

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for 2003

NOTE: Detailed tables on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces that were previously available only in the NCHS Web site's "Data Warehouse" (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh.htm>) are now included in this report.

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States

[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		
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2001
Live births	342,000	330,000	13.8	13.4	4,093,000	4,022,000	14.0	13.9	14.1
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	64.7	62.5	...	...	65.8	64.8	65.1
Deaths	230,000	215,000	9.3	8.7	2,423,000	2,438,000	8.3	8.5	8.5
Infant deaths	2,300	2,300	6.6	6.9	27,500	27,600	6.7	6.9	6.9
Natural increase	112,000	115,000	4.5	4.7	1,670,000	1,584,000	5.7	5.4	5.6
Marriages ¹	158,000	165,000	6.3	6.7	2,187,000	2,254,000	7.5	7.8	8.2
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.8	4.0	4.0
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	292.7	289.7	...	...	291.4	288.4	285.3

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Marriage rates may be underestimated due to incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see "Technical Notes."

²Divorce rates exclude data for California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Populations for these 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). The provisional information in this report is based on a combination of counts of events (some of which may not have occurred in the specified month of this report) and registered vital events. Although monthly provisional data may be updated during the course of a data year, once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional data for a given year may not accurately reflect the final number of events registered. In the case of infant deaths in 2001 and 2002 shown in this report, the

provisional numbers are not consistent with the data on infant deaths actually registered in State vital statistics offices. The infant mortality rate based on registered infant deaths increased from 2001 to 2002, based on an analysis of preliminary data (1,2). Estimates of the infant mortality rate for 2003 based on registered infant deaths are not yet available.

Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates by place of occurrence for births, 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. These data differ from the data in preliminary and final reports that are based on place of residence. Tables 1–3 present

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2002–December 2003

[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		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years		Number	Rate per 1,000 population ²	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹						
2002:										
January	331,000	13.6	62.9	65.8	113,000	4.6	226,000	9.3	2,400	7.2
February	305,000	13.8	64.1	65.2	152,000	6.9	209,000	9.5	2,200	7.2
March	332,000	13.6	63.1	64.6	156,000	6.4	226,000	9.3	2,500	7.3
April	325,000	13.8	63.8	64.6	172,000	7.3	200,000	8.4	2,400	7.3
May	340,000	13.9	64.5	64.9	211,000	8.6	200,000	8.2	2,400	6.9
June	328,000	13.9	64.4	63.5	227,000	9.6	188,000	7.9	2,300	6.9
July	358,000	14.6	68.0	65.1	237,000	9.7	193,000	7.9	2,300	6.4
August	360,000	14.7	68.3	65.9	235,000	9.6	190,000	7.8	2,200	6.4
September	349,000	14.7	68.5	64.8	216,000	9.1	190,000	8.0	2,200	6.4
October	346,000	14.1	65.7	66.2	214,000	8.7	200,000	8.2	2,300	6.8
November	318,000	13.4	62.3	64.7	157,000	6.6	201,000	8.4	2,200	6.7
December	330,000	13.4	62.5	63.0	165,000	6.7	215,000	8.7	2,300	6.9
2003:										
January	330,000	13.4	62.5	65.3	141,000	5.7	224,000	9.1	2,400	7.1
February	307,000	13.8	64.5	65.6	146,000	6.6	200,000	9.0	2,100	6.9
March	337,000	13.7	63.9	65.4	150,000	6.1	212,000	8.6	2,300	6.9
April	330,000	13.8	64.7	65.5	168,000	7.0	194,000	8.1	2,200	6.7
May	346,000	14.0	65.6	66.0	179,000	7.2	197,000	8.0	2,300	6.8
June	338,000	14.1	66.1	65.3	229,000	9.6	193,000	8.1	2,300	7.0
July	365,000	14.7	69.1	66.1	221,000	8.9	192,000	7.7	2,400	6.6
August	361,000	14.6	68.3	65.8	215,000	8.7	188,000	7.6	2,300	6.4
September	360,000	15.0	70.3	66.5	217,000	9.0	192,000	8.0	2,300	6.6
October	354,000	14.3	66.9	67.5	207,000	8.4	204,000	8.2	2,400	6.8
November	322,000	13.4	62.8	65.2	156,000	6.5	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.7
December	342,000	13.8	64.7	65.3	158,000	6.3	230,000	9.3	2,300	6.6

¹The 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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monthly and year-to-date counts of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces and 12-month ending counts and rates of infant deaths as reported by each State. These detailed State tables are based on place of residence.

