

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

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

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

Item	August				January–August				12 months ending with August				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Live births.	386,000	370,000	15.2	14.7	2,813,000	2,749,000	14.2	14	4,207,000	4,137,000	14.1	14	14
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	73.2	70.1	...	...	68.1	66.5	...	...	67.8	66.6	66.3
Deaths.	190,000	190,000	7.5	7.5	1,612,000	1,641,000	8.1	8.3	2,403,000	2,423,000	8.1	8.2	8.3
Infant deaths.	2,300	2,400	6.1	6.6	18,400	18,800	6.6	6.9	27,500	27,800	6.5	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	196,000	180,000	7.7	7.2	1,201,000	1,108,000	6.1	5.7	1,804,000	1,714,000	6	5.8	5.7
Marriages ¹	232,000	226,000	9.2	9.0	1,447,000	1,519,000	7.4	7.7	2,177,000	2,252,000	7.4	7.6	7.7
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.7	3.8
Population base (in millions)	299.4	296.8	298.2	295.6	292.7

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--- Data not available.

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

²Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2006 and 2005; and California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004. Populations for divorce rates also exclude these states.

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Technical Notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of this report. Monthly provisional birth, death, and infant death data may be updated during the course of a data year. Updates based on registered events will be included in the month the event occurred. However, updates based on counts received from the states may include the event in the month it was processed rather than in the month it occurred. This may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed

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

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

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

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

Period	Live births				Marriages ¹		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years		Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ²						
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	119,000	4.7	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	310,000	13.7	65.1	66.2	141,000	6.2	214,000	9.4	2,200	6.9
March	350,000	13.9	66.3	67.9	154,000	6.1	228,000	9.1	2,500	7.0
April	332,000	13.7	65.1	65.9	180,000	7.4	204,000	8.4	2,300	7.0
May	347,000	13.8	65.7	66.1	211,000	8.4	200,000	8.0	2,400	7.0
June	351,000	14.4	68.8	67.9	241,000	9.9	187,000	7.7	2,300	6.6
July	358,000	14.2	67.7	64.8	246,000	9.8	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.7
August	370,000	14.7	70.1	67.6	226,000	9.0	190,000	7.5	2,400	6.6
September	364,000	14.9	71.3	67.4	218,000	8.9	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
October	344,000	13.6	65.2	65.7	210,000	8.3	195,000	7.7	2,300	6.7
November	339,000	13.9	66.3	68.8	149,000	6.1	196,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
December	347,000	13.7	65.7	66.3	153,000	6.0	214,000	8.5	2,200	6.4
2006										
January	341,000	13.5	64.6	67.3	124,000	5.0	219,000	8.6	2,300	6.6
February	320,000	14.0	67.2	68.7	136,000	6.0	200,000	8.7	2,200	6.8
March	356,000	14.0	67.5	68.9	155,000	6.2	222,000	8.8	2,400	6.8
April	331,000	13.5	64.9	65.9	160,000	6.6	200,000	8.2	2,300	6.9
May	356,000	14.0	67.5	67.6	196,000	7.8	202,000	8.0	2,400	6.7
June	356,000	14.5	69.7	70.0	218,000	9.0	187,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
July	368,000	14.5	69.7	66.9	227,000	9.1	193,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
August	386,000	15.2	73.2	70.4	232,000	9.2	190,000	7.5	2,300	6.1

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

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

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

Until 1998, provisional totals for births, marriages, and divorces for the entire United States included corrections for observed differences between provisional and final figures. Beginning with data for January 1998, these monthly corrections for births, marriages, and divorces have been discontinued. Further information on these changes has been provided in the National Vital Statistics Reports

presenting provisional data for January (vol. 48, no. 1), February (vol. 48, no. 2), and March (vol. 48, no. 4) 1999, available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

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

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

Population estimates used for computing rates originate from the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census. Monthly rates

are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce rates based on the 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events and are highly variable. As a result, NCHS has discontinued publishing provisional monthly state specific infant mortality rates. National monthly infant mortality rates will continue to be available in [Tables A](#) and [B](#).

