father is reported on the birth certificate by the mother at the time of delivery; whereas race of the deceased infant is reported on the death certificate by the funeral director based on observation or on information supplied by an informant, such as a parent. Previous studies have noted the race for an infant who died and was of a smaller minority race group is sometimes reported as white on the death certificate but is reported as the minority race group on the birth certificate, resulting, in the aggregate, in understatement of infant mortality for smaller race groups, for example, American Indian (34).

Estimates can be made of the degree of bias in race-specific infant mortality rates by comparing rates for which race is based on the death certificate of the infant with rates in which race is based on race of mother from the birth certificate. In table B these comparisons are made for the years 1995 and 1996 combined. A measure of reliability is the ratio of race reported on the linked file (race of mother from the birth certificate) to the race of the child reported on the death certificate. The ratio for white infants is 1.0; for black 0.97 indicating a good net correspondence in race from the two sources. However, for American Indians the ratio is 1.14 indicating that rates where race is based on the birth certificate are 14 percent higher than those based on the death certificate. Ratios among specific populations groups of Asian Americans varied greatly. Understatement was greatest for Japanese infants with a ratio of 2.04, indicating that infant mortality rates based on birth certificate information are over twice as high as those based on death certificates. The ratios for Filipinos were 1.68, and for Chinese, 1.21. The ratio for Hawaiians was 0.85, indicating a higher rate based on death certificates, possibly because on death records on which Hawaiian was reported in combination with another race, coding procedures always give preference to Hawaiian (35).

Hispanic origin--Infant mortality rates for the Hispanic-origin population are based on numbers of resident infant deaths reported to be of Hispanic origin (see "Hispanic origin") and numbers of resident live births by Hispanic origin of mother for the 49 States and the District of Columbia. Data for Oklahoma were excluded, because Oklahoma did not include an item on Hispanic origin on its death certificate. In computing infant mortality rates, deaths and live births of unknown origin are not distributed among the specified Hispanic and non-Hispanic groups. Because the percent of infant deaths of unknown origin for 1995 was 1.7 percent and the percent of live births of unknown origin was 1.5 percent, infant mortality rates by specified Hispanic origin and race for non-Hispanic origin may be slightly underestimated.

Small numbers of infant deaths for specific Hispanic-origin groups can result in infant mortality rates subject to relatively large random variation (see "Random variation and sampling errors").

Table C shows comparisons for infant mortality rates for Hispanic origin where Hispanic origin is based on death certificate identification of the infant or on birth certificate information on the Hispanic origin of the mother (the linked file) for 1996. For total Hispanic origin infants, the ratio was 1.05 indicating that rates are about 5 percent higher using the race of mother from the birth certificate (linked file). For Mexican and Cuban, the rates were about the same (ratios of 1.00 and 1.02, respectively), but rates for Puerto Rican infants were 12 percent higher when Hispanic origin was based on the birth certificate (35).

Tabulation list--Causes of death for infants are tabulated according to a list of causes that is different from the list of causes for the population of all ages, except for the Each Cause List. (See "Cause-of-death classification" under "Cause of death.")

Quality of data

Completeness of registration

All States have adopted laws requiring the registration of births and deaths. It is believed that more than 99 percent of the births and deaths occurring in this country are registered.

Massachusetts data--The 1964 statistics for deaths exclude approximately 6,000 deaths registered in Massachusetts, primarily to residents of that State. Microfilm copies of these records were not received by NCHS. Figures for the United States and the New England Division are affected also.

Amended records for Alaska--Numbers of deaths for selected causes occurring in Alaska for 1995 are in error because NCHS did not receive changes resulting from amended records. An estimate of the effect of these omissions can be derived by comparing NCHS counts of records processed through the VSCP with counts prepared by Alaska as shown in table D. Differences are concentrated among selected causes of death, principally Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (ICD-9 Nos. 780-799) and external causes.

Quality control procedures

Demographic items on the death certificate--As previously indicated, for 1995 the mortality data for these items were obtained from two sources--photocopies of the original certificates furnished by Guam and electronic data records furnished by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, New York City, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For Guam, which sent only copies of the original certificates, the demographic items were coded for 100 percent of the death certificates. The demographic coding for 100 percent of the certificates was independently verified.

For areas sending electronic data records, a sample of 70-80 records per month for each registration area is used to monitor quality of coding. Under this procedure, each sample record is independently coded by NCHS staff and compared to the State code assignments. NCHS/State differences are adjudicated to ascertain the source of the error and need for corrective action. The estimated average outgoing error rate for all demographic items in 1995 was 0.25 percent. The error rate is a combined measure of State coding, key entry and processing errors made in the process of preparing the statistical file. These types of errors are not necessarily randomly distributed in the file and may therefore escape detection through sample verification. To reduce some systematic errors other NCHS procedures such as detailed computer edits, tabular evaluation, and procedure review are used.

Medical items on the death certificate--The same procedures used for demographic data are used for the medical items. For the 41 States sending electronic files, the average outgoing error rate in 1995 was estimated at 2.8 percent for underlying cause data, and 5.5 percent for multiple cause-of-death data.

For the remaining 9 States, the District of Columbia, New York City, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam, NCHS coded the medical items for all the death records. A 1-percent sample of the records was coded independently for quality control purposes. The estimated average error rate for underlying cause for these areas was 3.6 percent.

Other control procedures--After coding and data entry are completed, record counts are balanced against control totals for each shipment of records from a registration area. Editing procedures ensure that records with inconsistent or impossible codes are modified. Inconsistent codes are those, for example, indicating a contradiction between cause of death and age or sex of the decedent. Records so identified during the computer editing process are either corrected by reference to the source record or adjusted by arbitrary code assignment (36). Further, conditions specified on a list of infrequent or rare causes of death are confirmed by the certifier or a State health officer. All subsequent operations in tabulating and in preparing tables are verified during the computer processing or by statistical clerks.

Estimates of errors arising from 50-percent sample for 1972--Death statistics for 1972 are based on a 50-percent sample of all deaths occurring in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. A description of the sample design and a table of the percent errors of the estimated numbers of deaths by size of estimate and total deaths in the area are shown in the Technical Appendix from *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1972.

Computation of rates and other measures

Population bases

Population bases from which death rates are computed are prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Rates for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990 are based on the population enumerated as of April 1 in the censuses for those years. Rates for all other years use the estimated midyear (July 1) population. Death rates for the United States, individual States, and metropolitan areas are based on the total resident populations of the respective areas. Except as noted, these populations exclude the Armed Forces abroad but include the Armed Forces stationed in each area.

The resident populations of the birth- and death-registration States for 1900-32, and of the United States for 1900-95 are shown in table E. In addition, the population including Armed Forces abroad is shown for the United States. Table F lists the sources for these populations.

Populations for 1995--Population estimates of the United States by age, race, and sex for 1995 are shown in table G (37). The 1995 estimates are consistent with those for 1990-94. Population estimates for each State by age for 1995 are shown in table H (38). Since these population estimates are based on demographic analysis, they are not subject to sampling variability.

In addition the following estimates are shown:

- Estimated population by 5-year age groups, specified Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, and sex: Total of 49 States and the District of Columbia, 1995 (see table I) (15)
- Estimated population for ages 15 years and over by 5-year age groups, marital status, race, and sex: United States, 1995 (see table J) (15)
- Estimated population for ages 15 years and over, by 5-year age groups, marital status, Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, and sex: Total of 49 States and the District of Columbia, 1995 (see table K) (15)

Population estimates by specified Hispanic origin and by marital status groups are based on the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Survey (a sample-based survey) adjusted to control totals. As a result, these estimates are subject to sampling variation (see "Random variation and sampling errors").

Population for 1990--In the 1980 and 1990 censuses, a substantial number of persons did not specify a racial group that could be classified as any of the white, black, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, Asian, or Pacific Islander categories on the census form (39). In 1980 the number of persons of "Other" race was 6,758,319; in 1990, it was 9,804,847. In both censuses the large majority of these persons were of Hispanic origin (based on responses to a separate question on the form), and many wrote in their Hispanic origin (for example, Mexican and Puerto Rican) as their race. In 1980 and 1990 persons of unspecified race were allocated to one of the four tabulated racial groups (white, black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander) based on their response to the Hispanic origin question. These four race categories conform with OMB Directive 15 (the standards for recordkeeping, collection, and presentation of data on race and ethnicity in Federal statistical activities and program administrative reporting) (40) and are more consistent with the race categories in vital statistics.

In 1980 the allocation of unspecified race was determined using cross-tabulations of age, sex, race, specified Hispanic origin, and county of residence. Persons of Hispanic origin and unspecified race were allocated to either white or black based on their specific Hispanic origin. Persons of "Other" race and Mexican origin were categorically assumed to be white, while persons in other Hispanic categories were distributed to white and black pro rata within the county-age-sex group. For "Other race-not-specified" persons who were not Hispanic, race was allocated to white, black, or Asian or Pacific Islander based on proportions gleaned from sample data. The 20-percent sample (respondents who were enumerated on the longer census form) provided a highly detailed coding of race, which allowed identification of otherwise unidentifiable responses with a specified race category. Thus, allocation proportions were established at the State level and were used to distribute the non-Hispanic persons of "Other" race in the 100-percent tabulations.

In 1990 the race modification procedure was implemented using individual census records. Persons whose race could not be specified were assigned to a racial category using a pool of "race donors" that consisted of persons of

specified race who had the identical responses to the Hispanic origin question and who were within the auspices of the same census district office. As in the 1980 census, it appeared that the underlying assumption made in the 1990 census was that the Hispanic origin response was the major criterion for allocating race. Unlike those responding to the 1980 census who could be assigned only to the racial group white or black, persons of Hispanic origin, including Mexicans, responding to the 1990 census could be assigned to any racial group. Also, in the 1990 census, the non-Hispanic component of "Other" race was allocated primarily on the basis of geography (district office), rather than detailed characteristic.

The means by which respondent's age was determined were fundamentally different for the two censuses; therefore, the problems that necessitated the modification were different. In 1980 respondents reported year of birth and quarter of birth (within year) on the census form. When census results were tabulated, persons born in the first quarter of the year (before April 1) had age equal to 1980 minus year of birth, while persons born in the last three quarters had age equal to 1979 minus year of birth.

In 1990 quarter year of birth was not reported on the census form, so direct determination of age from year of birth was not possible. In 1990 census publications, age is based on respondents' direct reports of age at last birthday. This definition proved inadequate for postcensal estimates as it was apparent that many respondents had reported their age at time of either completion of the census form or interview by an enumerator that could occur several months after the April 1 reference date. As a result, age was biased upward. For most respondents, modification was based on a respecification of age, by year of birth, with allocation to first quarter (persons aged 1990 minus year of birth) and last three quarters (aged 1989 minus year of birth) based on a historical series of registered births by month. This process partially restored the 1980 logic for assignment of age. It was not considered necessary to correct for age overstatement and heaping in 1990, because the availability of age and year of birth on the census form had provided for the elimination of spurious year-of-birth reports in the census data before modification occurred.

Population estimates for 1981-89--Death rates for 1981-89 are based on revised populations that are consistent with the 1990 census level (39). They are, therefore, not comparable with death rates published in *Vital Statistics of the United States* for 1981-89, and in other NCHS publications for those years. The 1990 census counted approximately 1.5 million fewer persons than had been estimated earlier for April 1, 1990.

Populations for 1980--Death rates for 1980 are based on the population enumerated as of April 1 in the 1980 census (41). The figures by race have been modified as described.

Population estimates for 1971-79--Death rates for 1971-79 used revised population estimates that are consistent with the 1980 census levels. The 1980 census enumerated approximately 5.5 million more persons than had been estimated for April 1, 1980 (42). These revised estimates for the United States by age, race, and sex are published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 917. Unpublished revised estimates for States were obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. For Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam, revised estimates are published in *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, Number 919.

Population estimates for 1961-69--Death rates for 1961-69 are based on revised estimates of the population and thus may differ slightly from rates published before 1976. Rates, life table values, and population estimates for each year during 1961-69 have been revised to reflect modified population bases as published in the U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-5, Number 519.

New Jersey--As previously indicated, data by race are not available for New Jersey for 1962 and 1963. Therefore, for 1962 and 1963, NCHS estimated a population by age, race, and sex that excluded New Jersey for rates shown by race. The methodology used to estimate the revised population excluding New Jersey is discussed in the Technical Appendixes of the 1962 and 1963 volumes.

Rates and ratios based on live births--Infant and maternal mortality rates are computed on the basis of the number of live births. Counts of live births are published annually in *Vital Statistics of the United States*.

