

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for October 2004

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, October 2004

[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	October				January–October				12 months ending with October				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2002
Live births	349,000	354,000	14.0	14.3	3,435,000	3,429,000	14.1	14.1	4,099,000	4,076,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	66.4	66.9	...	...	66.4	66.2	...	...	66.1	65.6	64.9
Deaths	189,000	204,000	7.6	8.2	1,978,000	1,996,000	8.1	8.2	2,405,000	2,411,000	8.2	8.3	8.4
Infant deaths	2,100	2,400	6.1	6.8	22,500	23,000	6.6	6.8	27,000	27,500	6.6	6.7	6.9
Natural increase	160,000	150,000	6.4	6.1	1,457,000	1,433,000	6.0	5.9	1,694,000	1,665,000	5.8	5.7	5.6
Marriages ¹	192,000	207,000	7.7	8.4	1,853,000	1,874,000	7.6	7.7	2,167,000	2,187,000	7.4	7.5	8.0
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.7	3.8	3.9
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	294.4	292.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	293.1	290.9	287.8

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Marriage rates may be underestimated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see “Technical Notes.”

²Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, 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.

Tables A and B provide monthly, year-to-date, and 12-month ending counts and rates by place of occurrence 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. These data 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 tables 1 and 2 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, deaths, and infant deaths, respectively. Monthly State marriage and divorce figures shown in table 3 represent the actual count of all events occurring in the State (State of occurrence) that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments.

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2003–October 2004

[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						
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
2004:										
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	146,000	5.9	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1
February	316,000	13.7	64.4	65.5	137,000	5.9	203,000	8.7	2,300	7.2
March	347,000	14.0	66.0	67.6	149,000	6.0	210,000	8.5	2,300	6.7
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	151,000	6.3	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5
May	338,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	183,000	7.4	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.6
June	345,000	14.4	67.9	67.0	215,000	8.9	186,000	7.7	2,200	6.3
July	359,000	14.4	68.3	65.4	232,000	9.3	189,000	7.6	2,400	6.7
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.1
September	356,000	14.8	70.0	66.2	222,000	9.2	184,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
October	349,000	14.0	66.4	66.9	192,000	7.7	189,000	7.6	2,100	6.1

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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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.

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, Georgia, 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, October 2003 and 2004, and cumulative figures, 2002–04