Mortality data exclude fetal deaths. Delay in the receipt of certificates in a registration office 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 received. Data for previous months include revisions States might have provided to correct for delayed reporting; therefore, figures may differ from those previously published. Totals for births, deaths, and infant deaths are by State of residence and, therefore, in effect, exclude events to nonresidents of the United States. The effect of excluding events to nonresidents from the U.S. totals is small. Events to nonresidents of the United States are included in all marriage and divorce figures. Divorce figures include reported annulments.

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 dropped. Further information on these changes has been provided in the National Vital Statistics Reports presenting provisional data for January, February, and March 1999 (vol. 48, nos. 1, 2, and 4, respectively) available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

Moreover, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) 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 (California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma). 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 dropped 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 3](#).

Marriage and divorce counts for Oklahoma are not included in [table 3](#) showing provisional data by State because of incomplete reporting. For the purpose of calculating 12-month divorce rates shown in [table A](#), Oklahoma is treated as a nonreporting State (see earlier

discussion). Because all other States report marriages, marriage rates shown in [tables A](#) and [B](#) include Oklahoma data. The impact of the missing marriages on the national rate is negligible (estimated at less than 1 percent).

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 45 reporting States and the District of Columbia. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable, and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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Table 1. Provisional number of live births and deaths: Each State, December 2002 and 2003, and cumulative figures, 2001–2003