Net census undercount

Errors can be introduced into the annual rates as a result of underenumeration of deaths and the misreporting of demographic characteristics. Errors in rates can also result from enumeration errors in the latest decennial census. This is because annual population estimates for the postcensal interval, which are used in the denominator for calculating death rates, are computed using the decennial census count as a base (39). Net census undercount

results from the miscounting and misreporting of demographic characteristics such as age. Age-specific death rates are affected by the net census undercount and the misreporting of age on the death certificate (43). To the extent that the net undercount is substantial and that it varies among subgroups and geographic areas, it may have important consequences for vital statistics measures.

Because death rates based on a population adjusted for net census undercount may be more accurate than rates based on an unadjusted population, the possible impact of net census undercount on death rates must be considered. This can be done on a national basis using results of studies conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census on the completeness of coverage of the U.S. population (including underenumeration and misstatement of age, race, and sex). Such studies were conducted in the last five decennial censuses--1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990. From this work have come estimates of the national population that were not counted by age, race, and sex (44-47). The reports for 1990 (unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census) include estimates of net underenumeration and overenumeration for age, sex, and racial subgroups of the national population modified for race consistency with previous population counts as described in the section "Population bases." These studies indicate that, although coverage was improved over previous censuses, there was differential coverage among the population subgroups; that is, some age, race, and sex groups were more completely counted than others.

Because estimates of net census undercount are not available by age, race, and sex for individual States and counties, it is not feasible to adjust for net census undercount when presenting rates in routine tabulations. Nevertheless, it is important to be aware that net census undercounts can affect levels of observed vital rates.

Age, race, and sex--If adjustments were made for net census undercount, the size of denominators of the death rates generally would increase and the rates, therefore, would decrease. The adjusted rates for 1995 can be computed by multiplying the reported rates by ratios of the census-level resident population to the resident population adjusted for the estimated net census undercount (table L). A ratio of less than 1.0 indicates a net census undercount and, when applied, results in a corresponding decrease in the death rate. A ratio greater than 1.0--indicating a net census overcount--when multiplied by the reported rate results in an increase in the death rate.

Coverage ratios for all ages show that, in general, females were more completely enumerated than males and the white population more completely enumerated than the black population in the 1990 Census of Population. Underenumeration varied by age group for the total population, with the greatest differences found for persons aged 85 years and over. All other age groups were overcounted or undercounted by less than 4.0 percent. Among the age-sex-race groups, underenumeration was highest (13.3 percent) for black males aged 25-34 years. In contrast, white females in this age group were underenumerated by 2.5 percent.

If vital statistics measures were calculated with adjustments for net census undercounts for each population subgroup, the resulting rates would be differentially reduced from their original levels; that is, rates for those groups with the greatest estimated undercounts would show the greatest relative reductions due to these adjustments. Similar effects would be evident in the opposite direction for groups with overcounts. Consequently, the ratio of mortality between the rates for males and females and between the rates for the white population and the black population usually would be reduced.

Similarly, the differences between the death rates among subgroups of the population by cause of death would be affected by adjustments for net census undercounts. For example, in 1990 for the age group 35-39 years, the ratio of the unadjusted death rate for Homicide and legal intervention for black males to that for white males is 7.54, whereas the ratio of the death rates adjusted for net census undercount is 6.92. For Ischemic heart disease for males aged 40-44 years, the ratio of the death rate for the black population to that for the white population is 1.38 using the unadjusted rates, but it is 1.26 when adjusted for estimated underenumeration.

Summary measures--The effect of net census undercount on age-adjusted death rates and life table values depends on the underenumeration of each age group and on the distribution of deaths by age. Thus, the age-adjusted death rate in 1990 for All causes would decrease from 520.2 to 512.7 per 100,000 population if the age-specific death rates were corrected for net census undercount (table M). For Diseases of heart, the age-adjusted death rate for white males would decrease from 202.0 to 198.2 per 100,000 population, a decline of 2.0 percent. For black males, the change from an unadjusted rate of 275.9 to an adjusted rate of 256.7 would amount to a decrease of 7.0 percent. For HIV infection, the rate for black males would decrease from 44.2 to 39.0 and for white males from 15.0 to 14.4.

If death rates by age were adjusted, the corresponding life expectancy at birth computed from these rates would change. When calculating life expectancy, the impact of an undercount or overcount is greatest at the younger

ages. In general, the effect of correcting the death rates is to increase the estimate of life expectancy at birth. For example, adjustment for net census undercount would increase life expectancy in 1990 by an estimated 0.2 years, from 75.4 years to 75.6 years for the total U.S. population.

Adjustment for differential underenumeration among race-sex groups would lead to greater changes in life expectancy for some groups than for others. For males and females, increases would be 0.3 and 0.1 years, respectively; for the black population and white population, 0.6 and 0.2 years, respectively. The largest increase would be for black males, 1.2 years, followed by white males (0.3 years), black females (0.2 years), and white females (0.2 years).

Age-adjusted death rates

Age-adjusted death rates are used to compare relative mortality risk across groups and over time. However, they should be viewed as constructs or indexes rather than as direct or actual measures of mortality risk. Statistically, they are weighted averages of the age-specific death rates, where the weights represent the fixed population proportions by age (48). Age-adjusted death rates were computed by the direct method, that is, by applying age-specific death rates for a given cause of death to the U.S. standard population (relative age distribution of 1940 enumerated population of the United States totaling 1,000,000 (30)). By using the same standard population, the rates for the total population and for each race-sex group were adjusted separately. It is important not to compare age-adjusted death rates with crude rates. The U.S. standard population and corresponding weights (w_i) are as follows:

Age	Number	Weights (w_i)
All ages	1,000,000	1.000000
Under 1 year	15,343	0.015343
1-4 years	64,718	0.064718
5-14 years	170,355	0.170355
15-24 years	181,677	0.181677
25-34 years	162,066	0.162066
35-44 years	139,237	0.139237
45-54 years	117,811	0.117811
55-64 years	80,294	0.080294
65-74 years	48,426	0.048426
75-84 years	17,303	0.017303
85 years and over	2,770	0.002770

Age-adjusted death rates by marital status are computed using the age groups 25 years and over. Therefore, the United States standard population aged 25 years and over and corresponding weights (w_i) are as follows:

Age	Number	Weights (w_i)
25 years and over	567,907	1.000000
25-34 years	162,066	0.285374
35-44 years	139,237	0.245176
45-54 years	117,811	0.207448
55-64 years	80,294	0.141386
65-74 years	48,426	0.085271
75 years and over	20,073	0.035346

Life tables

U.S. abridged life tables are constructed by reference to a standard table (49). Life tables for the decennial period 1979-81 are used as the standard life tables in constructing the 1980-95 abridged life tables. Life table

values for 1981-89 are based on revised intercensal estimates of the populations for those years. Therefore, these life table values may differ from life table values of those years published previously.

Life tables for the decennial period 1969-71 are used as the standard life tables in constructing the 1970-79 abridged life tables. Life table values for 1970-73 were first revised in *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1977; before 1977, life table values for 1970-73 were constructed using the 1959-61 decennial life tables. In addition, life table values for 1951-59, 1961-69, and 1971-79 are based on revised intercensal estimates of the populations for those years. As such, these life table values may differ from life table values previously published.

The annual abridged life table series was initiated for selected race-sex groups in 1945. Because of the increased interest in the average length of life ($^{o}e_{o}$) for years prior to 1945, estimates were prepared for the following race and sex groups and data years (50).

Years	*Race and sex groups*
1900-45	Total
1900-47	Male
1900-47	Female
1900-50	White
1900-44	White, male
1900-44	White, female
1900-50	All other
1900-44	All other, male
1900-44	All other, female

The geographic areas covered in life tables before 1929-31 were limited to the death-registration areas. Life tables for 1900-02 and 1909-11 were constructed using mortality data from the 1900 death-registration States--10 States and the District of Columbia, and for 1919-21, from the 1920 death-registration States--34 States and the District of Columbia. The tables for 1929-31 through 1958 cover the conterminous United States. Decennial life table values for the 3-year period 1959-61 were derived from data that include Alaska and Hawaii for each year. Data for each year include Alaska beginning in 1959 and Hawaii beginning in 1960. It is believed that the inclusion of these two States does not materially affect life table values.

Random variation and sampling errors

Deaths--The number of deaths reported for an area represent complete counts of such events (except for 1972 when the data were based on a 50-percent sample because of resource constraints). As such, they are not subject to sampling error, although they are subject to non-sampling errors in the registration process. However, when the figures are used for analytical purposes, such as the comparison of rates over time or for different areas, the number of events that actually occurred may be considered as one of a large series of possible results that could have arisen under the same circumstances (51). The probable range of values may be estimated from the actual figures according to certain statistical assumptions.

In general, distributions of vital events may be assumed to follow the binomial distribution. When the number of events is large, the relative standard error is usually small. When the number of events is small (perhaps less than 100) and the probability of such an event is small, considerable caution must be observed in interpreting the data. Such infrequent events may be assumed to follow a Poisson probability distribution. As a result, the numbers of deaths, death rates, and mortality rates are subject to random variation. Estimates of relative standard errors (RSE)--a measure of variability--, 95-percent confidence intervals, and tests of statistical significance under this assumption are shown below. Mortality data may also be subject to non-sampling errors.

Populations-Population estimates of the United States and for each State by age, race, total Hispanic origin, and sex for 1995 are based on demographic methods and, therefore, are not subject to sampling variability. However, population estimates by specified Hispanic origin (Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Other Hispanics) and by specified marital status groups (never married, married, widowed, and divorced) are based on the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Survey (CPS) adjusted to control totals and, therefore, are subject to sampling variation. As a result, death rates based on the CPS-based population estimates are subject to both

random variation of the deaths and sampling error of the population estimates. Estimates of relative standard errors, 95-percent confidence intervals, and tests of statistical significance under these assumptions are shown below. All population estimates may also be subject to non-sampling errors.

Computation of population-based death rates--Death rates for a single calendar year are computed by dividing the number of deaths for a class for that year by the population of a similarly-defined class for the same year and multiplying that result by 100,000 (or 1,000). Rates thus computed are per 100,000 (or 1,000) estimated population residing in selected areas of the United States. The 3-year average death rates are computed by dividing the total number of deaths for a class for a three-year period by the sum of the population estimates of a similarly defined class for the same period and multiplying that result by 100,000 (or 1,000).

Computation of live birth-based mortality rates--Maternal mortality rates and infant mortality rates are computed by dividing the number of deaths for a class for a specified year by the number of live births of a similarly defined class for that year and multiplying that result by 100,000 (or 1,000). Rates thus computed are per 100,000 (or 1,000) live births residing in selected areas of the United States. The 3-year average infant mortality rates for the three-year period are computed by dividing the total number of infant deaths for a class for that period by the sum of the live births of a similarly defined class for the three-year period and multiplying that result by 100,000 (or 1,000).

Relative Standard Errors and 95% Confidence Intervals--Formulas for computing approximate RSE's and confidence intervals (CI's) for crude, age-specific death rates, and age-adjusted death rates are shown below.

Beginning with 1989 data, an asterisk has been shown in place of a rate based on fewer than 20 deaths, which is the equivalent of an RSE of 22.94 percent or more. An RSE of this magnitude is considered statistically unreliable. That procedure has been used for mortality data except death rates based on CPS-based population estimates, for which sampling variation must be considered in addition to random variation. Formulas for computing RSE's for CPS population-based rates are presented below and an asterisk is shown in place of a rate when the RSE is 22.94 percent or more. RSE's for CPS population-based rates were introduced beginning with specified Hispanic-origin data for 1994 and subsequently for rates by marital status.

The formulas below are shown separately for rates based on demographically estimated populations, sample-based populations, and rates based on live births. Further, separate discussions are provided for rates based on less than 100 events, and rates based on 100 events or more. Specific examples are given to illustrate the use of the formulas.

