# VITAL STATISTICS REPORT 

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## Births and Birth Rates

There were 3,333,279 registered live births in the United States during 1978. This was only a slight increase over the $3,326,632$ births registered in 1977. Provisional data for 1979 indicate an increase of about 4 percent over the final number recorded for 1978.

The birth rate for 1978 was slightly below (less than 1 percent) the 1977 level, 15.3 live Pirths per 1,000 population in 1978 compared with 15.4 in 1977. Provisional data for 1979 suggest a rise in the birth rate of about 3 percent over the final rate observed for 1978.

The fertility rate for 1978 of 66.6 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years was the second lowest rate ever recorded in the United States (the lowest was 65.8 in 1976). This was about 2 percent below the rate for 1977. Again provisional data for 1979 suggest a slight turnaround in the fertility rate, with an increase of about 2 percent over the final rate for 1978.

The 1977-78 decline in fertility is reflected in the lower birth rates for women observed for all age groups except those aged $30-34$ years, for whom the rates were 2.8 percent higher, and women under 15 years and 45-49 years, for

Figure 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND FERTILITY RATES: UNITED STATES, 1910-78


Figure 2. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1950-78
(Beginning 1959 trend lines are based on registered live births; trend lines for 1950-59 are based on live births adjusted for underregistration)

whom the rates were unchanged. Rates for ages 15-17 years declined 4.6 percent, and rates for women aged $40-44$ years declined 7.1 percent. Other declines ranged from 1.1 percent to 2.5 percent.

Birth rates declined for all birth orders except for eighth and higher orders. The declines ranged from 1.0 to 2.3 percent for first, second and third order births, and then accelerated to
6.3 to 8.3 percent for fifth and sixth and seventh order births. The birth rate for eighth and higher order births is already very low and was unchanged in 1978 (0.5).

An examination of age-birth order specific rates suggests that once again previously postponed births are accounting for the observed increases, and that rates of childbearing among young women and higher order birth rates

Figure 3. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER: UNITED STATES, 1950 - 78

for older women are continuing to decline. Increases in first order birth rates were substantial for women aged $30-34$ and $35-39$ years, 12.1 percent and 10.0 percent, respectively. In addition, rates for second order births to these women increased 6.7 percent and 8.8 percent, respectively. Other increases in rates were for first order births for women aged 25-29 years and for third order births for women aged 30-34 and 35-39 years. The third order birth rate for women aged 18-19 years also increased slightly, but it is still very low (3.3). First order birth rates for young teenagers 15-17 years of age continued to decline; the rate for 1978 was 4.9 percent below that for 1977. Rates for high order births for all age groups are already very low, and most were unchanged or declined slightly.

The total fertility rate indicates the number of births 1,000 women would have if they experienced throughout their childbearing years the set of age-specific birth rates observed in a given calendar year. It shows the implications of current levels of fertility for completed family size. This rate was $1,800.2$ in 1978 , or 1.4 percent lower than the rate in $1977(1,826.3)$.

In 1978 the fertility rate declined by 2.0 percent for white women and by 1.3 percent for black women. The rate was 62.7 for white women and 88.6 for black women. The differential between these two rates increased slightly as a result of the larger decline in the rate for white women than for black women.

The number of births increased in the New England, West North Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific Divisions. The largest increase, 3.1 percent, was in the Mountain Division. There were declines in the numbers of births in the Middle Atlantic, East North Central, South Atlantic, and East South Central Divisions, with the reductions ranging from 1 to 2 percent. Increases and declines in numbers of births were about evenly split among the States, with increases observed in 24 States and declines noted in 26 States and the District of Columbia.

Birth rates increased 1 percent in the New England and Pacific Divisions and declined 1 to 2 percent or remained unchanged in the other divisions. Rates increased in only 13 States, declined in 30 States and the District
of Columbia, and remained the same in States.

## Sex Ratio of Births

The sex ratio in 1978 was 1,053 male births per 1,000 female births, unchanged from 1977. This ratio varies very little from year to year and is consistently higher for white births than for black births. In 1978 the sex ratio was 1,058 for white births and 1,028 for black births.

## Month of Birth

There is a consistent pattern in the monthly occurrence of births that has been observed for many years. The peak months of occurrence are August and September when adjusted for differing number of days per month. If the birth and fertility rates are adjusted to account for the characteristic seasonal variation, it is then possible to observe the underlying trends in these rates. Seasonally adjusted monthly birth and fertility rates in 1978 were generally lower than in 1977, particularly in the early months of the year. Rates for November and December 1978, however, were higher than for the same months of 1977 (by 3 percent in December), a trend which provisional data suggest continued in 1979.

## Place of Delivery and Attendant at Birth

In 1978, 99.0 percent of all babies were born in hospitals, the same as for 1977. Of the $3,300,659$ births occurring in hospitals, 97.6 percent were attended by physicians. The comparable proportion for 1977 was 97.7 percent. Midwives attended 1.1 percent of these hospital births in 1978 compared with 0.9 percent in 1977.

In recent years there has been a growing trend toward more deliveries attended by midwives, although the numbers are still relatively small. There were 46,060 births attended by midwives in 1978, 1.4 percent of all births compared with 1.2 percent in 1977 and 1.1 percent in 1976. Overall, the proportion of these births delivered in hospitals has remained about three-fourths in recent years, but among black infants there has been a steady increase in thd
proportion of midwife-attended deliveries that occurred in hospitals, from 66.0 percent in 1976 to 85.7 percent in 1978.

## Age of Father

In 1978 the birth rate for men was 55.0 births per 1,000 men aged 15-54 years. This rate was 1.3 percent lower than the rate in 1977 (55.7).

The only age group for which there was an increase in the rate over 1977 was for males aged $30-34$ years, for whom there was a 1.1-percent increase. This coincides with the increase in birth rates observed for women of these ages. The rates for all other ages declined or remained unchanged, with reductions of 3 to 5 percent for men under 30 years as well as for ages 45-49 and $50-54$ years. The rates for men aged 35-39, 40-44, and 55 years and over declined 1 percent or less or remained unchanged.

The birth rate declined by 2 percent for white men and by 1 percent for black men between 1977 and 1978. The rate for white men declined from 51.6 to 50.7 , and the rate for black men declined from 84.1 to 83.2 .

## Weight at Birth

The median birth weight of infants born in 1978 was 3,350 grams (equivalent to approximately 7 pounds 6 ounces), 10 grams greater than the medians for 1976 and 1977. For 1978 the median was 3,390 grams for white births and 3,150 grams for black births, the same as for 1977. The racial difference in birth weight of 240 grams is equivalent to about $81 / 2$ ounces.

Low birth weight is defined as 2,500 grams ( 5 pounds 8 ounces) or less. The proportion of all infants in this category was 7.1 percent in 1978, unchanged from 1977. Black infants were more than twice as likely as white infants to be of low birth weight. The proportion of low birth weight was 12.9 percent for black babies compared with 5.9 percent for white babies. This substantial differential has been observed for many years.

The incidence of low birth weight varies considerably according to age of the mother. Generally, the proportions were highest for teenage mothers and for mothers in their forties
and lowest for mothers aged 25-34 years. Births to teenagers under 15 years of age had the highest risk of being of low birth weight, 14.3 percent. This was 2.4 times the level observed for infants born to mothers aged 25-29 years ( 6.0 percent).

