

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

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, 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	December				12 months ending with December				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Live births.	355,000	347,000	13.9	13.7	4,269,000	4,143,000	14.3	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	67.2	65.7	...	...	68.7	66.7	66.4
Deaths.	214,000	214,000	8.4	8.5	2,416,000	2,432,000	8.1	8.2	8.1
Infant deaths.	2,500	2,200	7.0	6.4	28,100	28,000	6.6	6.8	6.6
Natural increase	141,000	133,000	5.5	5.2	1,853,000	1,711,000	6.2	5.8	5.9
Marriages ¹	150,000	153,000	6.0	6.0	2,160,000	2,249,000	7.3	7.6	7.8
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.6	3.7
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	300.3	297.8	...	...	299.1	296.5	293.6

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

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

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

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Technical Notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into 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 the month in which 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–December 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	340,000	13.5	64.6	67.3	122,000	4.9	220,000	8.7	2,300	6.7
February	320,000	14.0	67.2	68.7	134,000	5.9	200,000	8.8	2,200	6.9
March	357,000	14.1	67.8	69.2	153,000	6.1	222,000	8.8	2,500	6.9
April	330,000	13.5	64.8	65.8	158,000	6.5	200,000	8.2	2,300	6.9
May	356,000	14.0	67.5	67.7	196,000	7.8	202,000	8.0	2,400	6.7
June	359,000	14.6	70.3	70.5	218,000	9.0	188,000	7.6	2,300	6.6
July	369,000	14.5	69.9	67.1	228,000	9.1	192,000	7.6	2,400	6.6
August	388,000	15.3	73.6	70.8	229,000	9.2	193,000	7.6	2,400	6.4
September	375,000	15.2	73.5	69.5	208,000	8.6	190,000	7.7	2,300	6.3
October	367,000	14.4	69.6	69.0	199,000	7.9	200,000	7.9	2,400	6.5
November	352,000	14.3	68.8	70.7	168,000	6.9	194,000	7.9	2,200	6.2
December	355,000	13.9	67.2	68.7	150,000	6.0	214,000	8.4	2,500	7.0

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. These corrections compensated for delays in reporting. 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, December 2005 and 2006, and cumulative figures, 2004–2006