*The following formulas are used for demographically-estimated population-based death rates for all races, white, black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, all origins, total Hispanic, total non-Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black for **all** marital status groups combined*:

Age-specific and crude death rates--

$$RSE(R) = RSE(D) = 100\sqrt{\frac{1}{D}}$$

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 100 or more deaths
Lower: R - 1.96 * S(R)
Upper: R + 1.96 * S(R)

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 1-99 deaths
Lower: R * L(1- α =.95,D)
Upper: R * U(1- α =.95,D)

where

R = rate (deaths per 100,000 population)
D = total number of deaths upon which rate is based

$$S(R) = R * \frac{RSE(R)}{100} = \textit{standard error of rate}$$

L(1- α =.95,D) and U(1- α =.95,D) are lower and upper 95% confidence limit factors and are shown in table N

Age-adjusted death rates--

$$RSE(R'') = 100 \frac{\sqrt{\sum\left\{ w_i^2 \; R_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{D_i} \right) \right\}}}{R''}$$

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 100 or more deaths
Lower: R'' - 1.96 * S(R'')
Upper: R'' + 1.96 * S(R'')

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 1-99 deaths
Lower: R'' * L(1- α =.95,D_{adj})
Upper: R'' * U(1- α =.95,D_{adj})

where

R'' = age-adjusted rate (per 100,000 population) = $\sum w_i R_i$
w_i = i^{th} age-specific Standard Population such that $\sum(w_i) = 1.0$
R_i = age-specific rate (per 100,000) for the i^{th} age group
D_i = total number of deaths for the i^{th} age group upon which age-specific rate is based

$$S(R'') = R'' * \frac{RSE(R'')}{100} = \textit{standard error of age-adjusted rate}$$

L(1- α =.95,D_{adj}) and U(1- α =.95,D_{adj}) are lower and upper 95% confidence limit factors and are shown in table N

$$D_{adj} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{RSE(R'')}{100} \right)^2} \textit{ adjusted number of deaths rounded to nearest integer}$$

*The following formulas are used for CPS population-based death rates for all races, white, black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, all origins, total Hispanic, total non-Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black by **specified** marital status group (never married, married, widowed, and divorced)*
OR
*for Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Other Hispanic for **all** marital status groups combined and by **specified** marital status group (never married, married, widowed, and divorced):*

Age-specific and crude death rates--

$$RSE(R) = 100\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{D}\right) + f\left(a + \frac{b}{P}\right)}$$

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 100 or more deaths
Lower: R-1.96*S(R)
Upper: R+1.96*S(R)

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 1-99 deaths

$$Lower: \quad R * L\left(1-\acute{a}=.96,\ D\right) * \left(1-2.576\sqrt{f\left(a + \frac{b}{P}\right)}\right)$$

$$Upper: \quad R * U\left(1-\acute{a}=.96,\ D\right) * \left(1+2.576\sqrt{f\left(a + \frac{b}{P}\right)}\right)$$

where

R = rate (deaths per 100,000 population).
D = total number of deaths upon which rate is based
f = factor that depends on whether the population estimate is based on demographic analysis or CPS and the number of years used (see below)
a and b factors are CPS standard error parameters (see below)
P = total estimated population upon which rate is based (if rate is based on a 3-year average, then an approximate P would be three times the population for the most recent year)

$$S(R) = R * \frac{RSE(R)}{100} = standard\ error\ of\ rate$$

L(1- α =.96,D) and U(1- α =.96,D) are lower and upper 96% confidence limit factors and are shown in table N

Age-adjusted death rates--

$$RSE(R'') = 100 \frac{\sqrt{\sum\left(w_i^2 * R_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{D_i} + f\left(a + \frac{b}{P_i}\right)\right)\right)}}{R''}$$

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 100 or more deaths
Lower: R'' - 1.96 * S(R'')
Upper: R'' + 1.96 * S(R'')

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 1-99 deaths
Lower: R'' * L(1- α =.96,D_{adj}) * (1 -2.576 * RSE(P_{adj}))
Upper: R'' * U(1- α =.96,D_{adj}) * (1+2.576 * RSE(P_{adj}))

where

R'' = age-adjusted rate (per 100,000 population) = $\sum w_i R_i$
w_i = i^{th} age-specific Standard Population such that $\sum(w_i) = 1.0$
R_i = age-specific rate (per 100,000)for the i^{th} age group
D_i = total number of deaths for the i^{th} age group upon which age-specific rate is based
f = factor that depends on whether the population estimate is based on demographic analysis or CPS and the number of years used (see below)
a and *b* factors are CPS standard error parameters (see below)
P_i = total estimated population for the i^{th} age group upon which the rate is based (if rate is based on 3-year average, then combined P_i would be three times the population for the most recent year)

$$S(R'') = R'' * \frac{RSE(R'')}{100} = \textit{standard error of age-adjusted rate}$$

L(1- α =.96,D_{adj}) and U(1- α =.96,D_{adj}) are lower and upper 96% confidence limit factors and are shown in table N

P_{adj} =$\sum(w_i * P_i)$ = adjusted estimated population rounded to nearest integer

$$RSE(P_{adj}) = \frac{\sqrt{\sum\left(w_i^2 * P_i^2 * f\left(a + \frac{b}{P_i}\right)\right)}}{P_{adj}}$$

$$D_{adj} = \textit{smaller of } \sum(D_i) \textit{ or } \frac{1}{RSE(R'')^2 - RSE(P_{adj})^2} = \begin{array}{c}\textit{adjusted number of deaths}\\ \textit{rounded to the}\\ \textit{nearest integer}\end{array}$$

If D_{adj} is negative, set D_{adj} to $\sum(D_i)$

Shown below are the "*a*", "*b*", and "*f*" factors for various race, origin, and marital status classifications, by whether the population-based rate was based on a single year or 3-year average:

Race, origin, and marital status	*Rate based on 1 year*	*Rate based on 3 years*
All races, white, American Indian, all origins, total Hispanic, total non-Hispanic, non-Hispanic white; by never married, married, widowed, divorced	*f* = 0.670 *a* = -0.000017 *b*= 4,786	*f* = 0.440 *a* = -0.000017 *b* = 14,358
Black, non-Hispanic black; by never married, married, widowed, divorced	*f* = 0.670 *a* = -0.000204 *b*= 6,865	*f* = 0.440 *a* = -0.000204 *b* = 20,595
Asian or Pacific Islander; by never married, married, widowed, divorced	*f* = 0.670 *a* = -0.000719 *b*= 6,865	*f* = 0.440 *a* = -0.000719 *b* = 20,595
Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Other Hispanic; all marital status groups combined, never married, married, widowed, divorced	*f* = 0.670 *a* = -0.000297 *b*= 6,865	*f* = 0.440 *a* = -0.000297 *b* = 20,595

The following formulas may be used for live birth-based mortality rates:

The formulas for the RSE and 95-percent CI's of an infant mortality rate (IMR) are as follows:

$$RSE(IMR) = 100\sqrt{\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{B}}$$

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 100 or more infant deaths
Lower: *IMR* - 1.96 * S(*IMR*)
Upper: *IMR* + 1.96 * S(*IMR*)

Approximate 95% Confidence Interval: 1-99 infant deaths
Lower: IMR * L(1- α =.95,D_{adj})
Upper: IMR * U(1- α =.95,D_{adj})

where

IMR = infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 100,000 live births)
D = total number of infant deaths upon which rate is based
B = total number of live births upon which IMR is based

$$S(IMR) = IMR * \frac{RSE(IMR)}{100} = \textit{standard error of infant mortality rate}$$

L(1- α =.95,D_{adj}) and U(1- α =.95,D_{adj}) are lower and upper 95% confidence limit factors and are shown in table N

$$D_{adj} = \frac{D * B}{D + B} = \textit{adjusted number of infant deaths that takes into account the RSE of the number of infant deaths and live births}$$

Statistical tests

For testing the equality of two rates, R_1 and R_2, the *z*-test may be used (when both rates are based on 100 deaths or more) or the overlap of 95% CI's of the rates may be used (when either or both of the rates are based on less than 100 deaths).

The *z*-test is determined as follows:

$$z = \frac{R_1 - R_2}{\sqrt{R_1^2\left(\frac{RSE(R_1)}{100}\right)^2 + R_2^2\left(\frac{RSE(R_2)}{100}\right)^2}}$$

to define a significance test statistic. If $|z|$ is greater than or equal 1.96, then the difference would be considered statistically significant at the 0.05 level; and if $|z|$ is less than 1.96, the difference is not statistically significant.

As a hypothetical example, if the three-year average death rate for Mexicans, R_1, is 36.4 (based on D=120 deaths and P=330,000 population for the three years combined) and the three-year rate for non-Hispanic whites, R_2, is 13.8 (based on D=180 deaths and P=1,300,000 population for the three years combined), then using the formulas above the RSE's and *z*-test are computed as follows:

$$RSE(R_1) = 100\sqrt{\frac{1}{120} + 0.440 * \left(-.000297 + \frac{20{,}595}{330{,}000}\right)} = 18.88\%$$

$$RSE(R_2) = 100\sqrt{\frac{1}{180}} = 7.45\%$$

and

$$z = \frac{36.4 - 13.8}{\sqrt{36.4^2\left(\frac{18.88}{100}\right)^2 + 13.8^2\left(\frac{7.45}{100}\right)^2}} = 3.25$$

Since $|z|$ is greater than 1.96, the difference between the two rates is statistically significant at the 0.05 level of significance.

If either of two rates is based on less than 100 deaths, then one may determine if the 95% CI's overlap as an indication of a statistically significant or non-significant difference.

As a hypothetical example, if the three-year average death rate for Cubans, R_3, is 26.7 (based on D=40 deaths and P=150,000 population for the three years combined) and the three-year rate for non-Hispanic blacks, R_4, is 61.5 (based on D=400 deaths and P=650,000 population for the three years combined), then the 95% CI's are computed using information from the following formulas and table N:

95% CI for R_3

$$Lower: = 26.7 * 0.70266 \left(1 - 2.576 \sqrt{0.44 * \left(-.000297 + \frac{20{,}595}{150{,}000} \right)} \right) = 6.9$$

$$Upper: = 26.7 * 1.37991 \left(1 + 2.576 \sqrt{0.44 * \left(-.000297 + \frac{20{,}595}{150{,}000} \right)} \right) = 60.1$$

95% CI for R_4

$$RSE(R_4) = 100 \sqrt{\frac{1}{400}} = 5.00\%$$

$$Lower = 61.5 - \left(1.96 * 61.5 * \frac{5.00}{100} \right) = 55.5$$

$$Upper = 61.5 + \left(1.96 * 61.5 * \frac{5.00}{100} \right) = 67.5$$

Since the CI's overlap, the difference between R_3 and R_4 is not statistically significant.

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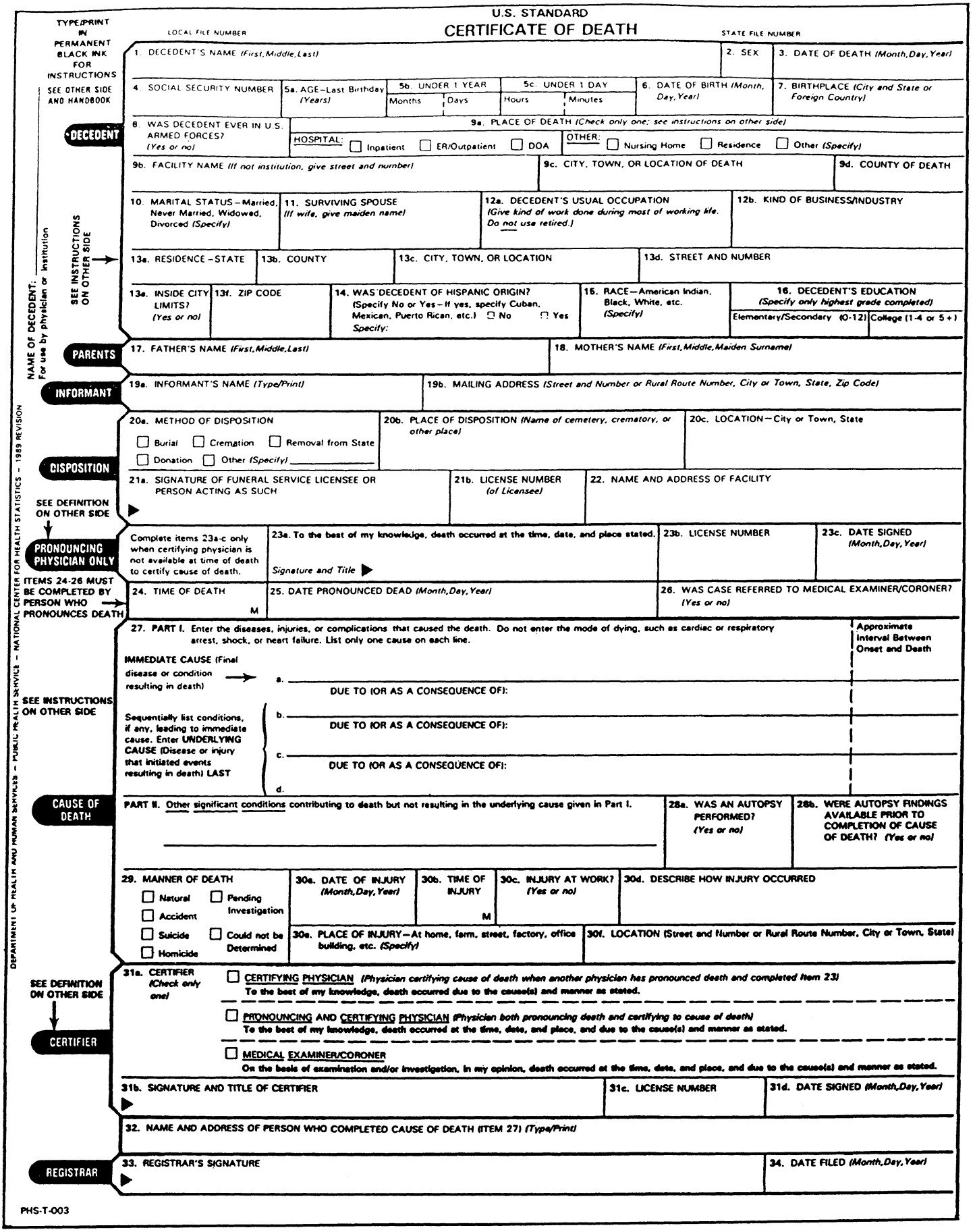

