

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for September 2005

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, September 2005

[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	September				January–September				12 months ending with September				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Live births	364,000	357,000	14.9	14.8	3,111,000	3,090,000	14.1	14.1	4,143,000	4,108,000	14.0	14.0	14.0
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	71.3	70.2	...	...	66.9	66.5	...	...	66.7	66.2	65.4
Deaths	184,000	185,000	7.5	7.7	1,822,000	1,795,000	8.2	8.2	2,419,000	2,426,000	8.2	8.3	8.3
Infant deaths	2,200	2,300	6.2	6.5	20,900	20,700	6.7	6.7	27,500	27,500	6.6	6.7	6.7
Natural increase	180,000	172,000	7.4	7.1	1,289,000	1,295,000	5.9	5.9	1,724,000	1,682,000	5.8	5.7	5.7
Marriages ¹	222,000	214,000	9.1	8.9	1,689,000	1,760,000	7.6	8.0	2,208,000	2,267,000	7.5	7.7	7.8
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.6	3.8	3.8
Population base (in millions)	297.0	294.2	295.8	292.9	290.6

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--- Data not available.

¹Marriage rates, in 2003, may be underestimated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma; see “Technical Notes.”

²Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2005; California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana, in 2004; and California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma in 2003. 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. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to the National Center

Table B. Provisional number of live births, marriages, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 2004–September 2005

[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	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
			Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹						
2004										
January	334,000	13.5	63.5	66.4	123,000	5.0	236,000	9.5	2,400	7.1
February	317,000	13.7	64.4	65.6	151,000	6.5	203,000	8.8	2,300	7.2
March	347,000	14.0	66.1	67.6	159,000	6.4	212,000	8.5	2,300	6.7
April	334,000	13.9	65.7	66.5	174,000	7.2	197,000	8.2	2,200	6.5
May	339,000	13.6	64.4	64.8	224,000	9.0	195,000	7.9	2,300	6.7
June	346,000	14.4	68.0	67.2	243,000	10.1	187,000	7.8	2,200	6.5
July	360,000	14.5	68.5	65.6	246,000	9.9	191,000	7.7	2,500	6.9
August	357,000	14.3	67.9	65.5	226,000	9.1	189,000	7.6	2,200	6.3
September	357,000	14.8	70.2	66.4	214,000	8.9	185,000	7.7	2,300	6.5
October	350,000	14.0	66.6	67.1	212,000	8.5	195,000	7.8	2,300	6.5
November	337,000	13.9	66.1	68.6	153,000	6.3	192,000	7.9	2,200	6.5
December	345,000	13.8	65.6	66.2	154,000	6.2	211,000	8.4	2,200	6.4
2005										
January	332,000	13.2	62.9	65.8	138,000	5.5	229,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
February	311,000	13.7	65.2	66.4	135,000	6.0	214,000	9.4	2,100	6.9
March	348,000	13.9	66.1	67.7	156,000	6.2	228,000	9.1	2,400	7.0
April	333,000	13.7	65.2	66.0	163,000	6.7	204,000	8.4	2,300	6.9
May	346,000	13.8	65.6	66.0	185,000	7.4	199,000	7.9	2,400	7.0
June	350,000	14.4	68.6	67.8	227,000	9.3	186,000	7.6	2,300	6.6
July	357,000	14.2	67.6	64.7	228,000	9.0	189,000	7.5	2,300	6.6
August	369,000	14.7	70.0	67.5	235,000	9.3	189,000	7.5	2,400	6.5
September	364,000	14.9	71.3	67.5	222,000	9.1	184,000	7.5	2,200	6.2

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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for Health Statistics (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. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.

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 from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

Moreover, 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 (in 2005, California, Georgia, Hawaii,

Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota; in 2004, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana; and in 2003, 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](#).

Because of incomplete reporting, 2003 marriage and divorce counts for Oklahoma are not included in [Table 3](#) showing provisional data by state. Divorce rates for 2003 shown in [Table A](#) exclude Oklahoma, which was treated as a nonreporting state in that year because of incomplete reporting (see earlier discussion). Because all other states reported marriages in 2003, marriage rates shown in [Table A](#) include Oklahoma data. The impact of the missing marriages on the 2003 national rate is negligible (estimated at less than 1 percent). Previous reports also excluded Oklahoma divorce data for 2004; however, complete marriage and divorce data are now available for 2004 and are included in this report.