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2006	2005	2004
Alabama	5,496	5,256	63,296	60,281	59,238	4,154	4,242	47,032	47,150	45,986
Alaska	853	879	10,992	10,402	10,372	284	183	3,318	2,944	3,055
Arizona	8,870	8,489	103,070	96,412	93,706	4,010	4,635	46,073	45,654	43,054
Arkansas	3,497	3,382	40,494	39,070	38,649	2,444	2,479	28,032	28,227	27,597
California	47,479	45,915	562,676	549,214	545,126	23,256	20,347	238,011	232,211	238,958
Colorado	5,778	5,660	70,969	69,084	68,653	2,685	2,581	29,502	29,563	28,296
Connecticut	3,369	3,458	41,588	41,537	42,043	2,373	2,693	29,790	29,515	29,196
Delaware	938	955	11,678	11,551	11,442	639	679	7,111	7,375	7,111
District of Columbia	622	634	7,565	7,258	7,464	463	444	5,177	5,391	5,350
Florida	20,942	19,745	237,371	226,582	218,033	14,617	14,837	170,007	170,050	168,939
Georgia	12,727	11,722	148,427	141,688	139,027	6,048	5,412	66,335	65,683	65,842
Hawaii	1,553	1,472	18,583	17,872	18,234	820	763	9,384	9,105	8,741
Idaho	1,909	1,909	24,320	23,093	22,511	996	902	10,703	10,665	10,071
Illinois	14,719	14,357	180,519	178,292	179,035	9,332	9,126	101,922	102,922	101,752
Indiana	7,381	7,173	89,461	87,284	87,634	4,958	4,258	55,652	54,874	54,288
Iowa	3,270	3,353	40,423	39,116	38,342	2,481	2,512	27,493	27,875	26,940
Kansas	3,508	3,436	41,290	40,305	40,451	2,160	2,376	24,473	24,774	23,935
Kentucky	4,880	4,729	58,390	56,173	55,605	3,496	3,600	40,066	40,386	38,412
Louisiana	3,733	5,661	60,190	64,906	65,265	3,208	4,288	38,376	42,012	42,048
Maine	1,185	1,137	14,213	14,182	13,910	1,026	1,068	12,280	12,849	12,372
Maryland	6,512	6,368	78,587	75,830	75,244	3,898	3,797	43,566	44,044	43,300
Massachusetts	6,184	6,239	77,610	76,780	78,426	4,695	4,828	53,631	53,447	52,611
Michigan	10,099	10,511	127,603	127,847	129,869	7,549	7,408	84,716	86,933	85,216
Minnesota	5,773	5,812	73,520	71,037	70,666	3,424	3,337	36,982	37,461	36,930
Mississippi	4,064	3,771	46,073	42,246	42,623	2,623	2,510	28,656	29,257	27,626
Missouri	6,877	6,639	81,478	78,449	77,193	4,795	4,864	54,913	54,692	53,904
Montana	1,009	648	12,506	11,312	11,537	723	578	8,488	8,414	8,046
Nebraska	2,248	2,153	26,744	26,146	26,183	1,324	1,185	14,952	14,882	14,673
Nevada	3,319	3,030	40,065	36,059	35,153	1,859	1,587	18,295	18,562	17,735
New Hampshire	1,146	1,161	14,534	14,510	14,770	879	896	9,901	9,985	10,051
New Jersey	9,368	9,374	114,934	113,803	115,368	4,881	6,029	71,809	71,955	71,496
New Mexico	2,439	2,405	29,867	28,763	28,179	1,372	1,319	14,962	14,788	14,061
New York	20,868	20,570	254,806	251,055	258,117	13,302	13,793	150,329	154,147	151,656
North Carolina	10,968	10,491	128,186	123,086	119,638	6,648	6,657	74,734	74,693	72,437
North Dakota	685	695	8,599	8,352	8,169	529	516	5,917	5,761	5,603
Ohio	12,302	12,233	152,112	147,697	149,228	9,749	9,390	106,977	108,088	105,776
Oklahoma	4,618	4,454	54,212	51,788	51,395	3,186	3,326	35,585	36,278	34,648
Oregon	3,885	3,816	48,229	45,840	45,548	2,752	2,745	31,361	31,120	30,306
Pennsylvania	11,926	10,864	148,234	143,379	144,673	11,361	10,713	125,151	128,401	125,654
Rhode Island	1,025	944	12,488	12,473	12,701	840	882	9,731	10,042	9,804
South Carolina	5,513	5,028	61,870	57,806	56,775	2,969	3,683	36,652	37,167	36,055
South Dakota	963	977	11,932	11,566	11,493	698	622	7,043	7,042	6,836
Tennessee	7,123	7,132	83,928	81,707	79,603	5,039	5,128	56,687	57,129	55,555
Texas	34,013	34,092	399,831	386,722	383,273	12,865	13,723	152,461	154,994	151,123
Utah	4,168	4,022	53,280	51,367	50,677	1,264	1,245	13,772	13,356	13,331
Vermont	492	495	6,412	6,393	6,487	432	312	5,009	4,889	4,949
Virginia	9,184	8,889	108,245	105,047	104,210	5,211	5,105	57,571	57,715	56,642
Washington	7,089	6,807	87,090	82,840	81,903	3,832	3,977	44,844	45,951	44,540
West Virginia	1,676	1,779	20,678	20,633	20,719	1,785	1,838	20,573	20,649	20,584
Wisconsin	5,798	5,731	72,425	70,904	70,140	4,095	4,203	46,188	46,699	45,613
Wyoming	619	626	7,632	7,265	6,759	407	362	4,281	4,062	3,843
Puerto Rico	3,495	4,419	47,785	50,545	50,853	2,258	2,694	27,406	29,390	26,808