[Data are estimates by State of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2003	2002	2001
Alabama	5,242	5,052	59,159	58,599	60,572	4,861	4,172	46,600	45,895	45,354
Alaska	826	806	10,071	9,939	10,010	271	241	3,159	3,010	2,982
Arizona	7,928	7,615	90,931	87,889	85,771	4,306	3,687	43,346	42,757	41,042
Arkansas	3,375	3,227	38,081	37,833	37,445	2,932	2,607	27,957	28,536	27,775
California	45,299	44,088	541,046	529,420	528,012	17,961	21,334	219,487	234,390	233,712
Colorado	5,602	5,369	69,341	68,289	66,805	2,819	2,566	29,462	29,239	28,279
Connecticut	3,445	3,462	43,236	42,613	43,306	2,960	2,881	29,329	30,064	29,824
Delaware	929	973	11,475	11,151	10,827	594	645	7,090	6,954	7,130
District of Columbia	597	620	7,426	7,622	7,766	480	483	5,454	5,616	5,893
Florida	18,633	18,034	212,144	205,541	205,825	15,981	14,974	168,598	167,963	167,433
Georgia	11,753	11,174	136,359	133,664	133,434	6,706	6,132	66,542	65,747	64,521
Hawaii	1,565	1,472	18,068	17,424	17,091	807	624	8,955	8,581	8,437
Idaho	1,797	1,661	21,823	20,936	20,594	961	844	10,466	9,837	9,779
Illinois	14,814	14,265	181,753	180,197	184,184	10,256	10,077	105,575	106,815	105,567
Indiana	7,250	7,176	86,865	85,367	86,631	5,754	5,130	56,017	55,245	55,112
Iowa	3,148	3,046	38,243	37,674	37,606	2,875	2,624	28,138	28,057	27,816
Kansas	3,416	3,432	40,609	40,328	40,014	2,598	2,334	24,840	25,251	24,922
Kentucky	4,599	4,654	54,954	54,216	54,786	3,732	3,558	39,927	40,252	39,930
Louisiana	5,832	5,675	65,020	64,841	65,405	4,064	3,743	42,676	41,981	41,771
Maine	1,098	1,033	13,852	13,558	13,776	1,142	1,093	12,429	12,681	12,445
Maryland	6,378	6,101	75,487	73,381	73,153	4,427	4,007	44,629	44,111	43,865
Massachusetts	6,321	6,347	80,345	80,844	81,381	3,354	4,085	55,836	55,619	56,617
Michigan	10,679	10,484	131,024	129,951	133,399	8,095	7,678	86,644	87,793	86,355
Minnesota	5,712	5,486	70,248	68,213	67,544	3,399	3,405	37,558	38,532	37,803
Mississippi	3,977	3,540	42,150	41,512	42,092	3,811	2,652	28,882	28,930	28,269
Missouri	6,504	6,187	76,097	74,368	74,406	5,765	5,141	55,318	55,776	54,726
Montana	937	879	11,421	11,033	11,007	782	640	8,280	8,402	8,286
Nebraska	2,116	2,187	25,760	25,166	24,758	1,573	1,441	15,444	15,658	15,108
Nevada	2,847	2,418	33,585	32,392	31,509	1,694	1,397	17,759	16,694	16,089
New Hampshire	1,181	1,084	14,398	14,439	14,505	924	914	9,756	9,951	9,869
New Jersey	9,859	9,389	117,127	114,913	115,613	7,008	6,725	73,589	73,729	74,488
New Mexico	2,330	2,248	27,672	27,715	27,197	1,455	1,259	14,636	14,312	14,083
New York	21,195	21,138	260,844	257,940	253,625	14,891	14,536	157,251	158,599	162,178
North Carolina	9,729	9,763	117,981	117,084	117,990	7,599	6,786	73,443	72,031	70,856
North Dakota	646	630	7,938	7,677	7,665	535	498	6,090	5,895	6,025
Ohio	12,244	11,914	149,412	148,486	151,440	11,855	9,550	109,700	109,504	108,106
Oklahoma	4,350	4,336	51,040	50,341	49,976	3,155	2,860	35,325	35,135	34,744
Oregon	3,661	3,566	45,911	45,094	45,118	2,976	2,659	30,973	31,140	30,201
Pennsylvania	11,511	10,299	142,287	140,898	143,366	9,948	11,302	126,404	129,855	129,898
Rhode Island	1,036	1,065	13,081	12,682	12,450	990	999	10,064	10,296	10,006
South Carolina	4,842	4,565	55,869	54,501	55,571	3,727	3,367	38,060	37,601	36,645
South Dakota	926	881	11,254	10,843	10,666	750	619	7,142	7,026	6,951
Tennessee	6,707	6,545	78,811	77,534	78,368	5,888	5,196	56,909	56,277	54,956
Texas	32,500	28,799	377,414	368,481	366,443	14,345	12,168	153,944	155,626	152,888
Utah	3,973	3,987	49,948	49,244	48,061	1,364	1,169	13,426	13,168	12,648
Vermont	476	487	6,546	6,392	6,458	514	432	5,068	5,016	5,210
Virginia	8,505	8,263	101,303	99,701	98,891	6,105	5,131	58,264	57,324	56,239
Washington	6,160	6,358	80,091	79,152	79,837	3,958	2,028	44,736	43,281	44,486
West Virginia	1,808	1,617	20,817	20,404	20,224	2,250	1,927	21,102	20,843	20,950
Wisconsin	5,645	5,604	69,963	68,455	69,080	4,365	4,222	46,194	46,905	46,682
Wyoming	552	530	6,615	6,520	6,147	423	348	4,173	4,156	4,027
Puerto Rico	5,036	4,515	51,031	52,620	55,876	2,589	1,814	27,478	27,547	28,645

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each State, January–December 2002 and 2003

[Data are estimates by State of residence. Infant mortality rates are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births in specified area]