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. 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 and Puerto Rico, September 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[Data are estimates by state of residence]

Area	Live births					Deaths				
	September		January–September			September		January–September		
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2005	2004	2003
Alabama	5,381	5,243	44,941	43,857	44,036	3,578	3,597	35,176	34,507	34,272
Alaska	879	855	7,811	7,780	7,662	266	280	2,290	2,271	2,416
Arizona	8,756	8,601	71,772	69,237	67,669	3,382	3,254	33,786	32,319	32,113
Arkansas	3,452	3,419	29,249	28,731	28,395	2,125	2,059	21,215	20,741	20,330
California	49,362	48,506	411,600	406,120	406,588	17,643	18,204	174,795	176,247	164,506
Colorado	6,008	5,949	52,321	51,620	52,657	2,308	2,238	22,238	21,086	21,719
Connecticut	3,593	3,560	31,512	31,905	32,812	2,685	2,286	21,558	21,683	21,514
Delaware	1,029	996	8,722	8,599	8,649	557	555	5,490	5,279	5,318
District of Columbia	616	610	5,464	5,579	5,617	409	408	4,079	3,993	4,127
Florida	20,704	19,437	167,803	161,299	157,139	13,112	13,138	128,744	127,345	125,678
Georgia	12,474	12,089	106,107	103,571	101,787	4,515	4,990	48,581	49,401	49,031
Hawaii	1,590	1,645	13,324	13,672	13,390	713	685	6,877	6,803	6,659
Idaho	1,986	1,885	17,430	16,891	16,541	835	816	8,021	7,472	7,666
Illinois	15,566	14,846	135,179	136,276	137,224	7,761	7,880	76,650	76,147	77,964
Indiana	7,539	7,295	65,403	66,083	65,301	3,961	4,156	41,290	40,461	41,129
Iowa	3,354	3,298	29,399	28,895	28,858	2,082	2,115	20,759	20,012	20,589
Kansas	3,554	3,488	30,317	30,346	30,613	1,829	1,817	18,414	17,902	18,073
Kentucky	4,970	4,745	42,148	41,709	41,181	2,951	3,058	30,254	29,405	29,541
Louisiana	5,683	5,878	47,997	48,353	48,158	3,369	3,351	32,015	31,622	31,454
Maine	1,241	1,184	10,824	10,563	10,534	921	924	9,670	9,331	9,252
Maryland	6,560	6,538	57,034	56,487	56,585	3,293	3,277	33,090	32,425	32,874
Massachusetts	6,535	6,546	58,022	59,475	61,013	4,166	3,957	39,722	39,831	43,012
Michigan	10,841	10,778	96,876	98,459	99,324	6,534	6,585	65,208	63,456	64,095
Minnesota	6,019	5,898	53,913	53,467	53,183	2,828	2,877	27,880	27,561	27,780
Mississippi	3,702	3,808	31,347	31,524	30,994	2,211	2,241	21,783	21,051	20,657
Missouri	6,691	6,639	58,914	57,886	57,282	4,226	4,248	40,968	40,284	40,575
Montana	1,024	1,030	8,854	8,771	8,669	643	637	6,499	6,080	6,128
Nebraska	2,319	2,240	19,703	19,666	19,388	1,167	1,118	11,219	10,958	11,273
Nevada	3,323	3,117	26,993	26,117	25,155	1,396	1,372	14,086	13,356	13,092
New Hampshire	1,208	1,159	11,112	11,245	10,968	797	767	7,427	7,466	7,143
New Jersey	9,650	9,840	85,924	87,303	88,197	6,004	5,735	55,290	55,430	54,546
New Mexico	2,478	2,518	21,620	21,100	20,803	1,037	1,092	10,885	10,505	10,796
New York	21,417	21,815	189,736	195,052	196,921	11,419	11,590	114,346	114,101	116,366
North Carolina	10,991	10,451	92,146	89,238	88,451	5,457	5,690	55,735	54,004	53,822
North Dakota	717	699	6,241	6,169	5,979	411	443	4,297	4,158	4,504
Ohio	12,624	12,625	110,261	112,680	112,855	7,986	7,748	81,881	78,808	79,411
Oklahoma	4,511	4,444	38,733	38,111	38,315	2,768	2,773	27,008	26,004	26,135
Oregon	3,834	3,897	34,676	34,424	34,871	2,402	2,388	23,251	22,762	22,883
Pennsylvania	13,068	12,275	110,150	109,008	106,517	9,730	9,623	97,054	95,315	95,631
Rhode Island	1,060	1,034	9,651	9,710	9,906	710	696	7,599	7,327	7,457
South Carolina	5,035	5,029	43,144	42,199	41,671	2,888	2,881	26,935	27,764	28,177
South Dakota	979	993	8,755	8,583	8,456	542	512	5,249	5,068	5,203
Tennessee	7,199	6,977	61,123	59,239	58,999	4,324	4,361	42,624	41,433	41,479
Texas	34,689	34,341	286,886	284,826	281,620	11,962	11,754	115,308	114,285	113,920
Utah	4,380	4,087	39,167	38,755	38,102	1,066	1,047	9,898	9,993	9,799
Vermont	719	520	4,819	4,932	5,047	338	366	3,770	3,673	3,744
Virginia	9,362	8,926	78,906	78,384	76,027	4,349	4,348	43,301	42,263	42,590
Washington	7,123	6,931	62,493	62,215	60,966	3,252	3,523	34,275	33,411	33,373
West Virginia	1,824	1,871	15,471	15,625	15,593	1,553	1,512	15,478	15,318	15,265
Wisconsin	6,065	5,772	53,795	53,113	53,056	3,484	3,401	34,779	34,125	34,057
Wyoming	630	595	5,522	5,054	5,016	291	312	3,031	2,943	3,042
Puerto Rico	4,742	4,797	37,128	37,236	37,236	2,262	2,087	22,105	21,276	20,753