## Multiple Births

There were 65,348 live births in multiple deliveries (twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc.) in 1978. The majority of these, 64,163 , were live births in twin deliveries. The multiple birth ratio, defined as the number of live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 total live births, was 19.6 in 1978 compared with 19.2 in 1977. This ratio has historically been higher for black births than for white births. In 1978 the multiple birth ratio was 24.2 for black births and 18.8 for white births.

The incidence of plural births increases steadily as maternal age advances, generally up to ages 35-39 years. In 1978 the multiple birth ratio for births to mothers aged 35-39 years was 27.1 , nearly twice the ratio for mothers 15-19 years old (13.7). These relationships are similar for white and black births.

## Births to Unmarried Women

National estimates of births to unmarried women are based on information on the mother's marital status provided on the birth certificates of 39 States and the District of Columbia.

Births to unmarried women continued to increase in 1978, but at a much slower rate than observed for the previous year. There were an estimated 543,900 live births to unmarried women during 1978, an increase of 5.5 percent over the 1977 estimate of 515,700 . This was about half the rate of increase measured between 1976 and 1977 (10.2 percent). The number of births to unmarried white women and unmarried black women increased by 6.1 percent and 4.2 percent, respectively, also about half as much as during the previous year. These increases in 1978 are due principally to the continued rise in the number of unmarried women in the population and, to a much lesser extent, the increase in the rate of childbearing among these women.

The rate of childbearing among unmarried women increased less than 1 percent between 1977 and 1978, from 26.0 to 26.2 births per 1,000 unmarried women $15-44$ years of age. The amount of increase during the previous year was 5.3 percent. The rates of childbearing among unmarried white and black women also changed only slightly between 1977 and 1978. The rate for white women increased 1.5 percent to 13.9 while the rate for black women declined 1.7 percent to 83.1.

The number of births to unmarried women increased for all ages 18-39 years. The increases were largest for women aged 25-29 years (12.2 percent), but were also sizable for women aged 20-24 years ( 10.6 percent) and for women aged 30-34 years ( 11.8 percent). The declines measured for women under 15 years and 15-17 years were 6.9 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

The rates of childbearing increased from 2.0 to 4.0 percent among unmarried women 18-29 years of age and less than 1 percent for women aged $30-34$ years. Rates declined 3.0 percent for ages $15-17$ years, 2.4 percent for women $35-39$ years, and 8.3 percent for women $40-44$ years. Birth rates for unmarried white women increased for the age groups 18-34 years and declined for ages $15-17$ years and 40-44 years. The rate for white women aged 35-39 years was unchanged. Rates for unmarried black women declined for all age groups except women 20-24 and 25-29 years, for whom the increases were very small-1.4 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively.

The ratio of out-of-wedlock childbearing, defined as the number of births to unmarried women per 1,000 total live births, continued to increase in 1978, to 163.2 compared with 155.0 in 1977. The ratios increased 6.5 percent for white births (87.1) and 2.8 percent for black births (532.0).

## Interval Since Last Live Birth

Information on the interval since the last live birth is computed from the date of the mother's last live birth, an item on the birth certificates of 47 States and the District of Columbia in 1978. There were four more States in the reporting area for this item in

1978 than in 1977. Interbirth intervals can be calculated for all second and higher order births.

More than one-fourth ( 27.2 percent) of all second and higher order births in 1978 occurred within 2 years of the mother's previous live birth, slightly higher than the comparable proportion for 1977 ( 26.3 percent). Just over half ( 50.4 percent) of all second and higher order births followed the mother's previous live birth by less than 3 years.

The mean interval since the last live birth was 45.3 months in 1978, just slightly shorter than the mean interval in 1977, 45.5 months. The mean interval for white births also declined in this period, from 45.2 months to 44.9 months while the mean interval for black births increased from 47.3 months to 47.7 months. The longer mean interval for black births is a reflection of the relatively greater frequency of black births at long intervals of 6 years or more.

As live-birth order advanced, an increasing proportion of the births occurred within short intervals of the previous live birth. For example, 12.4 percent of second order births followed the birth of the mother's previous child within 18 months compared with 22.2 percent of eighth and higher order births.

Black infants of all orders were more likely than white infants to be born at very short intervals after the previous child; 17.8 percent of all second and higher order black births compared with 13.0 percent of comparable white births occurred less than 18 months after the birth of the previous child.

## Educational Attainment of Mother and Father

Educational attainment of parents was reported on the birth certificates of 47 States and the District of Columbia in 1978, an increase of 3 States over the 1977 reporting area. Nearly three-fourths ( 73.9 percent) of the women giving birth in 1978 had completed at least 12 years of school. Among fathers of the babies born in 1978, the proportion in this educational attainment category was 80.4 percent.

The educational attainment of parents has increased each year since 1969 when this infor-
mation first became available. There has been an increase in the proportion of college graduates and a concomitant decline in the proportion with 8 or fewer years of schooling. In 1969, 8.5 percent of the mothers and 16.4 percent of the fathers had completed at least 4 years of college, while 8.0 percent of the mothers and 9.9 percent of the fathers had 8 or fewer years of formal education. By 1978 the percentages of college graduates had increased to 13.1 percent for mothers and 21.6 percent for fathers, while the proportions with $0-8$ years of education had declined to 5.7 percent for both mothers and fathers.

In 1978 the median years of school completed by mothers was 12.6 , and by fathers, 12.8, both slightly higher than the 1977 medians.

Black parents have made substantial gains in their educational attainment in recent years. Despite these gains, however, large racial differences persist. In 1978, 76.6 percent of white births and 61.5 percent of black births were to mothers with 12 or more years of schooling. The racial differential for fathers was smaller: 81.1 percent of white births and 74.4 percent of black births were to fathers with at least a high school education.

As a result of the improvements made in educational attainment by black parents, the differences by race in median years of school completed have narrowed considerably over the years. In 1978 the median years of school completed by parents according to race were 12.6 for white mothers, 12.3 for black mothers, 12.8 for white fathers, and 12.5 for black fathers.

As would be expected, the levels of educational attainment varied widely by age of mother. Mothers aged 30-34 years had the highest median, 13.0 years, followed by mothers aged 25-29 years and 35-39 years with medians of 12.9 and 12.7 years, respectively. The medians for teenage mothers increased from 6.3 years for mothers under 15 years of age to 12.2 for mothers 19 years of age. These variations by maternal age were similar for white and black mothers. The direction of the racial differential in educational attainment, however, shifted as age of mother increased: through age 18, the median years of school
completed by black mothers was higher than that for white mothers. Thereafter, the medians for white mothers equaled or exceeded those for black mothers.

The median years of school completed generally declined as live-birth order advanced. The median was 12.6 years for mothers of first and second order births and declined to 10.6 years for mothers of eighth and higher order births.

## Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began

Information on the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began was available from the birth certificates of 49 States and the District of Columbia in 1978, an increase of 5 States over the 1977 reporting area. Only New Mexico did not include this item on the birth certificate. The proportion of births to mothers who initially received prenatal care during the first 3 months of pregnancy continued to rise between 1977 and 1978, from 74.1 to 74.9 percent. The proportion of births to mothers receiving late care (starting in the third trimester of pregnancy) or no care in 1978 declined slightly from the previous year- 5.4 percent compared with 5.6 percent in 1977.