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each state and Puerto Rico, August 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	August		January–August			August		January–August		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Alabama	5,873	5,397	41,322	39,554	38,614	3,717	3,748	31,484	31,621	30,910
Alaska	1,046	897	7,352	6,935	6,925	278	273	2,149	2,028	1,991
Arizona	9,338	8,805	66,898	63,046	60,636	3,426	3,535	31,289	30,422	29,065
Arkansas	3,783	3,409	26,451	25,813	25,312	2,235	2,195	18,737	19,084	18,682
California	50,755	49,667	368,806	362,379	357,614	18,766	18,438	157,298	157,137	158,043
Colorado	6,363	6,005	47,528	46,330	45,671	2,349	2,357	19,651	19,935	18,848
Connecticut	3,722	3,675	27,743	27,920	28,345	2,475	2,009	19,356	18,873	19,397
Delaware	1,044	1,079	7,812	7,694	7,603	563	599	4,689	4,934	4,724
District of Columbia	692	646	4,991	4,848	4,969	443	443	3,418	3,687	3,585
Florida	21,649	20,419	153,777	147,113	141,862	13,533	13,446	115,170	115,632	114,207
Georgia	13,446	12,688	96,648	93,627	91,482	4,606	5,146	43,167	44,066	44,411
Hawaii	1,737	1,495	12,531	11,743	12,027	713	740	6,285	6,170	6,118
Idaho	2,097	1,993	16,140	15,446	15,006	883	907	7,062	7,186	6,656
Illinois	16,085	15,729	120,388	119,925	121,430	7,903	8,116	67,399	68,889	68,267
Indiana	7,594	7,758	57,429	58,135	58,788	4,250	4,217	36,791	37,488	36,305
Iowa	3,686	3,448	26,970	26,047	25,597	2,108	2,093	18,060	18,683	17,897
Kansas	3,777	3,689	27,431	26,762	26,858	1,835	1,809	16,294	16,588	16,085
Kentucky	5,251	5,042	38,359	37,197	36,964	3,078	3,046	26,439	27,341	26,347
Louisiana	5,877	5,644	41,512	41,846	42,475	2,776	3,406	25,327	28,633	28,271
Maine	1,340	1,252	9,554	9,585	9,379	942	994	8,200	8,769	8,407
Maryland	7,208	6,587	52,212	50,487	49,949	3,584	3,471	28,929	29,813	29,148
Massachusetts	7,019	6,906	52,042	51,508	52,929	3,795	4,083	35,438	36,190	35,874
Michigan	11,436	11,242	85,652	86,111	87,681	6,871	6,745	56,865	58,717	56,871
Minnesota	6,638	6,138	49,393	47,915	47,569	2,884	2,868	24,153	25,082	24,684
Mississippi	4,391	3,748	29,561	27,644	27,716	2,243	2,445	19,032	19,726	18,810
Missouri	7,492	6,964	53,885	52,289	51,247	4,340	4,348	36,560	36,759	36,036
Montana	1,157	1,020	8,426	7,830	7,741	702	693	5,654	5,856	5,443
Nebraska	2,046	2,329	17,174	17,386	17,426	1,111	1,206	9,899	10,052	9,840
Nevada	3,296	3,490	25,752	23,671	23,000	1,424	1,438	12,119	12,690	11,984
New Hampshire	1,332	1,266	9,756	9,805	10,086	818	749	6,560	6,633	6,699
New Jersey	10,416	10,184	76,543	76,280	77,463	5,990	6,109	50,260	49,268	49,695
New Mexico	2,733	2,531	19,694	19,161	18,582	1,199	1,182	10,037	9,994	9,413
New York	22,847	22,305	169,258	168,332	173,237	12,435	11,795	99,901	103,655	102,511
North Carolina	11,732	10,907	83,971	81,169	78,787	5,957	5,607	49,642	50,297	48,314
North Dakota	764	713	5,831	5,524	5,470	456	422	3,859	3,886	3,715
Ohio	13,629	13,351	100,637	99,314	100,055	8,327	8,242	70,705	73,895	71,060
Oklahoma	4,865	4,544	35,385	34,269	33,667	2,721	2,783	23,786	24,251	23,231
Oregon	4,435	4,153	32,329	30,850	30,527	2,708	2,435	20,832	20,854	20,374
Pennsylvania	13,304	12,820	96,983	96,207	96,733	9,735	9,827	83,585	87,349	85,692
Rhode Island	1,044	1,121	8,245	8,594	8,676	798	735	6,515	6,891	6,631
South Carolina	5,679	5,279	39,983	38,120	37,170	3,071	3,068	25,902	24,047	24,883
South Dakota	1,053	1,004	7,957	7,776	7,590	556	552	4,579	4,706	4,556
Tennessee	7,543	7,325	55,072	53,924	52,262	4,497	4,487	37,526	38,306	37,072
Texas	36,830	34,898	261,066	252,344	250,485	12,023	11,799	103,486	104,116	102,531
Utah	4,801	4,578	36,067	34,801	34,668	1,058	1,072	9,007	8,834	8,946
Vermont	535	592	4,267	4,380	4,412	376	387	3,284	3,446	3,307
Virginia	9,789	9,374	71,480	69,563	69,458	4,469	4,553	38,339	38,936	37,915
Washington	7,707	7,321	58,335	55,385	55,284	3,397	3,555	30,223	31,161	29,888
West Virginia	1,875	1,844	13,723	13,647	13,754	1,636	1,520	13,731	13,923	13,806
Wisconsin	6,652	6,270	48,149	47,729	47,341	3,728	3,572	30,642	31,303	30,724
Wyoming	701	631	4,875	4,891	4,459	343	314	2,811	2,741	2,631
Puerto Rico	4,636	4,725	30,964	32,358	32,439	2,317	2,344	18,642	19,940	19,189