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Table 2. Provisional number of deaths under 1 year and infant mortality rates: Each state and Puerto Rico, 12 months ending with September 2004 and 2005

[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 September			
	2005		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Alabama	534	8.9	511	8.7
Alaska	57	5.5	67	6.6
Arizona	651	6.8	623	6.7
Arkansas	295	7.5	335	8.7
California	2,729	5.0	2,788	5.2
Colorado	462	6.7	448	6.6
Connecticut	222	5.3	237	5.6
Delaware	84	7.3	89	7.8
District of Columbia	77	10.5	74	10.0
Florida	1,588	7.1	1,525	7.1
Georgia	1,121	7.9	1,172	8.5
Hawaii	92	5.1	115	6.3
Idaho	153	6.6	155	7.0
Illinois	1,370	7.7	1,190	6.6
Indiana	700	8.1	729	8.3
Iowa	207	5.3	196	5.1
Kansas	253	6.3	302	7.5
Kentucky	367	6.5	352	6.3
Louisiana	617	9.5	670	10.3
Maine	87	6.1	73	5.3
Maryland	622	8.2	641	8.5
Massachusetts	372	4.8	362	4.6
Michigan	974	7.6	1,052	8.1
Minnesota	377	5.3	322	4.6
Mississippi	409	9.6	396	9.3
Missouri	592	7.6	534	7.0
Montana	79	6.8	49	4.3
Nebraska	152	5.8	178	6.8
Nevada	203	5.6	211	6.1
New Hampshire	77	5.3	79	5.4
New Jersey	516	4.5	581	5.0
New Mexico	174	6.1	172	6.1
New York	1,470	5.8	1,609	6.2
North Carolina	1,017	8.3	1,031	8.7
North Dakota	44	5.3	44	5.4
Ohio	1,213	8.3	1,152	7.7
Oklahoma	440	8.5	408	8.0
Oregon	250	5.5	261	5.7
Pennsylvania	984	6.7	1,006	6.9
Rhode Island	75	5.9	57	4.4
South Carolina	482	8.4	483	8.6
South Dakota	80	6.9	93	8.2
Tennessee	739	9.1	690	8.7
Texas	2,388	6.2	2,359	6.2
Utah	229	4.5	270	5.3
Vermont	32	5.0	31	4.8
Virginia	782	7.5	748	7.2
Washington	408	5.0	451	5.5
West Virginia	155	7.5	138	6.6
Wisconsin	454	6.4	432	6.2
Wyoming	48	6.6	54	8.1
Puerto Rico	440	8.7	394	7.7

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Table 3. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, September 2004 and 2005, and cumulative figures, 2003–05