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LOCAL FILE NUMBER

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NAME OF DECEDENT: For use by physician or institution

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DECEDENT

1. DECEDENT'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)
2. SEX
3. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
5a. AGE—Last Birthday (Years)
5b. UNDER 1 YEAR — Months / Days
5c. UNDER 1 DAY — Hours / Minutes
6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country)
8. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes or no)
9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one; see instructions on other side)
HOSPITAL: ☐ Inpatient ☐ ER/Outpatient ☐ DOA
OTHER: ☐ Nursing Home ☐ Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
9b. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number)
9c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH
9d. COUNTY OF DEATH
10. MARITAL STATUS—Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced (Specify)
11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)
12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired.)
12b. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY
13a. RESIDENCE—STATE
13b. COUNTY
13c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
13d. STREET AND NUMBER
13e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (Yes or no)
13f. ZIP CODE
14. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Specify No or Yes—If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) ☐ No ☐ Yes Specify:
15. RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify)
16. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed)
Elementary/Secondary (0-12) / College (1-4 or 5+)

PARENTS

17. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)
18. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname)

INFORMANT

19a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print)
19b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code)

DISPOSITION

20a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION
☐ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal from State
☐ Donation ☐ Other (Specify) _____
20b. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place)
20c. LOCATION—City or Town, State
21a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH ▶
21b. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee)
22. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY

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PRONOUNCING PHYSICIAN ONLY

Complete items 23a-c only when certifying physician is not available at time of death to certify cause of death.
23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place stated. Signature and Title ▶
23b. LICENSE NUMBER
23c. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)

ITEMS 24-26 MUST BE COMPLETED BY PERSON WHO PRONOUNCES DEATH

24. TIME OF DEATH M
25. DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year)
26. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER? (Yes or no)

CAUSE OF DEATH

27. PART I. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.

Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) → a. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

Sequentially list conditions, if any, leading to immediate cause. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (Disease or injury that initiated events resulting in death) LAST

b. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

c. _____ DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):

d. _____

PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I.

28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no)
28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no)

29. MANNER OF DEATH
☐ Natural ☐ Pending Investigation
☐ Accident
☐ Suicide ☐ Could not be Determined
☐ Homicide

30a. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)
30b. TIME OF INJURY M
30c. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no)
30d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
30e. PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)
30f. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)

SEE DEFINITION ON OTHER SIDE

CERTIFIER

31a. CERTIFIER (Check only one)

☐ CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN (Physician certifying cause of death when another physician has pronounced death and completed Item 23)
To the best of my knowledge, death occurred due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

☐ PRONOUNCING AND CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN (Physician both pronouncing death and certifying to cause of death)
To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

☐ MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER
On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.

31b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER ▶
31c. LICENSE NUMBER
31d. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)

32. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 27) (Type/Print)

REGISTRAR

33. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE ▶
34. DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year)

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Figure 7-A. U.S. Standard Certificate of Death

Table A. Comparison of percent agreement and ratio of deaths for census or survey record to deaths by race for matching death certificate: 1960 and 1979-85

Race	Census		NLMS[1]	
	Percent agreement	Ratio census/ death certificate	Percent agreement	Ratio CPS[2]/ death certificate
White.....	99.8	1.00	99.2	1.00
Black.....	98.2	1.00	98.2	1.00
American Indian.....	79.2	1.12	73.6	1.22
Asian.....	---	...	82.4	1.12
Japanese.....	97.0	1.04	...	...
Chinese	90.3	1.07	...	...
Filipino	72.6	1.28	...	...

--- Data not available.

... Category not applicable.

[1] NLMS is defined as National Longitudinal Mortality Study.

[2] CPS is defined as Current Population Survey.

SOURCES: Hambright TZ. Comparability of marital status, race, nativity, and country of origin on the death certificate and matching census record: U.S., May-August 1960. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(34). 1969; Sorlie PD, Rogot E, Johnson NJ. Validity of demographic characteristics on the death certificate. Epidemiology 3(2):181-4. 1992.

Table B. Infant mortality rates by race of infant from the death certificate and by race of mother from the birth certificate, and ratio of rates, 1995-96

[Rates per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Race	Infant mortality rate		Ratio birth/ death
	Race from death certificate	Race from birth certificate	
All races	7.5	7.4	0.99
White	6.2	6.2	1.00
Black	14.9	14.4	0.97
American Indian	8.3	9.5	1.14
Asian or Pacific Islander	4.1	5.2	1.27
Chinese	2.9	3.5	1.21
Japanese	2.3	4.7	2.04
Hawaiian	7.2	6.1	0.85
Filipino	3.4	5.7	1.68
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	4.8	5.6	1.17

SOURCE: Rosenberg H, Maurer JD, Sorlie PD, Johnson NJ, MacDorman M, Hoyert DL, Spitler JF, Scott C. Quality of death rates by race and Hispanic origin: a summary. National vital statistics reports (forthcoming).

Table C. Infant mortality rates by Hispanic origin of infant from the death certificate and by race of mother from the birth certificate, and ratio of rates, 1996

[Rates per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Race	Infant mortality rate		Ratio linked file/ birth/death
	Hispanic origin from death certificate [1]	Hispanic origin from birth certificate	
All origins [2]	7.3	7.4	1.01
Total Hispanic	5.9	6.2	1.05
Mexican	5.9	5.9	1.00
Puerto Rican	7.8	8.7	1.12
Cuban	5.1	5.2	1.02
Other Hispanic [3]	5.3	5.9	1.11
Non-Hispanic total [4]	7.6	7.7	1.01
Non-Hispanic white	6.1	6.2	1.02
Non-Hispanic black	14.7	14.4	0.98

[1] Data excludes Oklahoma which did not have a question on Hispanic origin on its death certificate.
[2] Includes Hispanic origin not stated.
[3] Includes Central and South American and Other and unknown Hispanic.
[4] Includes races other than white and black.

SOURCE: Rosenberg H, Maurer JD, Sorlie PD, Johnson NJ, MacDorman M, Hoyert DL, Spitler JF, Scott C. Quality of death rates by race and Hispanic origin: a summary. National vital statistics reports (forthcoming).

Table D. Numbers of deaths and ratios of deaths for selected causes as tabulated by State of occurrence and NCHS, 1995

[Data by place of occurrence include deaths of nonresidents. Numbers after causes of death are category numbers of the Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, 1975]

Causes	Alaska	NCHS	Ratio AK/NCHS
All causes	2,546	2,546	1.00
Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions 780-799	42	43	0.98
Accidents and adverse effects E800-E949	368	376	0.98
Motor vehicle accidents E810-E825	105	96	1.09
All other accidents and adverse effects E800-E807,E826-E949	263	280	0.94
Suicide E950-E959	118	105	1.12
Homicide and legal intervention E960-E978	56	55	1.02
All other external causes E980-E999	7	11	0.64

Table E. Population of birth- and death-registration States, 1900-1932, and United States, 1900-1995

[Population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

Year	United States[1]		Year	United States[1]		Birth-registration States		Death-registration States	
	Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area		Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area	Number of States[2]	Population residing in area	Number of States[2]	Population residing in area
1995	263,033,968	262,755,270	1947	144,126,000	143,446,000	...	...	...	...
1994	260,650,842	260,340,990	1946	141,389,000	140,054,000	...	...	...	...
1994	258,119,768	257,783,004	1945	139,928,000	132,481,000	...	...	...	...
1992	255,457,501	255,077,536	1944	138,397,000	132,885,000	...	...	...	...
1991	252,688,000	252,177,000	1943	136,739,000	134,245,000	...	...	...	...
1990	249,225,000	248,709,873	1942	134,860,000	133,920,000	...	...	...	...
1989	247,342,000	246,819,000	1941	133,402,000	133,121,000	...	...	...	...
1988	245,021,000	244,499,000	1940	131,820,000	131,669,275	...	...	...	...
1987	242,804,000	242,289,000	1939	131,028,000	130,879,718	...	...	...	...
1986	240,651,000	240,133,000	1938	129,969,000	129,824,939	...	...	...	...
1985	238,466,000	237,924,000	1937	128,961,000	128,824,829	...	...	...	...
1984	236,348,000	235,825,000	1936	128,181,000	128,053,180	...	...	...	...
1983	234,307,000	233,792,000	1935	127,362,000	127,250,232	...	...	...	...
1982	232,188,000	231,664,000	1934	126,485,000	126,373,773	...	...	...	...
1981	229,966,000	229,466,000	1933	125,690,000	125,578,763	...	...	...	...
1980	227,061,000	226,545,805	1932	124,949,000	124,840,471	47	118,903,899	47	118,903,899
1979	225,055,000	224,567,000	1931	124,149,000	124,039,648	46	117,455,229	47	118,148,987
1978	222,585,000	222,095,000	1930	123,188,000	123,076,741	46	116,544,946	47	117,238,278
1977	220,239,000	219,760,000	1929	---	121,769,939	46	115,317,450	46	115,317,450
1976	218,035,000	217,563,000	1928	---	120,501,115	44	113,636,160	44	113,636,160
1975	215,973,000	215,465,000	1927	---	119,038,062	40	104,320,830	42	107,084,532
1974	213,854,000	213,342,000	1926	---	117,399,225	35	90,400,590	41	103,822,683
1973	211,909,000	211,357,000	1925	---	115,831,963	33	88,294,564	40	102,031,555
1972	209,896,000	209,284,000	1924	---	114,113,463	33	87,000,295	39	99,318,098
1971	207,661,000	206,827,000	1923	---	111,949,945	30	81,072,123	38	96,788,197
1970	204,270,000	203,211,926	1922	---	110,054,778	30	79,560,746	37	92,702,901
1969	202,677,000	201,385,000	1921	---	108,541,489	27	70,807,090	34	87,814,447
1968	200,706,000	199,399,000	1920	---	106,466,420	23	63,597,307	34	86,079,263
1967	198,712,000	197,457,000	1919	105,063,000	104,512,110	22	61,212,076	33	83,157,982
1966	196,560,000	195,576,000	1918	104,550,000	103,202,801	20	55,153,782	30	79,008,412
1965	194,303,000	193,526,000	1917	103,414,000	103,265,913	20	55,197,952	27	70,234,775
1964	191,889,000	191,141,000	1916	---	101,965,984	11	32,944,013	26	66,971,177
1963	189,242,000	188,483,000	1915	---	100,549,013	10	31,096,697	24	61,894,847
1962	186,538,000	185,771,000	1914	---	99,117,567	...	...	24	60,963,309
1961	183,691,000	182,992,000	1913	---	97,226,814	...	...	23	58,156,740
1960	179,933,000	179,323,175	1912	---	95,331,300	...	...	22	54,847,700
1959	177,264,000	176,513,000	1911	---	93,867,814	...	...	22	53,929,644

Table E. Population of birth- and death-registration States, 1900-1932, and United States, 1900-1995

[Population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

Year	United States[1]		Year	United States[1]		Birth-registration States		Death-registration States	
	Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area		Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area	Number of States[2]	Population residing in area	Number of States[2]	Population residing in area
1958	174,141,000	172,320,000	1910	---	92,406,536	...	...	20	47,470,437
1957	171,274,000	170,371,000	1909	---	90,491,525	...	...	18	44,223,513
1956	168,221,000	167,306,000	1908	---	88,708,976	...	...	17	38,634,759
1955	165,275,000	164,308,000	1907	---	87,000,271	...	...	15	34,552,837
1954	162,391,000	161,164,000	1906	---	85,436,556	...	...	15	33,782,288
1953	159,565,000	158,242,000	1905	---	83,819,666	...	...	10	21,767,980
1952	156,954,000	155,687,000	1904	---	82,164,974	...	...	10	21,332,076
1951	154,287,000	153,310,000	1903	---	80,632,152	...	...	10	20,943,222
1950	151,132,000	150,697,361	1902	---	79,160,196	...	...	10	20,582,907
1949	149,188,000	148,665,000	1901	---	77,585,128	...	...	10	20,237,453
1948	146,631,000	146,093,000	1900	---	76,094,134	...	...	10	19,965,446

--- Data not available.

... Category not applicable.

[1] Alaska included beginning 1959 and Hawaii, 1960.

[2] The District of Columbia is not included in "Number of States," but it is represented in all data shown for each year.

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census; see text.