There continues to be a large racial differential in the trimester in which prenatal care began. White mothers are more likely to make their first prenatal visit in the early months of pregnancy and are less likely to receive late or no prenatal care than are black mothers, although black mothers have made considerable gains in recent years in the proportions receiving care early in their pregnancies. In 1978, 78.2 percent of white births and 60.2 percent of black births were to mothers who began their prenatal care in the first trimester of their pregnancies. The proportions receiving late or no care were 4.5 percent for white births and 9.3 percent for black births.

The time at which prenatal care began varied considerably according to age of mother. Care was sought most promptly by mothers aged $25-29$ years and $30-34$ years. The proportions seeking care in the first 3 months were 83.2 percent for mothers aged 25-29 years and 82.8 percent for mothers aged $30-34$ years. These mothers were similarly least likely to have
received late or no prenatal care-3.2 percent ( $25-29$ years) and 3.3 percent ( $30-34$ years). Very young mothers under 15 years of age were most likely to delay seeking prenatal care; only 35.6 percent obtained care in the first trimester and 19.8 percent received late or no prenatal care in 1978.

## Number of Prenatal Visits

Information on the number of prenatal visits was available from the birth certificates of 47 States and the District of Columbia in 1978, an increase of 6 States over the 1977 reporting area.

The median number of visits made for prenatal care by mothers having some prenatal care was 11.0 in 1978, a slight increase from the 1977 median of 10.9 visits. The median for white mothers was 11.2 visits in 1978, unchanged from the median for 1977. For black births the median number increased from 9.4 visits in 1977 to 9.9 visits in 1978.

As would be expected, the median number of prenatal visits is closely related to the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began. Thus the median for mothers who began care in the first trimester of pregnancy was 12.0 visits and declined to 4.8 visits for mothers who did not begin prenatal care until the last 3 months of pregnancy. A large portion of the racial differential observed for the median number of prenatal visits is attributable to the fact that white mothers began their prenatal care earlier than black mothers. When the medians for white and black mothers who began care at the same point in their pregnancies are compared, the differences are noticeably reduced. In 1978 the median number of visits by trimester for white births was 12.1 for the first trimester, 8.9 for the second trimester, and 4.9 visits for the last trimester. For black births the medians were $10.9,8.0$, and 4.4 visits, respectively.

## Period of Gestation

Length of gestation is measured from the first day of the mother's last normal menstrual period (LMP). This information was reported by 47 States and the District of Columbia in 1978, an increase of 5 States over the 1977 reporting area.

The majority of 1978 births- 82.7 percentoccurred at $37-42$ weeks of gestation, about the same as for 1977 births ( 82.6 percent). In 1978, 8.9 percent of births occurred prematurely (less than 37 weeks gestation), slightly above the 1977 level of 8.8 percent. Black infants were more than twice as likely as white infants to be born prematurely, a differential that has been observed for many years. In 1978, 16.3 percent of black infants and 7.5 percent of white infants were born prematurely.

Birth weight is very closely associated with length of gestation. Among premature births in 1978, 40.7 percent were also of low birth weight ( 2,500 grams or less). The incidence of low birth weight among full-term infants was only 3.2 percent.

## Apgar Score

The Apgar score is a summary measure used to evaluate the newborn infant's overall condition at birth. The score is a composite evaluation of the infant's heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, reflex irritability, and color. An appropriate numerical value of 0,1 , or 2 is assigned to each of these factors, and the sum of the five values is the overall score; a score of 10 is optimum. The score is generally recorded at 1 and 5 minutes after birth. Various studies have shown a significant relationship between the Apgar scores and birth weight, neonatal mortality, and infant neurological morbidity. In 1978, 39 States reported the 1 -minute score and 38 States and the District of Columbia reported the 5 -minute score.

In 1978 nearly half ( 49.0 percent) of the newborn infants had 1-minute Apgar scores of $9-10$. An additional 41.8 percent of the 1 minute scores were $7-8$. The 1 -minute scores of $0-3$, considered to indicate a severely depressed status, were assigned to 2.2 percent of the infants. The 5 -minute scores showed considerable gains over the 1 -minute scores. Scores of $9-10$ were given to 88.6 percent of the infants, and scores of $7-8$ were assigned to 9.3 percent of the infants. Less than 1 percent of the 5 minute scores were in the 0-3 range.

High scores of 9-10 were assigned to approximately the same proportions of black and white births at 1 minute; at 5 minutes there
was a slightly higher proportion of white than of black births receiving high scores. Black infants were about twice as likely to receive very low scores at 1 minute and 5 minutes. The proportionally greater incidence of low Apgar scores among black infants is probably associated with the fact that black infants are also twice as likely as white infants to be of low birth weight; low birth weight is very closely associated with unfavorable Apgar scores.

There is a definite pattern of generally improved Apgar scores at 5 minutes compared with the 1 -minute scores. Thus 26.5 percent of
the infants with 1 -minute scores of $0-3$ had 5 minute scores in this range, but 33.6 percent of these infants' 5 -minute scores increased to the 4-6 range and 28.3 percent increased to the 7-8 range. Similarly, among infants receiving 1minute scores of $7-8,88.1$ percent were assigned 5 -minute scores of $9-10$. These patterns were observed for both white and black infants, although black infants with low 1-minute scores were less likely than white infants to show improvement at 5 minutes, probably because of the sustained impact of their lower birth weights.

## SOURCES OF DATA

Data shown in this report for 1978 are based on 100 percent of the birth certificates of 36 States which provided data through the Cooperative Health Statistics System. Data from the remaining areas (Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wyoming) are based on a 50 percent sample of birth certificates filed in those areas.

Beginning with January 1978 a revised Standard Certificate of Live Birth was recommended by the National Center for Health Statistics, replacing the 1968 revision. Most States have adopted this revision or a close approximation to it, modified to meet their needs and requirements. Although there are a
number of changes in wording and format in the 1978 revision, the major addition is an item asking for the infant's Apgar scores at 1 and 5 minutes after birth. In addition, several items which were introduced in the 1968 revision but had not been adopted by all States have been included by more States beginning in 1978. The reporting areas for marital status of mother, interval since last live birth, educational attainment of parents, month of pregnancy prenatal care began, number of prenatal visits, and period of gestation have been enlarged by several States as noted in the text. Although the trend data for 1977 and 1978 presented in this report for these items are based on different reporting areas, it is believed that these year-to-year comparisons can be usefully made.

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> This report presents summary tabulations from the final natality statistics for 1978. More detailed tabulations for 1978 will be published in Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I-Natality. Prior to the publication of that volume, the National Center for Health Statistics will respond to requests for unpublished data whenever possible.

