

Recent Trends in Births and Fertility Rates Through June 2010

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The provisional count of births in the United States for the 12-month period ending with June 2010 fell 3 percent to 4,055,000 from the provisional count for the 12-month period ending with June 2009 (1). This continues a decline in the number of births from an all-time high of 4,316,233 in 2007 (2).

The provisional fertility rate for the 12-month period ending with June 2010 also fell 3 percent to 65.5 births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 from the provisional rate for the 12-month period ending June 2009 (see Figure) (1). This continues a decline in the fertility rate from a 17-year high of 69.5 in 2007 (2).

Data sources and methods

Provisional counts and rates are based on 12 months of provisional data ending with the specified month. Provisional counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. For further information about provisional data see [Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for 2009](#) (3). Data for 2009 are preliminary. For more information about preliminary birth data see [Births: Preliminary Data for 2009](#) (2). Data for years prior to 2009 are final. For more information about final birth data see [Births: Final Data for 2008](#) (4).

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