Table F. Source for resident population and population including Armed Forces abroad: Birth- and death-registration States, 1900-32, and United States, 1900-95

Year	Source
1995	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Electronic Data File, RESD0795, and unpublished data.
1994	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Electronic Data File, RESD0794, and unpublished data.
1993	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Electronic Data File, RESP0793, and unpublished data.
1992	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Electronic Data File, RESP0792, and unpublished data.
1991	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 1095, 1993.
1990	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Unpublished data from the 1990 census, 1990 CPH-L-74 and unpublished data consistent with *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 1095.
1981-89	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 1095, 1993.
1980	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *U.S. Census of Population: 1980, Number of Inhabitants*, PC-80-1A1, United States Summary, 1983.
1971-79	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 917, July 1982.
1970	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *U.S. Census of Population: 1970, Number of Inhabitants*, Final Report PC(1)-A1, United States Summary, 1971.
1961-69	U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population *Reports*, Series P-25, No. 519, April 1974.
1960	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *U.S. Census of Population: 1960, Number of Inhabitants*, PC(1)-A1, United States Summary, 1964.
1951-59	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 310, June 30, 1965.
1940-50	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 499, May 1973.
1930-39	U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 499, May 1973, and National Office of Vital Statistics, *Vital Statistics Rates in the United States*, 1900-1940, 1947.
1920-29	National Office of Vital Statistics, *Vital Statistics Rates in the United States*, 1900-1940, 1947.
1917-19	Same as for 1930-39.
1900-16	Same as for 1920-29.

Table G. Estimated population of the United States, by 5-year age groups, race, and sex: July 1, 1995

[Figures include Armed forces stationed in the United States and exclude those stationed outside the United States]

Age	All races			White			All other					
							Total			Black		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages	262,755,270	128,313,798	134,441,472	218,085,421	106,993,635	111,091,786	44,669,849	21,320,163	23,349,686	33,141,148	15,721,074	17,420,074
Under 1 year	3,848,106	1,969,872	1,878,234	3,014,707	1,547,420	1,467,287	833,399	422,452	410,947	621,144	314,438	306,706
1-4 years	15,743,042	8,055,333	7,687,709	12,436,458	6,376,721	6,059,737	3,306,584	1,678,612	1,627,972	2,478,716	1,255,910	1,222,806
5-9 years	19,219,956	9,843,300	9,376,656	15,236,617	7,818,268	7,418,349	3,983,339	2,025,032	1,958,307	3,025,305	1,534,797	1,490,508
10-14 years	18,914,532	9,685,241	9,229,291	15,039,772	7,720,711	7,319,061	3,874,760	1,964,530	1,910,230	2,876,972	1,459,558	1,417,414
15-19 years	18,064,517	9,265,025	8,799,492	14,362,303	7,390,200	6,972,103	3,702,214	1,874,825	1,827,389	2,821,796	1,430,218	1,391,578
20-24 years	17,882,118	9,087,045	8,795,073	14,317,137	7,323,846	6,993,291	3,564,981	1,763,199	1,801,782	2,637,568	1,299,324	1,338,244
25-29 years	19,005,343	9,529,765	9,475,578	15,402,702	7,795,910	7,606,792	3,602,641	1,733,855	1,868,786	2,594,461	1,239,775	1,354,686
30-34 years	21,867,796	10,902,150	10,965,646	17,984,412	9,062,225	8,922,187	3,883,384	1,839,925	2,043,459	2,825,366	1,325,134	1,500,232
35-39 years	22,248,914	11,071,207	11,177,707	18,458,496	9,282,016	9,176,480	3,790,418	1,789,191	2,001,227	2,787,896	1,307,303	1,480,593
40-44 years	20,218,805	9,990,476	10,228,329	16,929,523	8,460,555	8,468,968	3,289,282	1,529,921	1,759,361	2,390,339	1,108,770	1,281,569
45-49 years	17,448,898	8,559,836	8,889,062	14,858,289	7,370,499	7,487,790	2,590,609	1,189,337	1,401,272	1,854,835	846,389	1,008,446
50-54 years	13,629,862	6,621,815	7,008,047	11,725,262	5,754,226	5,971,036	1,904,600	867,589	1,037,011	1,380,983	619,729	761,254
55-59 years	11,084,606	5,317,251	5,767,355	9,540,786	4,625,549	4,915,237	1,543,820	691,702	852,118	1,137,905	499,639	638,266
60-64 years	10,046,478	4,726,807	5,319,671	8,723,606	4,152,335	4,571,271	1,322,872	574,472	748,400	988,458	425,295	563,163
65-69 years	9,927,958	4,505,822	5,422,136	8,725,874	3,993,037	4,732,837	1,202,084	512,785	689,299	920,412	393,354	527,058
70-74 years	8,831,205	3,836,272	4,994,933	7,918,213	3,461,716	4,456,497	912,992	374,556	538,436	696,791	280,476	416,315
75-79 years	6,681,247	2,720,385	3,960,862	6,038,810	2,470,292	3,568,518	642,437	250,093	392,344	509,967	194,449	315,518
80-84 years	4,463,733	1,609,321	2,854,412	4,069,152	1,469,402	2,599,750	394,581	139,919	254,662	318,168	107,311	210,857
85 years and over	3,628,154	1,016,875	2,611,279	3,303,302	918,707	2,384,595	324,852	98,168	226,684	274,066	79,205	194,861

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census; see text.

Table H. Estimated population, by age, for the United States, each division and State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam: July 1, 1995

[Figures include Armed Forces stationed in each area, and exclude Armed Forces stationed outside the United States]

Division and State	Total	Under 5 years	15-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
United States	262,755,270	19,591,148	56,199,005	101,222,976	52,209,844	33,532,297
Geographic divisions:						
New England	13,312,412	895,898	2,627,215	5,258,704	2,667,863	1,862,732
Middle Atlantic	38,153,221	2,721,237	7,634,671	14,472,477	7,894,731	5,430,105
East North Central . . .	43,456,141	3,128,414	9,409,884	16,616,553	8,729,381	5,571,909
West North Central . .	18,347,676	1,264,639	4,112,086	6,831,914	3,617,041	2,521,996
South Atlantic	46,995,266	3,325,490	9,509,928	18,160,132	9,555,646	6,444,070
East South Central . . .	16,066,495	1,135,805	3,461,262	6,101,786	3,339,026	2,028,616
West South Central . .	28,827,781	2,320,898	6,706,183	11,030,113	5,560,170	3,210,417
Mountain	15,645,168	1,244,762	3,684,177	5,897,743	3,051,888	1,766,598
Pacific	41,951,110	3,554,005	9,053,599	16,853,554	7,794,098	4,695,854
New England:						
Maine	1,241,382	74,513	262,980	472,162	259,582	172,145
New Hampshire	1,148,253	76,269	245,451	467,324	222,709	136,500
Vermont	584,771	37,092	124,782	231,079	121,369	70,449
Massachusetts	6,073,550	412,862	1,156,540	2,444,165	1,199,376	860,607
Rhode Island	989,794	67,570	193,057	385,682	187,680	155,805
Connecticut	3,274,662	227,592	644,405	1,258,292	677,147	467,226
Middle Atlantic:						
New York	18,136,081	1,359,704	3,631,631	6,990,701	3,730,227	2,423,818
New Jersey	7,945,298	577,194	1,577,326	3,037,472	1,663,133	1,090,173
Pennsylvania	12,071,842	784,339	2,425,714	4,444,304	2,501,371	1,916,114

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Division and State	Total	Under 5 years	15-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
East North Central:						
Ohio	11,150,506	772,833	2,391,427	4,215,895	2,279,935	1,490,416
Indiana	5,803,471	407,943	1,245,848	2,230,373	1,186,217	733,090
Illinois	11,829,940	920,982	2,521,591	4,564,415	2,338,816	1,484,136
Michigan	9,549,353	682,697	2,099,165	3,672,566	1,913,132	1,181,793
Wisconsin	5,122,871	343,959	1,151,853	1,933,304	1,011,281	682,474
West North Central:						
Minnesota	4,609,548	320,664	1,048,040	1,778,168	889,575	573,101
Iowa	2,841,764	183,794	622,313	1,023,882	579,737	432,038
Missouri	5,323,523	369,321	1,156,726	1,979,691	1,077,359	740,426
North Dakota	641,367	41,830	148,246	236,343	122,192	92,756
South Dakota	729,034	52,310	176,704	258,281	136,919	104,820
Nebraska	1,637,112	114,141	376,888	599,452	318,954	227,677
Kansas	2,565,328	182,579	583,169	956,097	492,305	351,178
South Atlantic:						
Delaware	717,197	51,616	145,089	287,082	142,759	90,651
Maryland	5,042,438	368,055	1,023,354	2,051,902	1,027,382	571,745
District of Columbia	554,256	39,909	85,456	241,384	110,267	77,240
Virginia	6,618,358	463,688	1,324,642	2,733,999	1,358,594	737,435
West Virginia	1,828,140	106,460	371,332	656,509	414,624	279,215
North Carolina	7,195,138	513,888	1,476,269	2,824,410	1,481,113	899,458
South Carolina	3,673,287	262,833	787,894	1,430,888	751,769	439,903
Georgia	7,200,882	551,180	1,572,524	2,944,887	1,414,385	717,906
Florida	14,165,570	967,861	2,723,368	4,989,071	2,854,753	2,630,517

Table H. Estimated population, by age, for the United States, each division and State, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam: July 1, 1995

[Figures include Armed Forces stationed in each area, and exclude Armed Forces stationed outside the United States]

Division and State	Total	Under 5 years	15-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
East South Central:						
Kentucky	3,860,219	261,108	827,133	1,473,939	811,474	486,565
Tennessee	5,256,051	365,477	1,088,517	2,022,370	1,121,476	658,211
Alabama	4,252,982	300,663	904,543	1,609,445	885,871	552,460
Mississippi	2,697,243	208,557	641,069	996,032	520,205	331,380
West South Central:						
Arkansas	2,483,769	172,617	550,258	883,203	518,417	359,274
Louisiana	4,342,334	336,295	1,040,537	1,624,199	846,822	494,481
Oklahoma	3,277,687	230,362	743,577	1,184,260	677,267	442,221
Texas	18,723,991	1,581,624	4,371,811	7,338,451	3,517,664	1,914,441
Mountain:						
Montana	870,281	56,982	205,670	305,673	188,295	113,661
Idaho	1,163,261	89,426	298,399	415,220	227,661	132,555
Wyoming	480,184	32,257	119,801	175,179	99,674	53,273
Colorado	3,746,585	268,950	814,019	1,501,226	786,087	376,303
New Mexico	1,685,401	138,303	412,650	620,969	330,092	183,387
Arizona	4,217,940	355,808	949,809	1,561,024	790,771	560,528
Utah	1,951,408	183,818	568,951	721,790	304,842	172,007
Nevada	1,530,108	119,218	314,878	596,662	324,466	174,884
Pacific:						
Washington	5,430,940	385,897	1,178,182	2,145,740	1,093,387	627,734
Oregon	3,140,585	209,591	672,424	1,168,806	663,899	425,865
California	31,589,153	2,809,826	6,801,330	12,830,615	5,684,563	3,462,819
Alaska	603,617	52,882	155,312	249,856	115,784	29,783
Hawaii	1,186,815	95,809	246,351	458,537	236,465	149,653

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Division and State	Total	Under 5 years	15-19 years	20-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
Puerto Rico	3,731,006	319,833	967,608	1,367,887	699,770	375,908
Virgin Islands	111,950	11,746	30,308	36,893	24,731	8,272
Guam	143,855	20,016	38,101	56,922	21,526	7,290

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census; see text.