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

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2004	2006 ¹	2005	2006 ¹	2005	2004
Alabama	2,533	3,322	39,627	41,962	42,536	1,588	1,672	22,054	22,430	22,405
Alaska	346	408	5,309	5,446	5,594	120	201	2,968	2,865	2,829
Arizona ²	2,809	2,412	38,983	38,308	37,882	1,981	1,944	24,274	24,535	24,403
Arkansas	2,464	2,763	34,261	35,882	36,806	1,132	1,291	16,150	16,728	16,874
California	15,001	15,132	215,985	228,762	227,486	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,842	2,048	36,121	35,132	33,826	1,534	1,716	21,138	20,504	20,230
Connecticut	1,328	1,251	17,382	20,514	20,240	757	847	9,773	10,623	10,942
Delaware	400	334	5,153	5,015	5,095	334	225	3,849	3,251	3,108
District of Columbia	55	116	2,276	2,344	2,925	89	108	1,254	1,145	1,043
Florida	12,012	13,179	155,505	157,976	156,370	7,055	7,444	87,789	81,285	82,662
Georgia	5,111	5,111	66,456	62,893	68,897	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	2,754	1,959	28,662	29,271	28,843	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	829	1,153	14,811	14,935	14,997	713	536	7,500	7,126	6,922
Illinois	5,932	5,114	77,981	74,065	77,845	2,974	2,530	32,158	32,408	33,076
Indiana	3,800	2,626	50,854	43,496	48,354	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	939	1,169	20,024	20,419	20,455	543	797	8,024	8,148	8,305
Kansas	1,035	2,499	18,862	18,804	19,072	637	1,457	9,158	8,512	9,102
Kentucky	3,306	2,386	36,905	36,251	36,391	1,944	1,588	21,489	19,342	20,298
Louisiana	---	2,721	---	36,569	36,282	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	371	551	9,740	10,879	11,234	384	439	4,752	5,443	5,677
Maryland	3,824	2,644	36,495	38,475	38,318	1,414	1,631	17,012	17,233	17,802
Massachusetts	2,427	2,275	38,494	39,507	41,549	2,276	1,294	14,607	14,354	14,148
Michigan	2,517	3,630	59,162	61,108	61,932	2,990	2,712	35,596	34,580	34,701
Minnesota	1,349	1,487	30,916	30,515	30,359	---	---	---	---	14,235
Mississippi	1,120	1,362	16,861	16,868	17,705	674	1,012	13,658	12,798	13,077
Missouri	2,314	2,289	40,746	40,675	40,824	2,100	1,750	22,935	21,013	21,700
Montana	310	486	6,757	6,964	6,946	250	390	3,372	4,203	3,516
Nebraska	708	822	12,037	12,256	12,489	435	505	6,173	5,864	5,962
Nevada	8,304	7,798	131,826	139,572	145,763	1,366	1,047	16,737	18,084	14,828
New Hampshire	400	488	9,328	9,488	10,383	644	399	5,258	5,028	5,131
New Jersey	4,604	3,013	42,398	49,305	50,662	1,837	1,988	25,794	25,343	25,981
New Mexico ^{3,4}	903	1,103	13,423	12,821	14,067	611	639	8,383	8,837	8,829
New York ²	9,281	7,999	127,401	130,409	130,813	6,299	3,141	55,627	54,708	57,830
North Carolina	2,381	4,645	55,343	63,384	62,235	2,592	2,534	36,378	35,684	35,926
North Dakota	216	304	4,331	4,388	4,424	126	167	1,673	1,905	1,979
Ohio	6,002	4,259	73,100	74,453	75,287	5,211	3,173	41,035	40,181	40,770
Oklahoma	1,567	1,863	26,266	25,755	22,812	1,583	1,555	19,023	19,966	17,146
Oregon	1,387	1,898	26,888	26,471	29,040	1,161	1,237	14,214	15,033	14,774
Pennsylvania	3,363	3,642	68,584	71,933	73,599	2,937	2,844	27,357	29,143	36,692
Rhode Island	443	387	6,916	7,525	8,243	229	176	3,115	3,159	3,287
South Carolina	1,108	2,773	32,846	35,351	34,546	1,134	1,021	12,821	12,423	13,448
South Dakota	270	405	6,272	6,551	6,485	222	66	2,502	2,159	2,364
Tennessee	7,671	4,888	64,028	65,426	67,104	775	2,004	25,886	27,823	28,858
Texas	13,183	13,496	174,989	176,768	178,512	4,485	5,214	78,072	75,980	81,324
Utah	1,731	1,843	23,678	24,109	23,796	1,299	787	9,890	9,982	9,811
Vermont	340	288	5,385	5,525	5,835	150	237	2,167	2,215	2,442
Virginia	4,144	4,389	60,760	62,023	61,990	2,978	2,759	31,087	30,052	29,411
Washington	2,163	2,806	40,967	40,802	40,169	2,361	2,471	24,014	27,022	26,674
West Virginia	807	912	13,129	13,418	13,621	545	711	8,541	9,223	9,148
Wisconsin	1,152	1,740	32,562	33,876	34,056	1,440	1,281	15,966	16,297	16,802
Wyoming	355	342	5,027	4,797	4,740	265	216	2,749	2,674	2,656
Puerto Rico	2,641	2,843	22,633	23,523	23,710	1,361	1,039	17,519	18,376	16,061

--- 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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