Table 1. LIVE BIRTHS, BIRTH RATES, AND FERTILITY RATES, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-78
[Birth rates per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates per 1,000 women aged $15-44$ years in specified group. Populations enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year | Number |  |  |  | Birth rate |  |  |  | Fertility rate |  |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { races } \end{aligned}$ | White | All other |  | All <br> races | White | All other |  | All races | White | All other |  |
|  |  |  | Total | Black |  |  | Total | Black |  |  | Total | Black |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ | 3,333,279 | 2,681,116 | 652,163 | 551,540 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 22.1 | 21.6 | 66.6 | 62.7 | 89.3 | 88.6 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$ | 3,326,632 | 2,691,070 | 635,562 | 544,221 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 67.8 | 64.0 | 89.9 | 89.8 |
| $1976{ }^{1}$ | 3,167,788 | 2,567,614 | 600,174 | 514,479 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 21.1 | 20.8 | 65.8 | 62.2 | 87.6 | 87.2 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$ | 3,144,198 | 2,551,996 | 592,202 | 511,581 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 21.2 | 20.9 | 66.7 | 63.0 | 89.3 | 89.2 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$ | 3,159,958 | 2,575,792 | 584,166 | 507,162 | 14.9 | 14.0 | 21.4 | 21.0 | 68.4 | 64.7 | 91.0 | 90.8 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$ | 3,136,965 | 2,551,030 | 585,935 | 512,597 | 14.9 | 13.9 | 21.9 | 21.5 | 69.2 | 65.3 | 94.3 | 94.3 |
| $1972{ }^{1}$ | 3,258,411 | 2,655,558 | 602,853 | 531,329 | 15.6 | 14.6 | 22.9 | 22.6 | 73.4 | 69.2 | 100.3 | 100.5 |
| $1971{ }^{2}$ | 3,555,970 | 2,919,746 | 636,224 | 564,960 | 17.2 | 16.2 | 24.7 | 24.5 | 81.8 | 77.5 | 109.5 | 110.1 |
| $1970^{2}$. | 3,731,386 | 3,091,264 | 640,122 | 572,362 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 25.1 | 25.3 | 87.9 | 84.1 | 113.0 | 115.4 |

[^0]Table 2. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mothers. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Live-birth order and race | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  | Age of | nother |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Under 15 years | 15-19 years |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 20-24 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25-29 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 30-34years | $35-39$years | $\begin{aligned} & 40-44 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45-49 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Tota! | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All races.......... | 3,333,279 | 10,772 | 543,407 | 28,863 | 64,923 | 108,875 | 151,555 | 189,191 | 1,139,524 | 1,015,183 | 474,318 | 126,196 | 22,627 | 1,252 |
| First child..................... | 1,401,491 | 10,203 | 418,711 | 26,926 | 58,005 | 90,423 | 114,337 | 129,020 | 545,778 | 322,587 | 88,091 | 14,290 | 1,751 | 80 |
| Second child................. | 1,062,225 | 292 | 100,247 | 1,377 | 5,606 | 15,355 | 30,361 | 47,548 | 404,882 | 379,258 | 150,846 | 24,199 | 2,442 | 59 |
| Third child........................ | -496,592 | 25 | 15,505 | 61 | 369 | 1.547 | 4,425 | 9,103 | 134,564 | 197,150 | 119,438 | 26,960 | 2,863 | 87 |
| Fourth child........................ | 189,997 | 3 | 1,954 | 7 | 28 | 130 | 485 | 1,304 | 33,730 | 70,351 | 59,410 | 21,290 | 3,141 | 118 |
| Fifth child...................... | 76,518 |  | 216 |  | 3 | 11 | 45 | 157 | 7.956 | 23,634 | 27,204 | 14,354 | 3,026 | 128 |
| Sixth child.................... | 34,764 |  | 18 |  |  | 1 | 6 | 11 | 1,816 | 8,310 | 12,921 | 9,155 | 2,421 | 123 |
| Seventh child................ | 17,826 |  | 7 | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 396 | 3,071 | 6,355 | 5,964 | 1,915 | 118 |
| Eighth child and over....... | 22,407 | - | 30 | - | - | - | 20 | 10 | 259 | 1,777 | 5,934 | 8,952 | 4,923 | 532 |
| Not stated.................... | 31,459 | 249 | 6,719 | 492 | 912 | 1,408 | 1,872 | 2,035 | 10,143 | 9,045 | 4,119 | 1,032 | 145 | 7 |
| White................. | 2,681,116 | 4,512 | 380,060 | 15,756 | 40,776 | 74,425 | 108,074 | 141,029 | 914,772 | 860,209 | 401,221 | 101,880 | 17,521 | 941 |
| First child.................... | 1,143,073 | 4,361 | 302,975 | 15,079 | 37,536 | 64,252 | 85,211 | 100,897 | 461,890 | 284,299 | 76,270 | 11,784 | 1,429 | 65 |
| Second child................. | 871,320 | 84 | 64,469 | 495 | 2,666 | 8,707 | 19,440 | 33,161 | 325,088 | 329,223 | 130,619 | 19,869 | 1,924 | 44 |
| Third child.................... | 394,446 | 16 | 7,907 | 17 | 136 | 646 | 2,080 | 5,028 | 95,257 | 163,324 | 103,067 | 22.512 | 2,287 | 76 |
| Fourth child.................. | 143,029 |  | 787 | 2 | 7 | 53 | 172 | 553 | 19,715 | 52,688 | 49,358 | 17,816 | 2,568 | 97 |
| Fifth child......................... | 55,117 |  | 67 |  | 1 | 5 | 16 | 45 | 3,992 | 15,663 | 21.145 | 11,661 | 2.482 | 107 |
| Sixth child................... | 24,226 |  | 9 |  |  | - | 3 | 6 | 802 | 4,982 | 9,324 | 7,093 | 1,919 | 97 |
| Seventh child................ | 12,099 |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 163 | 1,643 | 4,334 | 4,449 | 1,406 | 102 |
| Eighth child and over...... | 14,286 |  | 22 |  |  | - | 16 | 6 | 151 | 874 | 3,635 | 5,860 | 3,393 | 351 |
| Not stated.................... | 23,520 | 51 | 3,822 | 163 | 430 | 762 | 1,134 | 1,333 | 7.714 | 7,513 | 3,469 | 836 | 113 | 2 |
| All other.............. | 652,163 | 6,260 | 163,347 | 13,107 | 24,147 | 34,450 | 43,481 | 48,162 | 224,752 | 154,974 | 73,097 | 24,316 | 5,106 | 311 |
| First child. | 258,418 | 5,842 | 115,736 | 11,847 | 20,469 | 26,171 | 29,126 | 28,123 | 83,888 | 38,288 | 11,821 | 2.506 | 322 | 15 |
| Second child....................... | 190,905 | 208 | 35,778 | 882 | 2,940 | 6,648 | 10,921 | 14,387 | 79,794 | 50,035 | 20,227 | 4,330 | 518 | 15 |
| Third child,.................... | 102,146 | 9 | 7,598 | 44 | 233 | 901 | 2,345 | 4,075 | 39,307 | 33,826 | 16,371 | 4.448 | 576 | 11 |
| Fourth child......................... | 46,968 | 3 | 1,167 | 5 | 21 | 77 | 313 | 751 | 14,015 | 17,663 | 10,052 | 3,474 | 573 | 21 |
| Fifth child.................... | 21,401 |  | 149 |  | 2 | 6 | 29 | 112 | 3,964 | 7,971 | 6,059 | 2,693 | 544 | 21 |
| Sixth child.................... | 10,538 |  | 9 | - |  | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1,014 | 3,328 | 3,597 | 2,062 | 502 | 26 |
| Seventh child................ | 5,727 | - | 5 | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 233 | 1,428 | 2,021 | 1,515 | 509 | 16 |
| Eighth child and over...... | 8,121 |  |  | $\cdots$ | - | $\bigcirc$ | 4 | 4 | 108 | 903 | 2,299 | 3.092 | 1,530 | 181 |
| Not stated.................... | 7,939 | 198 | 2,897 | 329 | 482 | 646 | 738 | 702 | 2,429 | 1,532 | 650 | 196 | 32 | 5 |
| Black.............. | 551,540 | 6,068 | 151,001 | 12,525 | 22,754 | 32,038 | 39.933 | 43,751 | 196,731 | 121,613 | 53,491 | 18,340 | 4,048 | 248 |
| First child.................... | 216,446 | 5,662 | 106,299 | 11,294 | 19,206 | 24,193 | 26.458 | 25,148 | 70,499 | 25,298 | 6,937 | 1.542 | 201 | 8 |
| Second child................. | 159,270 | 200 | 33,302 | 856 | 2,824 | 6,267 | 10,153 | 13,202 | 70,353 | 39,099 | 13,238 | 2,712 | 356 | 10 |
| Third child................... | 87,404 | 9 | 7,273 | 44 | 229 | 864 | 2,259 | 3,877 | 35,714 | 28,450 | 12,397 | 3,136 | 416 | 9 |
| Fourth child.................. | 40,996 | 3 | 1,122 | 5 | 21 | 72 | 303 | 721 | 12,938 | 15,368 | 8,350 | 2.750 | 444 | 21 |
| Fifth child.................... | 18,801 | . | 145 | . | 2 | 6 | 27 | 110 | 3,702 | 7,030 | 5,179 | 2,277 | 448 | 20 |
| Sixth child................... | 9,258 |  | 9 | - |  | 1 | 3 | 5 | 959 | 2,975 | 3,101 | 1,767 | 427 | 20 |
| Seventh child................ | 5.019 |  | 5 | - |  | . | 2 | 3 | 225 | 1,288 | 1.755 | 1.305 | 429 | 12 |
| Eighth child and over....... | 7,115 | - | 7 | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 101 | 833 | 2,025 | 2.703 | 1,303 | 143 |
| Not stated.................... | 7,231 | 194 | 2,839 | 326 | 472 | 635 | 724 | 682 | 2,240 | 1,272 | 509 | 148 | 24 | 5 |