Table I. Estimated population by 5-year age groups, specified Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, and sex: Total of 49 States and the District of Columbia, July 1, 1995

[Figures include Armed Forces stationed in the United States and exclude those stationed outside the United States]

Sex and age	All origins	Hispanic					Non-Hispanic		
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Other Hispanic [1]	Total [2]	White	Black
Both sexes									
All ages	259,504,615	26,903,271	17,355,772	2,769,337	1,131,663	5,646,499	232,601,344	190,850,619	31,362,664
Under 1 year	3,809,275	655,554	470,799	64,678	8,367	111,710	3,153,721	2,384,798	578,805
1-4 years	15,580,062	2,543,683	1,831,485	212,544	52,849	446,805	13,036,379	9,978,680	2,320,160
5-9 years	19,012,420	2,651,648	1,827,552	275,458	67,706	480,932	16,360,772	12,660,787	2,847,501
10-14 years	18,630,833	2,417,045	1,640,556	285,618	54,814	436,057	16,213,788	12,623,204	2,710,259
15-19 years	17,819,048	2,270,583	1,461,401	270,401	59,450	479,331	15,548,465	12,107,989	2,664,902
20-24 years	17,672,363	2,328,759	1,581,229	200,083	67,422	480,025	15,343,604	12,039,504	2,485,920
25-29 years	18,817,030	2,494,511	1,700,668	212,113	77,023	504,707	16,322,519	12,972,578	2,442,477
30-34 years	21,650,105	2,524,224	1,611,589	227,880	89,061	595,694	19,125,881	15,498,672	2,667,118
35-39 years	21,991,526	2,150,017	1,310,414	233,753	99,407	506,443	19,841,509	16,292,926	2,635,411
40-44 years	19,954,489	1,716,147	1,015,553	190,484	78,309	431,801	18,238,342	15,157,873	2,257,012
45-49 years	17,220,601	1,307,489	751,352	158,791	81,819	315,527	15,913,112	13,475,210	1,765,840
50-54 years	13,430,283	958,448	556,698	129,488	49,707	222,555	12,471,835	10,678,551	1,318,856
55-59 years	10,925,387	758,260	432,167	98,311	60,555	167,227	10,167,127	8,705,433	1,088,923
60-64 years	9,899,196	632,954	358,687	76,178	65,229	132,860	9,266,242	8,008,598	950,312
65-69 years	9,812,348	540,568	304,944	45,729	63,881	126,014	9,271,780	8,127,172	884,416
70-74 years	8,702,959	403,168	219,217	40,286	56,636	87,029	8,299,791	7,420,570	676,445
75-79 years	6,583,805	254,182	120,665	18,276	51,868	63,373	6,329,623	5,714,811	493,861
80-84 years	4,408,015	167,139	96,302	15,701	19,958	35,178	4,240,876	3,861,759	307,575
85 years and over	3,584,870	128,892	64,494	13,565	27,602	23,231	3,455,978	3,141,504	266,871
Male									
All ages	126,752,625	13,628,500	8,974,090	1,303,169	568,949	2,782,292	113,124,125	93,270,479	14,828,366
Under 1 year	1,950,448	336,434	248,742	30,711	5,199	51,782	1,614,014	1,227,497	290,941
1-4 years	7,974,893	1,302,113	927,676	99,554	32,451	242,432	6,672,780	5,121,759	1,175,545
5-9 years	9,735,795	1,356,198	914,348	144,442	39,111	258,297	8,379,597	6,497,997	1,445,807
10-14 years	9,536,570	1,233,877	808,092	161,091	27,560	237,134	8,302,693	6,486,892	1,372,005
15-19 years	9,143,122	1,162,112	774,039	129,647	26,834	231,592	7,981,010	6,234,908	1,352,603

Table I. Estimated population by 5-year age groups, specified Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, and sex: Total of 49 States and the District of Columbia, July 1, 1995

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Sex and age	All origins	Hispanic					Non-Hispanic		
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Other Hispanic [1]	Total [2]	White	Black
20-24 years	8,979,149	1,227,296	857,708	88,891	36,259	244,438	7,751,853	6,125,276	1,220,795
25-29 years	9,446,366	1,340,052	940,380	91,997	44,081	263,594	8,106,314	6,503,109	1,160,579
30-34 years	10,791,780	1,328,484	879,990	102,131	45,048	301,315	9,463,296	7,754,055	1,244,394
35-39 years	10,951,099	1,107,376	695,076	114,486	54,313	243,501	9,843,723	8,179,225	1,229,869
40-44 years	9,851,416	860,573	534,558	84,524	37,865	203,626	8,990,843	7,567,522	1,041,341
45-49 years	8,472,709	642,933	395,439	66,350	35,143	146,001	7,829,776	6,714,254	799,865
50-54 years	6,510,211	460,474	268,781	64,902	26,641	100,150	6,049,737	5,241,592	589,922
55-59 years	5,243,725	356,245	207,394	37,720	34,963	76,168	4,887,480	4,231,003	478,799
60-64 years	4,656,801	292,546	174,331	33,902	27,778	56,535	4,364,255	3,819,584	408,331
65-69 years	4,453,305	240,855	139,365	19,085	31,018	51,387	4,212,450	3,722,238	377,203
70-74 years	3,780,240	176,596	98,650	18,121	27,892	31,933	3,603,644	3,242,236	272,714
75-79 years	2,680,830	102,125	51,452	6,232	21,487	22,954	2,578,705	2,337,566	188,359
80-84 years	1,584,091	59,655	37,819	3,391	5,150	13,295	1,524,436	1,391,899	101,425
85 years and over	1,010,075	42,556	20,250	5,992	10,156	6,158	967,519	871,867	77,869
Female									
All ages	132,751,990	13,274,771	8,381,682	1,466,168	562,714	2,864,207	119,477,219	97,580,140	16,534,298
Under 1 year	1,858,827	319,120	222,057	33,967	3,168	59,928	1,539,707	1,157,301	287,864
1-4 years	7,605,169	1,241,570	903,809	112,990	20,398	204,373	6,363,599	4,856,921	1,144,615
5-9 years	9,276,625	1,295,450	913,204	131,016	28,595	222,635	7,981,175	6,162,790	1,401,694
10-14 years	9,094,263	1,183,168	832,464	124,527	27,254	198,923	7,911,095	6,136,312	1,338,254
15-19 years	8,675,926	1,108,471	687,362	140,754	32,616	247,739	7,567,455	5,873,081	1,312,299
20-24 years	8,693,214	1,101,463	723,521	111,192	31,163	235,587	7,591,751	5,914,228	1,265,125
25-29 years	9,370,664	1,154,459	760,288	120,116	32,942	241,113	8,216,205	6,469,469	1,281,898
30-34 years	10,858,325	1,195,740	731,599	125,749	44,013	294,379	9,662,585	7,744,617	1,422,724
35-39 years	11,040,427	1,042,641	615,338	119,267	45,094	262,942	9,997,786	8,113,701	1,405,542
40-44 years	10,103,073	855,574	480,995	105,960	40,444	228,175	9,247,499	7,590,351	1,215,671

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Sex and age	All origins	Hispanic					Non-Hispanic		
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Other Hispanic [1]	Total [2]	White	Black
45-49 years	8,747,892	664,556	355,913	92,441	46,676	169,526	8,083,336	6,760,956	965,975
50-54 years	6,920,072	497,974	287,917	64,586	23,066	122,405	6,422,098	5,436,959	728,934
55-59 years	5,681,662	402,015	224,773	60,591	25,592	91,059	5,279,647	4,474,430	610,124
60-64 years	5,242,395	340,408	184,356	42,276	37,451	76,325	4,901,987	4,189,014	541,981
65-69 years	5,359,043	299,713	165,579	26,644	32,863	74,627	5,059,330	4,404,934	507,213
70-74 years	4,922,719	226,572	120,567	22,165	28,744	55,096	4,696,147	4,178,334	403,731
75-79 years	3,902,975	152,057	69,213	12,044	30,381	40,419	3,750,918	3,377,245	305,502
80-84 years	2,823,924	107,484	58,483	12,310	14,808	21,883	2,716,440	2,469,860	206,150
85 years and over	2,574,795	86,336	44,244	7,573	17,446	17,073	2,488,459	2,269,637	189,002

[1] Includes Central and South American and Other and unknown Hispanic.
[2] Includes races other than white and black.

Table J. Estimated population for ages 15 years and over, by 5-year age groups, marital status, race, and sex: United States, 1995

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Race, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
White, male									
Never married	23,750,005	4,474,440	2,809,114	5,787,809	3,792,697	2,346,118	1,692,627	1,057,271	627,638
Married	51,250,071	17,889	75,290	1,445,577	3,661,405	5,893,078	6,543,111	6,326,628	5,730,011
Widowed	2,104,997	1,189	315	-	5,229	15,259	24,800	36,068	50,687
Divorced	6,425,431	9,449	2,509	90,457	336,578	807,768	1,021,478	1,040,588	962,156
White, female									
Never married	18,192,353	4,173,426	2,483,742	4,458,856	2,373,723	1,426,763	901,826	616,717	417,743
Married	51,742,023	52,788	246,917	2,306,878	4,675,165	6,540,284	6,942,335	6,442,465	5,700,667
Widowed	10,320,547	588	339	10,808	16,713	40,393	90,459	114,322	209,813
Divorced	8,572,453	5,886	8,425	216,745	541,191	914,759	1,241,857	1,295,463	1,159,578
Black, male									
Never married	5,217,613	869,069	547,531	1,165,762	810,062	620,472	477,994	286,672	154,253
Married	4,701,195	6,327	1,253	122,128	386,772	615,821	698,148	620,641	560,293
Widowed	319,907	420	-	-	-	1,671	4,512	10,195	8,819
Divorced	917,652	5,620	-	11,437	42,935	87,161	126,653	191,268	123,026
Black, female									
Never married	5,138,791	840,458	528,317	1,129,588	805,603	620,945	460,771	267,489	183,942
Married	4,893,415	5,999	14,155	188,803	460,700	698,877	732,533	697,581	572,248
Widowed	1,424,088	1,265	-	1,462	2,439	16,808	23,599	37,657	47,931
Divorced	1,526,366	-	1,389	18,400	85,952	163,599	263,691	278,838	204,324

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Race, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
American Indian, male									
Never married	286,152	64,551	34,302	67,805	50,189	30,361	17,887	11,178	2,303
Married	376,812	-	2,311	26,325	35,866	47,744	50,088	47,904	49,245
Widowed	23,787	-	-	-	-	1,399	559	-	2,855
Divorced	83,983	-	-	470	7,022	13,541	18,767	16,288	6,367
American Indian, female									
Never married	255,491	60,821	32,249	58,903	51,487	15,086	9,519	9,396	2,218
Married	371,103	1,275	2,517	28,290	29,671	57,865	66,221	50,887	41,817
Widowed	78,422	1,170	1,494	-	-	3,170	504	2,365	5,068
Divorced	97,808	-	-	3,121	5,986	16,756	13,529	17,535	15,035
Asian or Pacific Islander, male									
Never married	1,271,962	212,391	128,562	339,586	261,374	149,950	81,197	49,431	19,571
Married	1,882,658	1,578	910	29,691	129,989	261,779	291,809	270,396	245,044
Widowed	38,375	-	-	-	2,981	-	-	-	791
Divorced	109,445	-	-	-	6,666	10,018	21,586	25,956	16,772
Asian or Pacific Islander, female									
Never married	988,646	204,348	122,714	276,193	200,872	70,303	47,973	23,894	11,872
Married	2,231,482	1,695	5,462	92,109	219,864	354,566	361,861	341,791	267,472
Widowed	257,286	1,686	-	2,175	-	5,650	5,244	2,915	14,143
Divorced	179,343	-	384	2,752	6,216	19,832	15,786	29,008	35,191

Table J. Estimated population for ages 15 years and over, by 5-year age groups, marital status, race, and sex: United States, 1995

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Race, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-79 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
White, male								
Never married	303,354	216,138	165,215	170,503	138,637	70,242	53,787	44,415
Married	4,725,765	3,829,836	3,482,112	3,280,266	2,793,139	1,932,538	1,047,438	465,988
Widowed	66,695	84,525	141,186	267,914	338,555	363,694	328,760	380,121
Divorced	658,417	495,051	363,831	274,354	191,383	103,814	39,412	28,186
White, female								
Never married	270,307	202,164	157,323	168,623	164,555	152,077	94,783	129,725
Married	4,522,863	3,581,871	3,199,446	2,874,328	2,332,948	1,402,859	635,805	284,404
Widowed	281,180	416,694	662,822	1,286,623	1,664,854	1,844,560	1,767,488	1,912,891
Divorced	896,684	714,500	551,687	403,262	294,140	169,022	101,682	57,572
Black, male								
Never married	106,276	58,275	47,769	20,723	17,486	20,436	5,786	9,047
Married	388,332	358,855	280,399	254,459	190,307	112,829	60,007	44,624
Widowed	12,310	14,624	39,342	76,454	44,445	48,051	33,766	25,298
Divorced	112,813	67,882	57,782	41,722	28,235	13,130	7,752	236
Black, female								
Never married	77,869	64,840	54,710	38,477	31,162	11,400	10,456	12,764
Married	413,236	353,999	274,069	213,925	148,331	74,521	31,111	13,327
Widowed	92,370	123,976	158,261	193,880	196,599	208,224	157,003	162,614
Divorced	177,782	95,449	76,124	80,777	40,219	21,376	12,290	6,156

Table J. Estimated population for ages 15 years and over, by 5-year age groups, marital status, race, and sex: United States, 1995

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Race, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-79 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
American Indian, male								
Never married	1,720	3,289	1,712	-	855	-	-	-
Married	37,235	24,960	19,752	15,595	10,821	3,417	2,203	3,346
Widowed	977	1,006	646	1,582	2,378	6,793	4,133	1,459
Divorced	4,974	4,922	4,977	4,132	2,523	-	-	-
American Indian, female								
Never married	5,068	3,147	784	1,814	837	4,162	-	-
Married	29,950	23,681	15,634	10,843	7,516	2,499	2,437	-
Widowed	9,711	5,138	7,907	10,522	7,228	6,377	7,590	10,178
Divorced	3,811	6,074	6,621	2,297	5,242	1,741	60	-
Asian or Pacific Islander, male								
Never married	6,939	5,546	4,065	1,788	6,772	2,580	-	2,210
Married	182,835	141,898	112,177	85,898	60,604	34,521	23,859	9,670
Widowed	1,250	1,863	2,121	8,333	8,020	8,334	2,407	2,275
Divorced	11,935	8,571	3,727	2,105	2,109	-	-	-
Asian or Pacific Islander, female								
Never married	10,239	3,507	2,130	6,213	2,713	1,759	3,916	-
Married	177,853	136,391	98,592	84,827	50,379	25,076	10,587	2,957
Widowed	17,575	16,157	36,410	39,890	44,085	33,461	19,212	18,683
Divorced	21,544	19,759	17,158	5,836	4,122	1,755	-	-

- Quantity zero.