[Data are estimates by State of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2002	2004	2003	2004	2003	2002
Alabama	5,048	5,176	48,895	49,212	48,962	3,647	3,693	38,123	37,965	37,838
Alaska	869	821	8,639	8,483	8,384	239	240	2,498	2,656	2,517
Arizona	8,351	8,102	77,568	75,771	73,094	2,652	3,435	32,436	35,548	35,652
Arkansas	3,315	3,318	32,007	31,713	31,660	2,270	2,339	23,008	22,669	23,601
California	47,712	46,809	453,616	453,397	441,939	18,933	21,973	195,180	186,479	194,341
Colorado	5,697	5,888	57,279	58,545	57,677	2,409	2,482	23,487	24,201	24,276
Connecticut	3,530	3,698	35,432	36,510	35,833	2,379	2,470	23,846	23,984	24,577
Delaware	976	966	9,574	9,615	9,284	627	619	5,904	5,937	5,744
District of Columbia	635	629	6,206	6,246	6,354	456	441	4,445	4,568	4,656
Florida	18,917	19,183	180,210	176,322	170,897	13,633	13,565	140,978	139,243	139,534
Georgia	11,843	11,928	115,384	113,715	111,969	5,124	5,426	54,283	54,457	54,152
Hawaii	1,581	1,604	15,251	14,994	14,449	733	744	7,534	7,403	7,270
Idaho	1,922	1,851	18,806	18,392	17,655	822	894	8,293	8,560	8,193
Illinois	14,897	15,642	151,151	152,866	151,715	8,469	8,900	85,188	86,864	88,100
Indiana	7,159	7,442	72,899	72,743	71,619	4,538	4,642	44,621	45,771	45,641
Iowa	3,186	3,338	32,080	32,196	31,681	2,312	2,420	22,318	23,009	22,971
Kansas	3,370	3,464	33,716	34,077	33,757	1,973	2,060	19,874	20,133	20,899
Kentucky	4,532	4,847	46,208	46,028	45,342	3,023	3,430	32,397	32,971	33,729
Louisiana	5,628	5,718	53,960	53,876	53,956	3,164	3,543	34,497	34,997	34,705
Maine	1,102	1,148	11,663	11,682	11,485	1,033	1,062	10,308	10,314	10,534
Maryland	6,257	6,663	62,729	63,248	61,458	3,585	3,704	35,998	36,578	36,410
Massachusetts	6,518	6,814	65,982	67,827	68,452	4,120	3,058	43,762	46,070	47,032
Michigan	10,680	11,043	109,102	110,367	109,570	7,029	7,385	70,415	71,480	72,719
Minnesota	5,790	5,930	59,215	59,113	57,321	3,110	3,223	30,652	31,003	31,904
Mississippi	3,546	3,342	35,172	34,336	34,645	2,202	2,477	23,108	23,134	23,890
Missouri	6,545	6,485	64,373	63,767	62,337	4,487	4,503	44,735	45,078	46,125
Montana	965	968	9,736	9,637	9,318	686	641	6,766	6,769	7,030
Nebraska	2,224	2,245	21,890	21,633	21,045	1,278	1,294	12,169	12,567	12,919
Nevada	3,068	2,894	29,178	28,049	27,411	1,456	1,395	14,805	14,487	13,899
New Hampshire	1,290	1,199	12,474	12,167	12,257	849	892	8,291	8,035	8,220
New Jersey	9,378	10,044	96,643	98,241	96,406	4,661	6,073	60,091	60,619	60,305
New Mexico	2,464	2,342	23,562	23,145	23,362	1,172	1,140	11,742	11,936	11,882
New York	21,482	22,246	216,572	219,167	216,283	12,743	13,215	124,850	129,581	130,820
North Carolina	10,225	10,395	99,453	98,846	98,178	6,019	6,092	60,009	59,914	59,214
North Dakota	723	701	6,892	6,680	6,456	479	532	4,637	5,036	4,887
Ohio	12,094	12,790	124,452	125,645	125,347	7,639	9,038	86,733	88,449	90,816
Oklahoma	4,365	4,455	42,380	42,770	41,987	2,719	2,992	28,716	29,127	29,303
Oregon	3,770	3,829	38,187	38,700	38,062	2,483	2,485	25,244	25,368	25,879
Pennsylvania	12,364	12,114	119,322	118,631	119,697	10,367	10,960	105,695	106,591	107,579
Rhode Island	1,014	1,134	10,669	11,040	10,675	816	832	8,143	8,289	8,465
South Carolina	4,723	4,871	46,913	46,542	45,539	2,590	3,116	30,328	31,293	31,036
South Dakota	989	988	9,572	9,444	9,138	596	597	5,664	5,800	5,846
Tennessee	6,663	6,822	65,895	65,821	64,942	4,578	4,777	46,004	46,256	46,218
Texas	33,263	33,190	317,889	314,810	309,706	10,772	12,645	123,234	126,565	131,877
Utah	4,103	4,169	42,842	42,271	41,494	1,149	1,107	11,142	10,906	10,933
Vermont	541	540	5,470	5,587	5,436	434	397	4,072	4,141	4,126
Virginia	8,795	8,880	87,172	84,907	83,615	4,675	4,832	46,900	47,422	47,298
Washington	6,684	6,924	68,877	67,890	66,644	2,125	3,824	36,542	37,197	37,567
West Virginia	1,757	1,803	17,380	17,396	17,199	1,773	1,784	17,078	17,049	17,215
Wisconsin	5,744	5,986	58,847	59,042	57,630	3,824	3,906	37,942	37,963	38,676
Wyoming	582	529	5,634	5,545	5,472	324	355	3,267	3,397	3,490
Puerto Rico	4,569	4,579	41,804	41,815	43,535	2,113	2,188	23,391	22,941	22,822