Area	12 months ending with December			
	2003		2002	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	502	8.5	514	8.8
Alaska	67	6.7	52	5.2
Arizona	591	6.5	557	6.3
Arkansas	333	8.7	330	8.7
California	2,560	4.7	2,797	5.3
Colorado	416	6.0	416	6.1
Connecticut	222	5.1	255	6.0
Delaware	97	8.5	100	9.0
District of Columbia	70	9.4	73	9.6
Florida	1,576	7.4	1,551	7.5
Georgia	1,158	8.5	1,162	8.7
Hawaii	139	7.7	107	6.1
Idaho	158	7.2	128	6.1
Illinois	1,361	7.5	1,311	7.3
Indiana	672	7.7	655	7.7
Iowa	207	5.4	199	5.3
Kansas	261	6.4	298	7.4
Kentucky	341	6.2	357	6.6
Louisiana	596	9.2	661	10.2
Maine	64	4.6	61	4.5
Maryland	645	8.5	581	7.9
Massachusetts	425	5.3	367	4.5
Michigan	1,130	8.6	1,062	8.2
Minnesota	325	4.6	364	5.3
Mississippi	425	10.1	427	10.3
Missouri	587	7.7	612	8.2
Montana	79	6.9	78	7.1
Nebraska	145	5.6	177	7.0
Nevada	203	6.0	198	6.1
New Hampshire	52	3.6	74	5.1
New Jersey	660	5.6	637	5.5
New Mexico	157	5.7	172	6.2
New York	1,642	6.3	1,592	6.2
North Carolina	931	7.9	948	8.1
North Dakota	57	7.2	52	6.8
Ohio	1,162	7.8	1,172	7.9
Oklahoma	378	7.4	400	7.9
Oregon	270	5.9	269	6.0
Pennsylvania	981	6.9	1,079	7.7
Rhode Island	76	5.8	76	6.0
South Carolina	451	8.1	518	9.5
South Dakota	80	7.1	76	7.0
Tennessee	717	9.1	714	9.2
Texas	2,400	6.4	2,255	6.1
Utah	252	5.0	270	5.5
Vermont	32	4.9	23	3.6
Virginia	758	7.5	739	7.4
Washington	416	5.2	422	5.3
West Virginia	153	7.3	178	8.7
Wisconsin	451	6.4	458	6.7
Wyoming	46	7.0	56	8.6
Puerto Rico	476	9.3	500	9.5

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each State, December 2002 and 2003, and cumulative figures, 2001–2003