Table K. Estimated population for ages 15 years and over, by 5-year age groups, marital status, specified Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, and sex: Total of 49 States and the District of Columbia, 1995

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
Mexican, male									
Never married	2,322,825	457,701	295,170	603,495	446,087	233,563	153,949	64,788	30,410
Married	3,297,451	4,766	14,340	250,615	459,330	572,445	480,813	417,848	313,727
Widowed	97,547	-	-	-	-	3,866	3,890	1,393	4,244
Divorced	357,424	2,058	-	3,599	34,963	70,119	56,433	50,526	47,059
Mexican, female									
Never married	1,527,024	397,750	222,502	338,783	213,449	135,568	79,024	43,925	26,901
Married	3,270,290	16,313	49,763	365,743	511,615	539,485	453,673	364,736	271,323
Widowed	316,760	-	1,030	703	3,663	4,430	8,781	10,153	15,657
Divorced	396,077	-	-	18,291	31,561	52,118	73,856	62,180	42,029
Puerto Rican, male									
Never married	352,630	81,264	46,075	72,249	47,956	35,726	29,008	14,880	9,564
Married	428,958	-	2,309	14,628	41,501	60,257	72,807	54,520	47,801
Widowed	17,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced	68,187	-	-	2,016	2,540	6,150	12,670	15,123	8,986
Puerto Rican, female									
Never married	381,157	88,517	44,689	75,968	45,798	34,808	26,400	21,252	15,225
Married	504,684	2,096	5,446	30,619	69,279	75,260	71,154	64,426	64,314
Widowed	73,505	-	-	1,126	-	829	2,050	3,108	3,193
Divorced	104,311	-	-	3,478	5,042	14,851	19,669	17,177	9,706

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
Cuban, male									
Never married	127,649	18,460	8,374	29,216	20,293	8,986	17,857	5,421	5,160
Married	275,402	-	-	7,043	19,810	32,399	28,346	26,224	24,246
Widowed	15,165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	385
Divorced	46,410	-	-	-	3,977	3,663	8,108	6,218	5,352
Cuban, female									
Never married	85,168	20,684	11,199	15,642	5,958	6,385	2,857	1,122	3,595
Married	266,532	-	417	12,810	21,520	33,535	34,489	29,803	34,845
Widowed	66,612	-	317	-	-	-	-	3,275	2,459
Divorced	64,993	-	-	2,712	5,469	4,095	7,749	6,245	5,777
Other Hispanic, male									
Never married	811,525	137,554	90,555	195,234	151,429	109,091	58,023	27,421	14,241
Married	1,052,273	786	2,493	46,322	104,886	177,503	170,945	151,462	118,370
Widowed	20,520	-	-	-	-	-	699	-	474
Divorced	108,327	204	-	2,880	7,283	14,720	13,827	24,744	12,916
Other Hispanic, female									
Never married	652,747	138,608	96,065	150,142	87,517	55,678	33,588	28,225	14,084
Married	1,152,917	2,453	9,687	79,230	138,913	212,729	178,841	160,235	114,654
Widowed	155,806	-	-	162	403	1,748	5,534	2,190	8,844
Divorced	216,890	647	283	6,056	14,284	24,226	44,980	37,525	31,949

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
White non-Hispanic, male									
Never married	20,245,460	3,791,468	2,364,743	4,921,513	3,171,758	1,966,046	1,449,787	945,579	569,893
Married	45,917,584	12,372	55,016	1,120,573	3,041,677	5,060,787	5,775,486	5,645,516	5,214,272
Widowed	1,937,395	1,204	322	-	5,327	9,645	17,761	34,476	43,993
Divorced	5,835,874	7,229	2,562	83,194	284,340	717,579	936,187	941,947	886,100
White non-Hispanic, female									
Never married	15,651,617	3,536,170	2,107,657	3,914,191	2,042,535	1,212,558	768,114	528,100	360,996
Married	46,281,708	32,608	182,978	1,807,332	3,931,751	5,682,767	6,190,751	5,804,934	5,160,216
Widowed	9,611,884	591	-	7,941	12,785	33,430	71,147	93,739	175,274
Divorced	7,721,626	5,300	7,777	184,765	482,408	815,861	1,083,684	1,163,574	1,064,472
Black non-Hispanic, male									
Never married	4,907,358	817,919	521,577	1,101,958	755,604	582,615	445,606	261,366	146,790
Married	4,455,660	6,205	974	107,570	363,817	577,442	660,156	588,671	529,153
Widowed	311,121	412	-	-	-	1,592	4,363	9,892	8,517
Divorced	869,940	5,513	-	11,270	41,157	82,747	119,748	181,415	115,406
Black non-Hispanic, female									
Never married	4,873,265	791,914	500,438	1,066,678	763,932	590,471	442,735	250,464	178,356
Married	4,664,116	5,845	11,518	179,998	433,189	662,237	693,235	660,860	548,337
Widowed	1,369,955	1,233	-	1,425	1,965	14,395	22,691	35,111	46,526
Divorced	1,454,540	-	1,355	17,029	82,817	155,622	246,875	269,234	192,752

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	15 years and over	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
Other non-Hispanic, male									
Never married	1,396,459	244,585	142,916	358,637	278,624	168,659	90,900	55,942	21,431
Married	2,060,114	1,542	4,455	46,344	149,892	276,226	310,852	289,723	271,561
Widowed	54,000	-	-	-	2,692	1,125	506	-	2,390
Divorced	164,061	-	-	802	11,413	18,839	32,374	36,315	20,277
Other non-Hispanic, female									
Never married	1,110,439	232,766	138,648	297,934	228,728	74,581	53,086	33,765	10,519
Married	2,386,733	2,501	5,746	109,426	228,818	377,255	393,806	358,167	284,324
Widowed	299,185	2,417	-	2,012	-	7,829	5,369	5,296	15,319
Divorced	256,594	-	-	3,027	7,286	35,580	26,281	44,247	46,243

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-80 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
Mexican, male								
Never married	13,033	10,797	6,540	443	2,667	1,374	1,492	1,316
Married	215,691	169,838	152,478	112,339	72,136	27,478	23,277	10,330
Widowed	7,435	4,208	5,330	13,565	19,613	15,628	10,942	7,433
Divorced	32,620	22,558	9,984	13,017	4,240	6,971	2,108	1,169
Mexican, female								
Never married	19,117	14,829	10,923	8,662	8,148	3,183	1,055	3,205
Married	216,305	166,481	117,679	106,910	47,547	18,006	17,154	7,557
Widowed	15,002	20,289	35,002	38,568	47,286	43,767	39,766	32,663
Divorced	37,490	23,179	20,754	11,442	17,590	4,259	510	818
Puerto Rican, male								
Never married	9,601	3,105	1,444	1,290	468	-	-	-
Married	44,131	29,314	27,958	12,638	12,511	4,286	2,867	1,430
Widowed	1,271	387	2,324	2,872	4,523	1,138	524	4,561
Divorced	9,901	4,914	2,175	2,285	618	809	-	-
Puerto Rican, female								
Never married	8,350	6,204	3,501	5,241	986	2,055	888	1,275
Married	42,335	28,874	23,653	11,895	9,724	3,185	1,337	1,087
Widowed	5,417	12,016	7,910	8,458	8,065	6,036	10,086	5,211
Divorced	8,485	13,491	7,210	1,050	3,388	764	-	-

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-80 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
Cuban, male								
Never married	2,241	5,367	405	1,585	1,659	1,410	-	1,215
Married	21,701	24,306	25,859	23,720	17,258	13,996	5,150	5,344
Widowed	-	-	333	2,747	3,330	6,082	-	2,288
Divorced	2,698	5,288	1,182	2,969	5,645	-	-	1,310
Cuban, female								
Never married	2,010	3,291	2,681	1,748	2,446	2,655	1,464	1,431
Married	14,709	16,049	29,335	17,843	8,711	6,557	3,474	2,435
Widowed	-	932	2,209	5,355	11,808	17,290	9,867	13,100
Divorced	6,347	5,319	3,225	7,917	5,780	3,878	-	480
Other Hispanic, male								
Never married	10,912	5,307	6,752	1,747	766	1,040	1,453	-
Married	79,200	60,827	41,963	43,361	21,221	17,703	9,617	5,614
Widowed	-	4,920	2,232	3,653	5,533	1,998	466	545
Divorced	10,043	5,112	5,589	2,624	4,414	2,212	1,759	-
Other Hispanic, female								
Never married	12,922	8,740	4,302	10,334	5,525	3,919	1,710	1,388
Married	86,550	56,533	48,604	33,638	15,819	8,468	4,930	1,633
Widowed	8,132	10,369	15,231	23,716	26,283	24,842	14,301	14,051
Divorced	14,797	15,418	8,189	6,937	7,471	3,188	940	-

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-80 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
White non-Hispanic, male								
Never married	265,431	191,875	150,639	165,098	132,961	66,643	50,033	41,993
Married	4,319,697	3,509,268	3,196,765	3,060,082	2,635,630	1,837,941	991,877	440,625
Widowed	57,619	73,973	128,368	242,289	302,201	339,713	316,175	364,329
Divorced	598,845	455,883	343,804	254,767	171,442	93,266	33,805	24,924
White non-Hispanic, female								
Never married	230,024	170,109	135,542	144,467	149,188	141,215	87,966	122,785
Married	4,129,325	3,286,163	2,950,324	2,684,533	2,215,955	1,344,292	606,109	271,670
Widowed	252,262	372,870	602,457	1,201,982	1,555,852	1,735,208	1,677,545	1,818,801
Divorced	825,342	645,286	500,702	373,951	257,351	156,523	98,240	56,390
Black non-Hispanic, male								
Never married	100,207	55,756	46,579	19,504	17,247	20,022	5,714	8,894
Married	368,346	342,800	268,571	245,912	185,192	108,401	58,578	43,872
Widowed	12,048	14,311	37,299	74,146	43,243	47,074	33,353	24,871
Divorced	109,319	65,935	55,880	37,643	27,031	12,865	3,779	232
Black non-Hispanic, female								
Never married	75,195	62,307	52,547	35,516	29,585	10,524	10,295	12,308
Married	394,359	341,342	266,416	207,257	143,074	73,496	29,678	13,275
Widowed	90,194	115,516	149,294	188,306	191,525	200,401	154,083	157,290
Divorced	169,182	90,957	73,729	76,135	39,544	21,079	12,100	6,130

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Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic origin, sex, and marital status	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-80 years	80-84 years	85 years and over
Other non-Hispanic, male								
Never married	7,512	8,008	5,454	1,658	7,442	2,509	-	2,182
Married	191,294	156,044	122,064	97,199	68,446	36,116	26,798	11,558
Widowed	2,184	2,605	2,662	9,124	8,203	14,155	4,310	4,044
Divorced	17,234	11,023	6,158	5,026	4,600	-	-	-
Other non-Hispanic, female								
Never married	12,222	6,151	2,817	6,373	3,231	5,685	3,933	-
Married	193,559	142,152	104,518	91,834	51,740	27,468	11,553	3,866
Widowed	24,677	20,167	37,256	42,250	52,450	33,290	24,900	25,953
Divorced	25,751	26,619	26,401	6,722	6,664	1,729	44	-

- Quantity zero

Table L. Ratio of census-level resident population to resident population adjusted for estimated net census undercount by age, sex, and race: April 1, 1990