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	September		January–September			September		January–September		
	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2003
Alabama	8,859	3,270	32,699	32,692	33,557	2,897	1,784	16,321	17,257	18,125
Alaska	720	475	4,413	4,482	4,192	710	232	3,063	2,159	2,100
Arizona ²	2,534	2,412	28,559	28,400	27,025	2,145	2,280	18,666	18,214	18,164
Arkansas	2,941	2,986	26,904	28,392	27,671	1,381	1,463	12,625	12,867	12,571
California	21,342	20,829	181,590	179,906	168,244	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	4,707	3,744	23,462	27,179	28,557	1,671	1,588	15,357	15,106	14,244
Connecticut	2,529	2,408	14,403	15,570	14,349	652	992	7,154	8,203	8,337
Delaware	857	556	3,253	3,877	3,698	55	299	2,256	2,373	2,351
District of Columbia	139	305	1,684	1,946	2,382	25	83	822	725	803
Florida	13,033	11,034	120,694	118,846	115,270	7,505	6,523	63,775	63,114	64,482
Georgia	6,491	5,975	46,373	52,553	43,970	---	---	---	---	20,343
Hawaii	2,560	2,592	20,652	22,123	21,008	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1,506	1,332	11,136	11,918	11,913	686	574	5,435	5,257	5,331
Illinois	8,941	9,212	55,271	60,933	62,378	2,450	2,892	25,240	24,557	26,107
Indiana	4,345	3,709	36,038	37,300	33,572	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	2,225	2,327	15,572	15,849	16,006	619	706	6,035	6,280	6,200
Kansas	2,253	1,783	14,658	14,261	13,227	857	701	6,523	6,870	5,895
Kentucky	4,218	3,349	28,905	27,905	28,817	1,718	1,634	14,202	15,373	15,459
Louisiana	2,740	2,740	27,824	27,537	28,532	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	1,809	1,473	8,267	8,956	8,849	531	449	3,374	4,216	4,348
Maryland	4,128	4,005	27,754	28,971	29,132	1,353	1,530	12,621	13,342	12,843
Massachusetts	4,725	4,827	28,928	32,427	27,949	---	1,182	---	10,653	12,281
Michigan	7,526	6,899	48,216	48,649	49,698	3,023	2,931	26,248	26,464	28,046
Minnesota	3,522	3,761	23,714	23,518	25,412	---	1,307	---	10,864	11,157
Mississippi	1,274	1,350	13,632	13,667	13,815	981	1,034	10,002	10,004	10,208
Missouri	3,438	4,160	34,284	31,156	32,216	1,658	1,798	16,240	16,168	16,592
Montana	766	719	5,603	5,751	5,514	272	246	2,688	2,679	2,611
Nebraska	1,233	1,321	9,988	9,843	9,649	637	520	4,503	4,482	4,496
Nevada	11,826	11,984	112,265	109,915	110,536	1,408	1,499	11,276	10,935	12,328
New Hampshire	1,196	1,298	6,663	8,089	8,085	320	458	3,265	3,913	4,034
New Jersey	4,157	5,304	30,686	37,900	38,155	2,232	2,232	19,401	20,053	21,051
New Mexico ^{3,4}	1,200	1,247	9,942	11,084	10,081	715	670	6,344	6,963	7,424
New York ²	15,131	13,640	101,208	101,716	102,575	5,219	5,100	40,000	45,130	46,289
North Carolina	6,243	5,730	40,998	47,372	47,645	3,523	2,626	23,895	27,501	27,024
North Dakota	371	453	3,130	3,521	3,642	117	151	1,160	1,457	1,414
Ohio	4,082	8,037	54,760	58,828	59,566	2,000	3,367	32,937	31,268	32,559
Oklahoma	2,302	1,968	19,912	17,467	(⁵)	1,489	1,553	15,220	13,185	(⁵)
Oregon	4,088	3,502	20,394	23,269	20,684	1,104	1,247	11,764	10,894	11,465
Pennsylvania	6,629	8,348	45,989	58,924	58,144	2,121	3,033	21,600	27,703	28,142
Rhode Island	973	1,051	5,789	6,409	6,476	266	283	2,378	2,495	2,622
South Carolina	3,067	2,884	26,721	23,914	29,102	1,085	1,219	9,292	9,649	10,300
South Dakota	739	724	5,356	5,305	5,233	193	201	1,822	1,824	1,871
Tennessee	7,542	5,750	47,444	51,341	53,435	3,050	2,389	21,470	22,097	22,178
Texas	12,674	13,829	125,177	136,561	137,745	5,662	6,498	56,866	61,790	63,589
Utah	1,708	2,102	17,685	18,618	19,039	849	770	7,245	7,379	7,202
Vermont	914	739	3,691	4,628	4,804	168	196	1,647	1,818	1,828
Virginia	5,629	5,641	47,285	47,059	46,988	2,620	2,273	21,722	21,929	21,666
Washington	3,475	4,170	29,164	32,190	31,953	2,191	2,321	19,114	20,082	20,466
West Virginia	1,433	1,269	10,078	10,517	10,744	601	857	6,807	6,891	7,103
Wisconsin	4,678	4,089	26,066	26,407	26,935	1,184	1,346	12,317	12,607	13,009
Wyoming	498	453	3,843	3,871	3,845	314	233	1,999	1,995	2,018
Puerto Rico	1,543	1,532	17,183	17,027	18,150	2,180	1,213	14,838	12,341	10,891

--- 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.⁵Data incomplete.

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