[By State of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2003	2002	2001
Alabama	2,844	2,962	40,956	42,675	42,218	1,321	1,399	22,263	24,611	24,159
Alaska	344	978	5,529	5,511	5,125	138	452	3,191	2,631	2,742
Arizona ¹	2,592	2,566	35,873	36,199	39,978	2,262	2,100	24,248	25,896	21,062
Arkansas	2,922	2,857	36,445	37,818	38,434	1,368	1,514	16,452	16,931	16,726
California	10,029	15,650	194,914	217,880	224,241	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	2,374	1,944	36,387	35,600	36,511	1,859	1,793	19,280	21,113	21,021
Connecticut	1,005	838	16,795	16,188	18,625	718	780	10,115	9,942	10,980
Delaware	254	156	4,608	4,925	5,177	172	296	3,993	2,424	3,114
District of Columbia	113	135	2,927	3,039	3,535	521	469	1,162	1,354	1,658
Florida	13,016	12,616	155,240	159,263	151,344	8,017	7,385	84,496	86,565	85,259
Georgia	4,346	4,275	59,441	58,382	51,276	2,792	3,033	35,018	31,495	25,669
Hawaii	2,080	1,794	26,952	25,334	24,032	---	415	---	4,612	4,860
Idaho	907	1,409	14,620	14,405	14,733	588	643	7,001	7,008	7,024
Illinois	5,690	5,606	82,076	83,208	89,797	3,096	2,997	34,553	36,854	39,719
Indiana	4,915	3,902	47,111	43,903	48,210	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	221	904	19,293	18,139	20,902	942	707	7,982	8,624	9,542
Kansas	1,156	1,435	18,905	19,809	20,252	799	820	8,869	10,289	9,211
Kentucky	1,870	2,132	37,413	36,576	36,633	2,061	1,634	20,962	21,139	20,897
Louisiana	2,929	2,897	38,426	35,577	37,469	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	799	856	9,768	10,900	11,035	623	597	5,750	5,018	6,032
Maryland	2,597	2,345	37,621	37,969	37,508	1,832	1,375	15,895	16,426	15,867
Massachusetts	3,349	2,243	36,765	36,523	39,956	917	1,089	15,858	16,661	15,324
Michigan	2,959	3,606	62,583	65,164	66,519	2,597	3,116	35,880	37,836	38,869
Minnesota	1,308	1,574	31,864	31,782	32,979	1,305	1,624	14,747	15,594	15,961
Mississippi	1,688	1,507	17,922	18,952	18,674	1,073	1,154	13,493	14,226	14,198
Missouri	1,195	2,594	39,055	41,934	42,237	1,813	1,946	22,446	22,913	23,458
Montana	397	372	6,553	6,317	6,432	280	234	3,022	2,516	3,772
Nebraska	513	685	12,107	13,005	13,616	321	524	5,905	6,340	6,194
Nevada	9,918	16,928	138,592	123,303	146,110	780	1,364	14,639	20,926	13,205
New Hampshire	500	668	10,578	10,978	10,637	400	501	4,641	5,900	5,490
New Jersey	3,628	4,008	54,380	51,355	54,128	2,250	2,248	27,417	29,191	28,495
New Mexico ^{2,3}	1,018	1,006	12,865	14,662	13,874	237	667	6,313	8,099	8,971
New York ¹	10,239	9,977	120,754	134,345	145,509	4,400	3,751	62,294	71,616	66,643
North Carolina	5,610	5,576	62,708	61,046	61,136	4,594	3,128	37,000	37,298	37,381
North Dakota	228	436	4,431	4,555	4,130	150	192	1,695	1,819	1,859
Ohio	5,815	4,827	72,712	80,373	82,271	2,487	3,656	39,848	45,955	45,610
Oklahoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oregon	1,272	1,419	24,086	24,901	25,962	890	1,510	14,293	16,166	16,559
Pennsylvania	4,483	4,118	73,297	69,647	71,423	3,696	3,879	37,121	37,105	37,978
Rhode Island	511	478	8,339	8,272	8,585	220	203	3,330	3,336	3,331
South Carolina	3,236	3,236	34,192	36,380	40,138	1,366	1,366	13,250	13,317	14,659
South Dakota	406	309	6,440	6,789	6,735	247	242	2,511	2,556	2,508
Tennessee	5,963	5,893	73,381	76,531	77,749	2,175	3,209	29,242	31,456	29,987
Texas	18,664	12,613	167,341	192,630	194,933	5,638	6,318	80,092	83,996	84,487
Utah	949	2,523	14,472	22,728	23,209	649	1,101	8,792	9,552	9,580
Vermont	264	420	5,960	5,963	5,992	142	228	2,707	2,574	2,637
Virginia	4,624	4,819	61,519	63,152	63,417	2,731	3,005	29,381	30,836	30,352
Washington	1,623	1,215	40,247	38,125	42,163	2,075	2,873	26,543	27,964	27,149
West Virginia	729	902	13,886	14,887	14,248	627	710	8,877	9,939	9,409
Wisconsin	1,503	1,394	34,210	34,295	34,943	1,175	1,330	17,646	17,705	17,457
Wyoming	278	295	4,728	4,717	4,967	285	191	2,818	2,654	2,870
Puerto Rico	3,327	2,760	24,567	24,120	26,370	1,440	1,440	17,029	16,186	14,868

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¹Figures for marriages include licenses issued for some counties.²Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.³Figures for divorces include estimates for some counties.

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