Age	All races			White			Black		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages	0.9815	0.9721	0.9906	0.9802	0.9728	0.9873	0.9432	0.9151	0.9699
Under 5 years	0.9632	0.9634	0.9629	0.9677	0.9685	0.9669	0.9160	0.9139	0.9182
Under 1 year	0.9686	0.9684	0.9689	0.9730	0.9734	0.9725	0.9239	0.9214	0.9264
1-4 years	0.9617	0.9621	0.9613	0.9664	0.9674	0.9654	0.9139	0.9119	0.9159
5-14 years	0.9761	0.9768	0.9753	0.9740	0.9750	0.9730	0.9410	0.9402	0.9418
5-9 years	0.9649	0.9655	0.9642	0.9657	0.9665	0.9649	0.9241	0.9230	0.9252
10-14 years	0.9882	0.9891	0.9873	0.9830	0.9841	0.9818	0.9591	0.9586	0.9595
15-24 years	1.0081	1.0088	1.0073	1.0032	1.0053	1.0010	0.9789	0.9723	0.9855
15-19 years	1.0166	1.0198	1.0133	1.0094	1.0128	1.0059	0.9988	1.0016	0.9959
20-24 years	1.0002	0.9987	1.0017	0.9975	0.9985	0.9966	0.9593	0.9432	0.9753
25-34 years	0.9639	0.9463	0.9821	0.9614	0.9480	0.9755	0.9126	0.8666	0.9580
25-29 years	0.9591	0.9439	0.9748	0.9558	0.9441	0.9681	0.9123	0.8732	0.9510
30-34 years	0.9687	0.9487	0.9892	0.9669	0.9518	0.9828	0.9129	0.8599	0.9651
35-44 years	0.9842	0.9689	0.9996	0.9816	0.9700	0.9935	0.9350	0.8867	0.9810
35-39 years	0.9790	0.9628	0.9954	0.9764	0.9643	0.9888	0.9303	0.8808	0.9778
40-44 years	0.9901	0.9758	1.0044	0.9875	0.9764	0.9988	0.9410	0.8943	0.9850
45-54 years	0.9780	0.9628	0.9929	0.9772	0.9649	0.9894	0.9322	0.8805	0.9799
45-49 years	0.9775	0.9633	0.9916	0.9762	0.9648	0.9877	0.9302	0.8807	0.9762
50-54 years	0.9785	0.9623	0.9944	0.9784	0.9651	0.9914	0.9346	0.8802	0.9844
55-64 years	0.9824	0.9640	0.9995	0.9828	0.9684	0.9962	0.9545	0.8875	1.0138
55-59 years	0.9794	0.9609	0.9968	0.9801	0.9656	0.9941	0.9426	0.8790	0.9999
60-64 years	0.9854	0.9671	0.1002	0.9853	0.9712	0.9982	0.9675	0.8969	1.0287

Table L. Ratio of census-level resident population to resident population adjusted for estimated net census undercount by age, sex, and race: April 1, 1990

Age	All races			White			Black		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
65-74 years	0.9960	0.9784	1.0101	0.9935	0.9781	1.0060	1.0211	0.9704	1.0596
65-69 years	0.9980	0.9776	1.0152	0.9943	0.9762	1.0096	1.0336	0.9786	1.0773
70-74 years	0.9934	0.9795	1.0040	0.9926	0.9807	1.0017	1.0049	0.9589	1.0376
75-84 years	1.0021	1.0046	1.0006	1.0038	1.0066	1.0021	0.9971	0.9913	1.0004
75-79 years	1.0082	1.0064	1.0094	1.0077	1.0065	1.0085	1.0258	1.0126	1.0337
80-84 years	0.9927	1.0015	0.9881	0.9978	1.0068	0.9931	0.9524	0.9547	0.9512
85 years and over	0.9411	0.9592	0.9342	0.9512	0.9696	0.9444	0.8503	0.8827	0.8373

SOURCE: Unpublished data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table M. Age-adjusted death rates for selected causes by race and sex, unadjusted and adjusted for estimated net census undercount: United States, 1990

[Based on age-specific death rates per 100,000 population in specified group. Age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 U.S. standard population. Numbers after causes of deaths are numbers of the Ninth Revision, International Classification of Diseases, 1975. Beginning 1987 includes category numbers *042-*044. See section "Cause of death"]

Race, sex, and adjustment for net census undercount	All causes	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (*042-*044)	Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues (140-208)	Diabetes mellitus (250)	Diseases of heart (390-398,402, 404-429)	Cerebrovascular diseases (430-438)	Homicide and legal intervention (E960-E978)
All races							
Both sexes:							
Unadjusted	520.2	9.8	135.0	11.7	152.0	27.7	10.2
Adjusted	512.7	9.6	133.3	11.5	149.9	27.3	10.1
Male:							
Unadjusted	680.2	17.7	166.3	12.3	206.7	30.2	16.3
Adjusted	664.3	17.0	162.4	12.1	202.1	29.6	15.9
Female:							
Unadjusted	390.6	2.1	112.7	11.1	108.9	25.7	4.2
Adjusted	387.9	2.1	112.6	11.0	107.9	25.4	4.2
White							
Both sexes:							
Unadjusted	492.8	8.0	131.5	10.4	146.9	25.5	5.9
Adjusted	485.9	7.8	129.9	10.2	145.0	25.2	5.7
Male:							
Unadjusted	644.3	15.0	160.3	11.3	202.0	27.7	8.9
Adjusted	631.0	14.4	156.9	11.1	198.2	27.3	8.7
Female:							
Unadjusted	369.9	1.1	111.2	9.5	103.1	23.8	2.8
Adjusted	367.0	1.0	110.8	9.5	102.2	23.5	2.7
Black							
Both sexes:							
Unadjusted	789.2	25.7	182.0	24.8	213.5	48.4	39.5
Adjusted	760.0	23.9	177.0	24.1	207.2	46.9	37.4
Male:							
Unadjusted	1,061.3	44.2	248.1	23.6	275.9	56.1	68.7
Adjusted	980.8	39.0	230.9	21.9	256.7	52.3	62.9
Female:							
Unadjusted	581.6	9.9	137.2	25.4	168.1	42.7	13.0
Adjusted	579.4	9.7	138.4	25.7	168.2	42.7	12.7

Table N. Lower and upper 95% and 96% confidence limit factors for a death rate based on a Poisson variable of 1 through 99 deaths, D or D_{adj}

D or D_{adj}	L(1- a=.95,D)	U(1- a =.95,D)	L(1- a =.96,D) or L(1- a =.96,D_{adj})	U(1- a =.96,D) or U(1- a =.96,D_{adj})
1	0.02532	5.57164	0.02020	5.83392
2	0.12110	3.61234	0.10735	3.75830
3	0.20622	2.92242	0.18907	3.02804
4	0.27247	2.56040	0.25406	2.64510
5	0.32470	2.33367	0.30591	2.40540
6	0.36698	2.17658	0.34819	2.23940
7	0.40205	2.06038	0.38344	2.11666
8	0.43173	1.97040	0.41339	2.02164
9	0.45726	1.89831	0.43923	1.94553
10	0.47954	1.83904	0.46183	1.88297
11	0.49920	1.78928	0.48182	1.83047
12	0.51671	1.74680	0.49966	1.78566
13	0.53246	1.71003	0.51571	1.74688
14	0.54671	1.67783	0.53027	1.71292
15	0.55969	1.64935	0.54354	1.68289
16	0.57159	1.62394	0.55571	1.65610
17	0.58254	1.60110	0.56692	1.63203
18	0.59266	1.58043	0.57730	1.61024
19	0.60207	1.56162	0.58695	1.59042
20	0.61083	1.54442	0.59594	1.57230
21	0.61902	1.52861	0.60435	1.55563
22	0.62669	1.51401	0.61224	1.54026
23	0.63391	1.50049	0.61966	1.52602
24	0.64072	1.48792	0.62666	1.51278
25	0.64715	1.47620	0.63328	1.50043
26	0.65323	1.46523	0.63954	1.48888

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D or D_{adj}	L(1- a=.95,D)	U(1- a =.95,D)	L(1- a =.96,D) or L(1- a =.96,D_{adj})	U(1- a =.96,D) or U(1- a =.96,D_{adj})
27	0.65901	1.45495	0.64549	1.47805
28	0.66449	1.44528	0.65114	1.46787
29	0.66972	1.43617	0.65652	1.45827
30	0.67470	1.42756	0.66166	1.44922
31	0.67945	1.41942	0.66656	1.44064
32	0.68400	1.41170	0.67125	1.43252
33	0.68835	1.40437	0.67575	1.42480
34	0.69253	1.39740	0.68005	1.41746
35	0.69654	1.39076	0.68419	1.41047
36	0.70039	1.38442	0.68817	1.40380
37	0.70409	1.37837	0.69199	1.39743
38	0.70766	1.37258	0.69568	1.39134
39	0.71110	1.36703	0.69923	1.38550
40	0.71441	1.36172	0.70266	1.37991
41	0.71762	1.35661	0.70597	1.37454
42	0.72071	1.35171	0.70917	1.36938
43	0.72370	1.34699	0.71227	1.36442
44	0.72660	1.34245	0.71526	1.35964
45	0.72941	1.33808	0.71816	1.35504
46	0.73213	1.33386	0.72098	1.35060
47	0.73476	1.32979	0.72370	1.34632
48	0.73732	1.32585	0.72635	1.34218
49	0.73981	1.32205	0.72892	1.33818
50	0.74222	1.31838	0.73142	1.33431
51	0.74457	1.31482	0.73385	1.33057
52	0.74685	1.31137	0.73621	1.32694

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D or D_{adj}	L(1- a=.95,D)	U(1- a =.95,D)	L(1- a =.96,D) or L(1- a =.96,D_{adj})	U(1- a =.96,D) or U(1- a =.96,D_{adj})
53	0.74907	1.30802	0.73851	1.32342
54	0.75123	1.30478	0.74075	1.32002
55	0.75334	1.30164	0.74293	1.31671
56	0.75539	1.29858	0.74506	1.31349
57	0.75739	1.29562	0.74713	1.31037
58	0.75934	1.29273	0.74916	1.30734
59	0.76125	1.28993	0.75113	1.30439
60	0.76311	1.28720	0.75306	1.30152
61	0.76492	1.28454	0.75494	1.29873
62	0.76669	1.28195	0.75678	1.29601
63	0.76843	1.27943	0.75857	1.29336
64	0.77012	1.27698	0.76033	1.29077
65	0.77178	1.27458	0.76205	1.28826
66	0.77340	1.27225	0.76373	1.28580
67	0.77499	1.26996	0.76537	1.28340
68	0.77654	1.26774	0.76698	1.28106
69	0.77806	1.26556	0.76856	1.27877
70	0.77955	1.26344	0.77011	1.27654
71	0.78101	1.26136	0.77162	1.27436
72	0.78244	1.25933	0.77310	1.27223
73	0.78384	1.25735	0.77456	1.27014
74	0.78522	1.25541	0.77598	1.26810
75	0.78656	1.25351	0.77738	1.26610
76	0.78789	1.25165	0.77876	1.26415
77	0.78918	1.24983	0.78010	1.26223
78	0.79046	1.24805	0.78143	1.26036

Table N. Lower and upper 95% and 96% confidence limit factors for a death rate based on a Poisson variable of 1 through 99 deaths, D or D_{adj}

D or D_{adj}	L(1- a=.95,D)	U(1- a =.95,D)	L(1- a =.96,D) or L(1- a =.96,D_{adj})	U(1- a =.96,D) or U(1- a =.96,D_{adj})
79	0.79171	1.24630	0.78272	1.25852
80	0.79294	1.24459	0.78400	1.25672
81	0.79414	1.24291	0.78525	1.25496
82	0.79533	1.24126	0.78648	1.25323
83	0.79649	1.23965	0.78769	1.25153
84	0.79764	1.23807	0.78888	1.24987
85	0.79876	1.23652	0.79005	1.24824
86	0.79987	1.23499	0.79120	1.24664
87	0.80096	1.23350	0.79233	1.24507
88	0.80203	1.23203	0.79344	1.24352
89	0.80308	1.23059	0.79453	1.24201
90	0.80412	1.22917	0.79561	1.24052
91	0.80514	1.22778	0.79667	1.23906
92	0.80614	1.22641	0.79771	1.23762
93	0.80713	1.22507	0.79874	1.23621
94	0.80810	1.22375	0.79975	1.23482
95	0.80906	1.22245	0.80074	1.23345
96	0.81000	1.22117	0.80172	1.23211
97	0.81093	1.21992	0.80269	1.23079
98	0.81185	1.21868	0.80364	1.22949
99	0.81275	1.21746	0.80458	1.22822

NOTE: Table N was generated using the SAS® code below. Users can compute other level Confidence Intervals by changing the alpha-value. Table N is a modified version of Table 40 (52).

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* Program to compute confidence intervals for expectations of Poisson variables ;
* Specify alpha for alpha*100% Confidence Interval  ;

%let alpha = .95;

data CI ;

    alo  = (1-&alpha)/2 ;
    ahi  = (&alpha+1)/2 ;

do n = 1 to 99;

   L = Gaminv ( alo,n )/n ;
   U = Gaminv (ahi,n+1)/n ;

 output;
 end;

proc print data= CI;
   var n  L U ;

run;
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