Table 3. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and racial groups. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother and live-birth order not stated are distributed]

| Live-birth order and race | 15-44 years ${ }^{1}$ | Age of mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 10-14 <br> years | 15-19 years |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20-24 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25-29 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-34 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35-39 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40-44 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 45-49 <br> years |
|  |  |  | Total | $15-17$ <br> years | 18-19 <br> years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All races .................... | 66.6 | 1.2 | 52.4 | 32.9 | 81.0 | 112.3 | 112.0 | 59.1 | 18.9 | 3.9 | 0.2 |
| First child.. | 28.3 | 1.1 | 40.9 | 28.9 | 58.5 | 54.3 | 35.9 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child.............................. | 21.4 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 3.7 | 18.7 | 40.3 | 42.2 | 19.0 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Third child ............................... | 10.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 13.4 | 22.0 | 15.0 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child.............................. | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child ................................ | 1.5 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child .............. | 1.1 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Eighth child and over ................ | 0.5 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| White .............................. | 62.7 | 0.6 | 43.6 | 25.4 | 70.1 | 106.3 | 111.1 | 57.9 | 17.6 | 3.5 | 0.2 |
| First child. | 27.0 | 0.6 | 35.1 | 22.9 | 52.9 | 54.2 | 37.0 | 11.1 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child............................. | 20.5 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 14.9 | 38.1 | 42.9 | 19.0 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Third child ............................... | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 11.2 | 21.3 | 15.0 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child ............................. | 3.4 | - | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child............................... | 1.3 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child .............. | 0.9 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Eighth child and over ................ | 0.3 | - | 0.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| All other ........................ | 89.3 | 4.1 | 99.1 | 72.3 | - 139.9 | 145.7 | 117.3 | 66.7 | 27.0 | 6.5 | 0.4 |
| First child................................. | 35.9 | 3.9 | 71.5 | 60.2 | 88.8 | 55.0 | 29.3 | 10.9 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Second chifd............................. | 26.5 | 0.1 | 22.1 | 10.8 | 39.3 | 52.3 | 38.3 | 18.6 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Third child ............................... | 14.1 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 1.2 | 10.0 | 25.8 | 25.9 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child ............................. | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 13.5 | 9.3 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child............................... | 3.0 | - | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child .............. | 2.2 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over ................. | 1.1 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| Black........................ | 88.6 | 4.4 | 103.7 | 76.6 | 145.0 | 147.5 | 110.6 | 59.6 | 24.0 | 6.0 | 0.4 |
| First child................................ | 35.3 | 4.3 | 74.4 | 63.6 | 91.0 | 53.5 | 23.2 | 7.8 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child.............................. | 25.9 | 0.2 | 23.3 | 11.6 | 41.2 | 53.3 | 35.9 | 14.9 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Third child ............................... | 14.2 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 10.8 | 27.1 | 26.1 | 14.0 | 4.1 | 0.6, | 0.0 |
| Fourth child............................. | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 9.8 | 14.1 | 9.4 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child................................ | 3.1 | - | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child .............. | 2.3 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over ................. | 1.2 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 0.2 |