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each State, 12 months ending with October 2003 and 2004

[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 October			
	2004		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	499	8.5	510	8.7
Alaska	61	6.0	59	5.9
Arizona	578	6.2	595	6.6
Arkansas	344	9.0	331	8.7
California	2,743	5.1	2,642	4.9
Colorado	445	6.5	400	5.8
Connecticut	237	5.6	233	5.4
Delaware	89	7.8	102	8.9
District of Columbia	80	10.8	69	9.2
Florida	1,516	7.0	1,551	7.4
Georgia	1,098	8.0	1,143	8.4
Hawaii	111	6.1	132	7.3
Idaho	155	7.0	148	6.8
Illinois	1,184	6.6	1,404	7.7
Indiana	674	7.7	641	7.4
Iowa	196	5.1	208	5.4
Kansas	289	7.2	254	6.2
Kentucky	341	6.2	357	6.5
Louisiana	615	9.4	605	9.3
Maine	78	5.6	67	4.9
Maryland	643	8.6	628	8.4
Massachusetts	363	4.6	377	4.7
Michigan	1,010	7.8	1,117	8.5
Minnesota	338	4.8	340	4.9
Mississippi	398	9.3	433	10.5
Missouri	528	6.9	596	7.9
Montana	51	4.4	80	7.0
Nebraska	174	6.7	150	5.8
Nevada	216	6.2	210	6.4
New Hampshire	82	5.6	53	3.7
New Jersey	574	5.0	692	5.9
New Mexico	170	6.1	156	5.7
New York	1,595	6.2	1,651	6.3
North Carolina	1,017	8.6	915	7.8
North Dakota	44	5.4	51	6.5
Ohio	1,139	7.7	1,131	7.6
Oklahoma	404	8.0	374	7.3
Oregon	267	5.9	269	5.9
Pennsylvania	1,002	7.0	1,042	7.5
Rhode Island	60	4.7	75	5.7
South Carolina	450	8.0	484	8.7
South Dakota	85	7.5	78	7.0
Tennessee	683	8.7	703	9.0
Texas	2,253	5.9	2,371	6.3
Utah	270	5.3	238	4.8
Vermont	29	4.5	35	5.3
Virginia	734	7.1	737	7.3
Washington	437	5.4	391	4.9
West Virginia	130	6.2	159	7.7
Wisconsin	425	6.1	435	6.2
Wyoming	58	8.7	50	7.6
Puerto Rico	410	8.0	466	9.2

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each State, October 2003 and 2004, and cumulative figures, 2002–04