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Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, August 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	August		January–August			August		January–August		
	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2004	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2004
Alabama	3,234	3,536	26,331	28,436	29,422	1,254	1,970	14,618	15,380	15,473
Alaska	829	707	4,059	3,995	4,007	290	224	1,864	1,960	1,927
Arizona ²	2,305	2,780	26,252	26,272	25,988	2,382	2,279	16,237	16,521	15,934
Arkansas	3,018	2,863	23,723	24,569	25,406	1,304	1,398	10,746	11,424	11,404
California	20,860	24,140	147,675	160,548	159,077	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	4,548	3,945	24,527	24,353	23,435	1,826	1,833	14,445	13,686	13,518
Connecticut	1,674	2,194	11,041	13,142	13,162	945	943	6,707	7,240	7,211
Delaware	282	491	3,099	3,188	3,321	537	320	2,338	2,275	2,074
District of Columbia	288	276	1,634	1,593	2,024	140	92	876	742	642
Florida	13,522	11,276	110,956	107,181	107,812	8,029	7,395	59,698	54,753	56,591
Georgia	6,118	6,118	43,933	39,882	46,578	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	3,714	2,637	18,533	19,656	19,531	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,484	1,772	9,784	10,318	10,586	620	656	5,036	4,826	4,683
Illinois	8,230	8,834	50,110	46,330	51,721	2,712	3,030	21,261	22,790	21,665
Indiana	4,226	4,542	34,469	29,289	33,591	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	2,166	2,174	13,081	13,477	13,522	619	711	5,529	5,286	5,574
Kansas	2,015	2,023	12,613	10,944	12,478	831	652	6,260	4,833	6,169
Kentucky	3,105	3,212	24,495	24,659	24,556	1,706	1,888	15,033	12,924	13,739
Louisiana	---	2,576	---	25,084	24,797	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	1,628	1,687	5,853	7,235	7,483	580	482	2,930	3,676	3,767
Maryland	3,390	3,724	23,367	25,170	24,966	1,357	1,510	10,902	11,549	11,812
Massachusetts	4,214	4,520	23,130	25,080	27,600	463	1,089	9,420	9,183	9,471
Michigan	7,609	8,015	38,325	40,961	41,750	2,918	3,187	23,690	23,330	23,533
Minnesota	4,301	4,338	20,153	20,350	19,757	---	---	---	---	---
Mississippi	1,486	1,240	11,459	11,836	12,317	1,366	1,177	9,476	9,053	8,970
Missouri	5,679	3,540	26,820	27,328	26,996	1,650	1,783	15,435	14,289	14,370
Montana	1,188	991	4,971	5,007	5,032	283	489	2,372	2,674	2,433
Nebraska	844	1,277	8,065	8,388	8,522	611	577	4,195	4,001	3,962
Nevada	13,383	11,665	100,439	96,768	97,931	1,559	1,559	13,441	12,684	9,436
New Hampshire	1,343	1,235	6,019	6,162	6,791	643	431	3,464	3,396	3,455
New Jersey	5,192	5,053	24,488	31,691	32,596	2,049	2,032	17,764	17,169	17,821
New Mexico ^{3,4}	1,287	1,285	8,423	8,796	9,837	762	792	5,771	6,004	6,293
New York ²	15,579	15,460	80,159	88,280	88,076	4,250	4,793	33,690	39,360	40,030
North Carolina	4,993	5,328	37,726	42,004	41,642	1,562	3,174	24,809	24,748	24,875
North Dakota	636	524	2,860	2,957	3,068	165	158	1,129	1,294	1,306
Ohio	7,840	8,136	45,569	49,768	50,791	3,408	3,574	26,359	27,255	27,901
Oklahoma	2,487	2,437	18,424	17,610	15,499	1,751	2,813	12,862	13,731	11,632
Oregon	3,531	3,820	16,590	18,290	19,767	1,189	1,350	9,780	10,248	9,647
Pennsylvania	8,326	8,922	45,416	49,358	50,576	2,567	2,844	17,274	19,479	24,670
Rhode Island	857	900	4,391	4,862	5,358	262	282	2,047	2,170	2,212
South Carolina	3,546	4,207	22,236	23,654	21,030	861	1,208	8,005	8,207	8,430
South Dakota	910	912	4,429	4,592	4,581	193	206	1,675	1,586	1,623
Tennessee	7,799	5,291	41,288	44,045	45,591	2,213	2,539	17,658	19,055	19,708
Texas	19,156	13,723	120,009	121,565	122,732	7,891	7,242	55,253	53,093	55,292
Utah	2,835	3,083	16,418	16,668	16,516	800	930	6,294	6,743	6,609
Vermont	774	864	2,981	3,641	3,889	166	174	1,546	1,420	1,622
Virginia	5,781	5,880	40,418	41,470	41,418	2,580	2,835	20,765	20,050	19,656
Washington	6,922	5,815	28,651	28,017	28,020	2,353	2,538	15,213	17,925	17,761
West Virginia	1,408	1,391	7,563	9,167	9,248	960	818	6,063	6,331	6,034
Wisconsin	4,170	4,355	20,529	22,172	22,318	1,512	1,409	10,280	10,962	11,261
Wyoming	805	620	3,543	3,359	3,418	247	237	1,838	1,771	1,762
Puerto Rico	1,882	2,809	14,996	15,640	15,495	1,468	1,858	12,277	12,658	11,128

--- Data not available.

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

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