[^1]Table 4. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES AND BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-78
[Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5 -year age groups multiplied by 5 . Birth rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year and race | Total fertility rate | Age of mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |  |  | $20-24$years | $\begin{aligned} & 25-29 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 30-34 years | $\begin{aligned} & 35-39 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 40-44 years | 45-49 <br> years |
|  |  |  | Total | 15-17 <br> years | $18-19$ <br> years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ALL RACES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ | 1,800.2 | 1.2 | 52.4 | 32.9 | 81.0 | 112.3 | 112.0 | 59.1 | 18.9 | 3.9 | 0.2 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$ | 1,826.3 | 1.2 | 53.7 | 34.5 | 81.9 | 115.2 | 114.2 | 57.5 | 19.2 | 4.2 | 0.2 |
| 1976 ${ }^{\text {I }}$ | 1,768.2 | 1.2 | 53.5 | 34.6 | 81.3 | 112.1 | 108.8 | 54.5 | 19.0 | 4.3 | 0.2 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$...................... | 1,799.0 | 1.3 | 56.3 | 36.6 | 85.7 | 114.7 | 110.3 | 53.1 | 19.4 | 4.6 | 0.3 |
|  | 1,856.6 | 1.2 | 58.1 | 37.7 | 89.3 | 119.0 | 113.3 | 54.4 | 20.2 | 4.8 | 0.3 |
| 1973 ${ }^{1} . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 1,895.6 | 1.3 | 59.7 | 38.9 | 91.8 | 120.7 | 113.6 | 56.1 | 22.0 | 5.4 | 0.3 |
|  | 2,021.9 | 1.2 | 62.0 | 39.2 | 97.3 | 131.0 | 118.7 | 60.2 | 24.8 | 6.2 | 0.4 |
| $1971^{2}$..................... | 2,274.6 | 1.1 | 64.7 | 38.3 | 105.6 | 150.6 | 134.8 | 67.6 | 28.7 | 7.1 | 0.4 |
| 1970².................... | 2,480.0 | 1.2 | 68.3 | 38.8 | 114.7 | 167.8 | 145.1 | 73.3 | 31.7 | 8.1 | 0.5 |
| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,704.2 | 0.6 | 43.6 | 25.4 | 70.1 | 106.3 | 111.1 | 57.9 | 17.6 | 3.5 | 0.2 |
| 1977¹...................... | 1,734.8 | 0.6 | 44.6 | 26.5 | 71.1 | 109.8 | 113.8 | 56.3 | 17.8 | 3.8 | 0.2 |
| 1976¹..................... | 1,679.0 | 0.6 | 44.6 | 26.7 | 70.7 | 107.0 | 108.4 | 53.5 | 17.7 | 3.8 | 0.2 |
| 1975 ${ }^{1} \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 1,708.2 | 0.6 | 46.8 | 28.3 | 74.4 | 109.7 | 110.0 | 52.1 | 18.1 | 4.1 | 0.2 |
| 1974¹...................... | 1,767.5 | 0.6 | 48.3 | 29.0 | 77.7 | 114.2 | 113.5 | 53.5 | 18.9 | 4.4 | 0.2 |
| 1973 ${ }^{1} \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 1,798.3 | 0.6 | 49.3 | 29.5 | 79.6 | 115.4 | 113.7 | 54.9 | 20.7 | 4.9 | 0.3 |
|  | 1,918.2 | 0.5 | 51.2 | 29.4 | 84.5 | 125.6 | 118.4 | 58.8 | 23.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| 19712...................... | 2,168.4 | 0.5 | 53.8 | 28.6 | 92.4 | 145.4 | 134.6 | 65.7 | 26.9 | 6.4 | 0.4 |
| 1970²...................... | 2,385.0 | 0.5 | 57.4 | 29.2 | 101.5 | 163.4 | 145.9 | 71.9 | 30.0 | 7.5 | 0.4 |
| ALL OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 ${ }^{1}$..................... | 2,333.3 | 4.1 | 99.1 | 72.3 | 139.9 | 145.7 | 117.3 | 66.7 | 27.0 | 6.5 | 0.4 |
|  | 2,342.7 | 4.3 | 102.4 | 76.6 | 141.9 | 145.7 | 116.5 | 64.8 | 27.5 | 6.9 | 0.5 |
| 1976 ${ }^{1} \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 2,276.2 | 4.3 | 102.4 | 77.1 | 141.5 | 141.7 | 111.6 | 60.7 | 27.0 | 7.0 | 0.5 |
| 1975 ${ }^{1}$..................... | 2,321.6 | 4.7 | 108.6 | 82.0 | 150.1 | 143.5 | 112.1 | 59.7 | 27.6 | 7.6 | 0.5 |
| 19741...................... | 2,376.8 | 4.7 | 113.3 | 86.2 | 156.4 | 147.4 | 112.3 | 60.7 | 28.9 | 7.6 | 0.5 |
|  | 2,473.6 | 5.0 | 119.1 | 91.6 | 163.7 | 153.2 | 113.3 | 63.9 | 31.0 | 8.7 | 0.6 |
|  | 2,650.5 | 4.7 | 125.0 | 94.5 | 175.2 | 164.5 | 120.9 | 69.4 | 34.9 | 10.0 | 0.7 |
| $19712 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 2,932.8 | 4.7 | 129.2 | 94.3 | 187.0 | 184.6 | 135.7 | 79.6 | 40.2 | 11.7 | 0.9 |
| 1970 2 ...................... | 3,066.7 | 4.8 | 133.4 | 95.2 | 195.4 | 196.8 | 140.1 | 82.5 | 42.2 | 12.6 | 0.9 |
| BLACK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 ${ }^{1}$....................... | 2,280.9 | 4.4 | 103.7 | 76.6 | 145.0 | 147.5 | 110.6 | 59.6 | 24.0 | 6.0 | 0.4 |
|  | 2,308.7 | 4.7 | 107.3 | 81.2 | 147.6 | 147.7 | 111.1 | 58.8 | 25.1 | 6.6 | 0.5 |
| 1976 ${ }^{1}$....................... | 2,235.3 | 4.7 | 107.0 | 81.5 | 146.8 | 143.4 | 105.5 | 54.7 | 24.6 | 6.8 | 0.5 |
|  | 2,284.0 | 5.1 | 113.8 | 86.6 | 156.0 | 145.1 | 105.4 | 54.1 | 25.4 | 7.5 | 0.5 |
|  | 2,332.5 | 5.0 | 118.3 | 91.0 | 162.0 | 148.7 | 104.8 | 54.8 | 26.8 | 7.5 | 0.6 |
| 1973 ${ }^{1} . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 2,437.0 | 5.4 | 124.5 | 96.8 | 169.5 | 154.6 | 105.9 | 58.6 | 29.2 | 8.6 | 0.6 |
| 1972 ${ }^{1} . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 2,621.2 | 5.1 | 130.8 | 99.9 | 181.7 | 166.2 | 113.9 | 64.6 | 33.2 | 9.8 | 0.7 |
| 1971 ${ }^{2}$...................... | 2,913.6 | 5.1 | 135.1 | 99.7 | 193.8 | 187.3 | 129.0 | 75.1 | 38.8 | 11.6 | 0.9 |
| $1970^{2}$...................... | 3,098.7 | 5.2 | 147.7 | 101.4 | 204.9 | 202.7 | 136.3 | 79.6 | 41.9 | 12.5 | 1.0 |

[^2]Table 5. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-78
[Rates are live births per 1,000 women aged $15-44$ years, enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year and race |  | Total | Live-birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ \text { and } \\ 7 \end{gathered}$ | 8 and over |
| ALL RACES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ |  |  | 66.6 | 28.3 | 21.4 | 10.0 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$ |  | 67.8 | 28.6 | 21.9 | 10.1 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| $1976{ }^{1}$ |  | 65.8 | 27.9 | 21.1 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$. |  | 66.7 | 28.4 | 21.2 | 9.5 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$ |  | 68.4 | 28.9 | 21.5 | 9.6 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$ |  | 69.2 | 28.8 | 21.1 | 9.8 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| $1972{ }^{1}$ |  | 73.4 | 29.5 | 21.5 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| $1971{ }^{2}$ |  | 81.8 | 32.1 | 23.1 | 12.5 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| $1970^{2}$ |  | 87.9 | 34.2 | 24.2 | 13.6 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ |  | 62.7 | 27.0 | 20.5 | 9.3 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$. |  | 64.0 | 27.3 | 21.1 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| $1976{ }^{1}$ |  | 62.2 | 26.5 | 20.4 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$ |  | 63.0 | 26.9 | 20.5 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$ |  | 64.7 | 27.4 | 21.0 | 9.0 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$ |  | 65.3 | 27.2 | 20.5 | 9.3 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| $1972{ }^{1}$ |  | 69.2 | 28.2 | 21.0 | 10.2 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 |
| 19712 |  | 77.5 | 30.6 | 22.6 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 1.0 |
| $1970^{2}$. |  | 84.1 | 32.9 | 23.7 | 13.3 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 1.2 |
| ALL OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ |  | 89.3 | 35.9 | 26.5 | 14.1 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 1.1 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$. |  | 89.9 | 36.4 | 26.4 | 13.9 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| $1976{ }^{1}$ |  | 87.6 | 35.9 | 25.3 | 13.1 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$ |  | 89.3 | 37.3 | 25.1 | 12.8 | 6.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$ |  | 91.0 | 38.2 | 25.1 | 12.7 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$ |  | 94.3 | 39.2 | 24.7 | 13.1 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.7 |
| $1972{ }^{1}$ |  | 100.3 | 40.9 | 25.2 | 13.8 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.4 |
| $1971{ }^{2}$ |  | 109.5 | 41.8 | 26.9 | 15.6 | 9.1 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 4.6 |
| $1970^{2}$ |  | 113.0 | 42.4 | 26.9 | 15.9 | 9.7 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 5.3 |
| BLACK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ |  | 88.6 | 35.3 | 25.9 | 14.2 | 6.7 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| $1977{ }^{1}$ |  | 89.8 | 36.3 | 26.0 | 13.9 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.4 |
| $1976{ }^{1}$ |  | 87.2 | 35.8 | 24.8 | 13.1 | 6.3 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$ |  | 89.2 | 37.4 | 24.6 | 12.8 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 1.9 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$ |  | 90.8 | 38.1 | 24.4 | 12.7 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$ |  | 94.3 | 39.2 | 24.1 | 13.1 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 2.8 |
| $1972{ }^{1}$ |  | 100.5 | 40.9 | 24.8 | 13.7 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.6 |
| $1971{ }^{2}$ |  | 110.1 | 41.8 | 26.7 | 15.6 | 9.2 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.8 |
| $1970^{2}$. |  | 115.4 | 43.3 | 27.1 | 16.1 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 5.6 |