[By State of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	October		January–October			October		January–October		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2002	2004	2003	2004	2003	2002
Alabama	3,684	3,027	34,392	35,290	37,741	2,124	1,540	18,340	19,225	20,705
Alaska	311	512	4,658	4,898	4,570	676	325	2,515	2,986	2,534
Arizona ¹	2,966	3,617	31,332	30,642	30,961	1,987	1,989	20,176	20,153	21,972
Arkansas	3,103	3,422	30,698	31,093	33,113	1,201	1,315	14,781	13,886	14,061
California	12,972	13,551	145,360	171,904	184,675	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	3,523	2,788	29,484	31,696	31,458	1,745	1,718	16,851	15,962	17,586
Connecticut	2,041	2,182	14,515	14,692	17,305	897	914	8,579	8,671	9,654
Delaware	363	456	2,562	3,612	4,515	179	867	1,836	2,869	2,338
District of Columbia	328	280	2,660	2,662	2,583	169	79	778	572	724
Florida	12,520	13,015	131,366	131,712	131,920	6,006	7,186	69,120	70,471	72,141
Georgia	5,323	6,563	54,651	49,781	47,237	---	2,820	---	29,934	19,131
Hawaii	2,843	2,515	24,290	23,097	21,972	---	---	---	---	3,969
Idaho	1,501	1,407	13,331	12,896	12,707	575	704	5,872	5,983	5,888
Illinois	8,099	8,837	69,032	71,215	72,206	2,414	2,869	26,971	28,976	31,235
Indiana	3,597	3,970	40,897	37,578	43,096	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	2,202	2,151	17,626	17,775	18,116	730	639	6,987	6,503	7,600
Kansas	1,480	1,726	15,741	16,313	17,161	785	554	7,655	7,286	8,247
Kentucky	3,335	3,530	31,181	32,722	31,795	1,559	1,489	16,986	17,445	17,740
Louisiana	2,991	2,248	25,996	32,202	30,689	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	1,357	600	9,489	8,628	9,864	660	600	3,802	4,913	5,005
Maryland	4,074	4,500	32,408	32,560	33,692	1,555	1,281	13,977	13,087	15,309
Massachusetts	5,444	3,103	34,841	29,894	33,424	215	1,905	11,463	13,993	13,359
Michigan	6,506	6,930	55,436	56,088	56,722	3,347	3,143	29,604	31,020	31,778
Minnesota	3,496	3,146	26,928	29,032	29,614	1,123	1,249	11,965	12,321	12,972
Mississippi	1,475	1,123	15,286	14,821	15,624	1,281	1,135	11,258	11,540	11,903
Missouri	3,538	3,921	31,668	35,918	36,279	2,139	1,929	18,578	18,679	18,979
Montana	450	484	6,127	5,907	5,810	292	327	2,944	2,492	3,086
Nebraska	1,259	1,129	11,365	10,893	11,415	561	422	5,254	5,031	5,109
Nevada	12,041	11,619	121,956	118,550	125,755	1,189	1,312	12,124	12,552	12,955
New Hampshire	1,127	1,590	8,796	9,385	9,425	41	400	2,913	3,841	4,720
New Jersey	5,177	5,909	40,362	46,403	44,354	2,068	2,429	22,121	23,480	24,950
New Mexico ^{2,3}	1,070	998	12,154	11,079	12,839	629	262	7,592	5,914	6,767
New York ¹	11,492	10,977	102,587	100,347	122,253	4,700	6,232	49,830	54,644	54,913
North Carolina	5,737	6,868	55,491	50,397	54,747	2,912	4,578	31,675	26,702	31,550
North Dakota	450	352	3,551	3,890	3,849	144	151	1,456	1,430	1,498
Ohio	6,726	11,147	63,322	58,302	69,396	2,890	3,649	35,340	33,217	38,405
Oklahoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oregon	2,562	3,018	25,831	21,225	21,902	1,204	1,401	12,098	11,854	13,438
Pennsylvania	4,987	7,413	55,922	64,265	62,633	2,382	2,832	25,978	30,169	31,841
Rhode Island	943	893	7,298	7,322	7,323	296	281	2,741	2,876	2,903
South Carolina	3,857	3,278	27,771	28,055	32,706	1,266	1,221	10,915	10,636	11,609
South Dakota	548	545	5,855	5,758	6,108	206	205	2,032	2,076	2,116
Tennessee	3,153	6,205	55,306	63,478	65,240	2,460	1,789	25,162	24,468	25,211
Texas	14,184	14,812	156,045	140,993	154,559	7,850	6,785	69,102	67,072	71,814
Utah	1,149	1,499	11,244	12,823	20,420	749	799	7,591	7,394	7,978
Vermont	749	1,045	4,976	5,175	5,418	146	199	2,131	2,216	2,150
Virginia	6,171	6,364	53,984	52,495	53,905	2,211	2,442	24,984	24,269	25,600
Washington	1,900	4,675	32,992	35,330	34,660	1,725	2,413	19,941	22,925	23,221
West Virginia	1,339	997	10,904	11,558	12,629	959	625	6,972	7,365	8,326
Wisconsin	4,321	4,404	30,231	30,593	30,709	1,385	1,443	14,118	14,887	14,697
Wyoming	351	234	4,209	4,143	4,190	204	265	2,190	2,352	2,292
Puerto Rico	1,500	1,652	18,527	19,558	19,889	1,312	778	13,653	14,430	14,094

--- Data not available.

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

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