[^3]Table 6. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND BIRTH RATES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, 1978
[By place of residence. Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
Rates per 1,000 estimated population in each area]

| Division and State | Number |  |  | Birth rate | Division and State | Number |  |  | Birth rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{\text { races }^{1}}{\text { All }}$ | White | Black |  |  | $\underset{\text { races }}{\text { I }}$ | White | Black |  |
| United States ........ | 3,333,279 | 2,681,116 | 551,540 | 15.3 | South Atlantic-Con. | 73,443 | 54,485 | 17,473 | 14.2 |
|  | 152,869 | 140,430 | 10,403 | 12.5 | West Virginia .................. | 29,280 | 27,942 | 1,206 | 15.7 |
| New England ...................... | 152,869 | 15,569 | 10,403 | 14.5 | North Carolina................ | 82,442 | 55,552 | 24,785 | 14.8 |
| Maine............................. | 15,847 12,429 | 12,239 | 85 | 14.3 | South Carolina................ | 49,671 | 29,125 | 20,135 | 17.1 |
| New Hampshire .............. | 7,120 | 7,061 | 25 | 14.6 | Georgia ............................................ | $\begin{array}{r} 84,140 \\ 113,343 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 52,717 \\ & 81,640 \end{aligned}$ | 30,458 | 16.6 |
| Massachusetts | 68,657 | 62,844 | 4,823 | 11.9 |  |  |  | 30,374 | 13.1 |
| Rhode Island .................. | 11,522 | 10,560 | 738 | 12.4 | East South Central............... | 228,567 | 164,273 | 62,858 | 16.4 |
| Connecticut .................... | 37,294 | 32,157 | 4,641 | 12.0 | East South Central................ Kentucky............... | 57,334 | 51,576 | 5,336 | 16.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Tennessee ......................Alabama ................. | 66,607 | 51,291 | 14,892 |  |
| Middle Atlantic.. | 479,737 | 383,386 | 88,118 | 13.0 |  | 60,227 | 38,753 | 21,223 | 16.2 |
| New York.. | 233,954 | 179,877 | 48,876 | 13.2 | Mississippi............................ | 44,399 | 22,653 | 21,407 | 18.4 |
| New Jersey .................... | 93,535 | 72,617 | 19,236 | 12.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania ................... | 152,248 | 130,892 | 20,006 | 12.9 | West South Central .............. | 392,578 | 306,838 | $\begin{array}{r} 77,460 \\ 8,843 \end{array}$ | 17.816.1 |
| East North Central............... |  |  |  | 15.2 | Arkansas........................ | 34,793 | 25,682 |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 626,788 \\ & 160,863 \end{aligned}$ | 522,284 | 96,045 |  | Louisiana ............................. | 74,928 | 45,192 | 28,955 | 18.8 |
| Ohio ............................. |  | 137,024 | 22,420 | 15.0 | Oklahoma $\qquad$ Texas $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45,905 \\ 236,952 \end{array}$ | 36,757199,207 | 4,64335,019 | 16.1 |
| Indiana .......................... | 83,598 | 74,088 | 8,930 | 15.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Illinois. | 174,509 | 133,544 | 37,521 | 15.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michigan ........................ | 139,149 | 114,232 | 23,039 | 15.2 | Mountaın ............................. | 202,546 | 182,383 | 6,405 | 19.5 |
| Wisconsin....................... | 68,669 | 63,396 | 4,135 | 14.7 | Montana $\qquad$ Idaho | $\begin{aligned} & 13,545 \\ & 19,391 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,104 \\ & 18,853 \end{aligned}$ | 5581 | 17.422.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West North Central .............. | 264,854 | 240,581 | 17,830 | 15.5 | Wyorning ...................... | 8,661 | 8,144 | 87 | 20.4 |
| Minnesota ...................... | 61,993 | 58,980 | 1,384 | 15.4 | Colorado. $\qquad$ <br> New Mexico. $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44,107 \\ & 23,932 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40,960 \\ & 19,569 \end{aligned}$ | 2,044 | 16.319.7 |
| Iowa ............................. | 44,584 | 43,105 | 1,023 | 15.3 |  |  |  | 860 |  |
| Missouri.. | 72,892 | 60,981 | 11,181 | 15.0 | Arizona............................ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,112 \\ & 38,808 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36,021 \\ & 37,489 \end{aligned}$ | 1,868 | 18.2 |
| North Dakota | 11,299 | 10,424 | 84 | 17.3 | Utah $\qquad$ <br> Nevada. $\qquad$ |  |  | 2171,193 | 29.516.5 |
| South Dakota ................. | 12,239 | 10,631 | 60 | 17.7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 38,808 \\ & 10,990 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37,489 \\ 9,243 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Nebraska....................... | 25,112 | 23,438 | 1,140 | 16.0 | Pacific................................ | 479,624 | $\begin{array}{r} 393,506 \\ 52,810 \end{array}$ | 42,006 |  |
| Kansas.. | 36,735 | 33,022 | 2,958 | 15.7 |  |  |  |  | 16.115.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Washington .................... | 58,726 |  | 2,364 946 |  |
| South Atlantic .................... | $\begin{array}{r} 505,716 \\ 8,685 \end{array}$ | 347,435 | 150,415 | 14.6 | Oregon............................ | 38,974356,310 | 36,652 | 946 37894 | 15.916.0 |
| Delaware....................... |  | 6,488 | 2,138 | 14.9 |  |  | 293,495 | $\begin{array}{r} 37,894 \\ 392 \\ 410 \end{array}$ |  |
| Maryland ....................... | 55,329 | 38,071 | 15,998 | 13.3 | Alaska $\qquad$ <br> Hawaii $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,861 \\ 16,753 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,280 \\ & 4,269 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 21.6 \\ & 18.6 \end{aligned}$ |
| District of Columbia ........ | 9,383 | 1,415 | 7,848 | 14.0 |  |  |  |  |  |

[^4]Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-78
[Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year | All races |  |  | White |  |  | All other |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Femalẹ ${ }^{\text { }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Males } \\ \text { per } \\ 1,000 \\ \text { females } \end{gathered}$ | Total |  |  | Black |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Male | Femaie | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females |
| $1978{ }^{1}$ | 1,709,394 | 1,623,885 | 1,053 | 1,378,222 | 1,302,894 | 1,058 | 331,172 | 320,991 | 1,032 | 279,598 | 271,942 | 1,028 |
| $1977^{1}$...... | 1,705,916 | 1,620,716 | 1,053 | 1,383,440 | 1,307,630 | 1,058 | 322,476 | 313,086 | 1.030 | 275,556 | 268,665 | 1,026 |
| 1976 ${ }^{1}$...... | 1,624,436 | 1,543,352 | 1,053 | 1,319,717 | 1,247,897 | 1,058 | 304,719 | 295,455 | 1,031 | 260,661 | 253,818 | 1,027 |
| $1975{ }^{1}$...... | 1,613,135 | 1,531,063 | 1,054 | 1,312,308 | 1,239,688 | 1,059 | 300,827 | 291,375 | 1,032 | 259,610 | 251,971 | 1,030 |
| $1974{ }^{1}$....... | 1,622,114 | 1,537,844 | 1.055 | 1,325,019 | 1,250,773 | 1,059 | 297,095 | 287,071 | 1,035 | 257,277 | 249,885 | 1,030 |
| $1973{ }^{1}$...... | 1,608,326 | 1,528,639 | 1,052 | 1,311,032 | 1,239,998 | 1,057 | 297,294 | 288,641 | 1,030 | 259,877 | 252,720 | 1,028 |
| 1972 ${ }^{1}$...... | 1,669,927 | 1,588,484 | 1,051 | 1,364,578 | 1,290,980 | 1,057 | 305,349 | 297,504 | 1,026 | 268,842 | 262,487 | 1,024 |
| 19712 ${ }^{2}$..... | 1,822,910 | 1,733,060 | 1,052 | 1,499,958 | 1,419,788 | 1,056 | 322,952, | 313,272 | 1,031 | 286,430 | 278,530 | 1,028 |
| 1970 ${ }^{2}$...... | 1,915,378 | 1,816,008 | 1,055 | 1,590,140 | 1,501,124 | 1,059 | 325,238 | 314,884 | 1,033 | 290,508 | 281,854 | 1,031 |

[^5]Table 8. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND OBSERVED AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BIRTH AND FERTILITY RATES, BY MONTH: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 population for specified month. Birth rates based on the total population. Fertility rates based on women aged 15-44 years]

| Month | Number |  |  |  | Observed |  | Seasonally adjusted |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All races | White | All other |  | Birth rate | Fertility rate | Birth rate | Fertility rate |
|  |  |  | Total | Black |  |  |  |  |
| Total ....................................... | 3,333,279 | 2,681,116 | 652,163 | 551,540 | 15.3 | 66.6 | $\ldots$ |  |
| January .................................................. | 270,695 | 216,408 | 54,287 | 45,943 | 14.7 | 64.2 | 15.1 | 66.3 |
| February ................................................. | 249,898 | 201,119 | 48,779 | 41,488 | 15.0 | 65.5 | 15.2 | 66.3 |
| March. | 276,584 | 224,424 | 52,160 | 43,799 | 15.0 | 65.4 | 15.2 | 66.4 |
| April...................................................... | 254,585 | 207,774 | 46,811 | 39,080 | 14.2 | 62.1 | 14.9 | 65.1 |
| May. | 270,818 | 220,461 | 50,357 | 41.971 | 14.6 | 63.9 | 15.2 | 66.4 |
| June ....................................................... | 270,704 | 218,036 | 52,668 | 44,525 | 15.1 | 65.9 | 15.2 | 66.4 |
| July ........................................................ | 294,704 | 235,619 | 59,085 | 50,502 | 15.9 | 69.3 | 15.3 | 66.8 |
| Augusi.................................................... | 302,805 | 241.672 | 61,133 | 52,242 | 16.3 | 71.1 | 15.5 | 67.3 |
| September ............................................... | 293,903 | 235,993 | 57,910 | 49,122 | 16.4 | 71.2 | 15.3 | 66.5 |
| October .................................................. | 288,965 | 232,718 | 56,247 | 47.510 | 15.6 | 67.6 | 15.3 | 66.7 |
| November............................................... | 274,679 | 220,019 | 54,660 | 46,056 | 15.3 | 66.3 | 15.5 | 67.2 |
| December ................................................ | 284,939 | 226,873 | 58,066 | 49,302 | 15.3 | 66.4 | 15.5 | 67.4 |

Table 9. LIVE BIRTHS BY ATTENDANT AND PLACE OF DELIVERY, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| Place of delivery and race | Total | Physician | Midwife | Other | Unspecified |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ail races ${ }^{1}$................... | 3,333,279 | 3,233,483 | 46,060 | 21,888 | 31,848 |
| In hospital................................ | 3,300,659 | 3,221,677 | 36,282 | 12,721 | 29,979 |
| Not in hospital.......................... | 31,350 | 11,117 | 9,674 | 8,923 | 1,636 |
| Not specified............................ | 1,270 | 689 | 104 | 244 | 233 |
| White............................. | 2,681,116 | 2,607,591 | 30,052 | 18,011 | 25,462 |
| In hospital................................ | 2,654,703 | 2,598,455 | 22,319 | 9,952 | 23,977 |
| Not in hospital.......................... | 25,437 | 8,633 | 7,676 | 7,847 | 1,281 |
| Not specified............................ | 976 | 503 | 57 | 212 | 204 |
| Black............................. | 551,540 | 530,186 | 13,473 | 2,700 | 5,181 |
| In hospital............................... | 546,191 | 527,861 | 11,549 | 1,875 | 4,906 |
| Not in hospital......................... | 5,234 | 2,275 | 1,897 | 806 | 256 |
| Not specified............................ | 115 | 50 | 27 | 19 | 19 |

[^6]Table 10. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF FATHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Total | Age of father |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 15 years | $15.19$ years | $\begin{aligned} & 20-24 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25-29 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-34 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35-39 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40-44 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 45-49 } \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50-54 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 55 <br> years and over | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1}$...... | 3,333,279 | 196 | 134,101 | 763,688 | 1,010,166 | 653,150 | 245,244 | 83,856 | 29,741 | 11,237 | 6,104 | 395,796 |
| Under 15 years............. | 10,772 | 84 | 2,166 | 763 | 138 | 46 | 14 | 8 | 2 | - | 2 | 7,549 |
| 15-19 years.................. | 543,407 | 82 | 111,421 | 205,994 | 37,908 | 8,457 | 2,440 | 836 | 324 | 172 | 99 | 175,674 |
| 20-24 years.................. | 1,139,524 | 13 | 19,156 | 492,310 | 385,165 | 79,735 | 19.499 | 6,112 | 2.147 | 956 | 609 | 133,822 |
| 25-29 years................... | 1,015,183 | 14 | 1,121 | 57,528 | 529,677 | 297,967 | 56,057 | 14,524 | 5.051 | 1,966 | 1,164 | 50,114 |
| $30-34$ years.................. | 474,318 | 2 | 200 | 6,081 | 51,982 | 247,439 | 110,838 | 25,349 | 8,139 | 3,172 | 1,577 | 19,539 |
| 35-39 years.................. | 126,196 | 1 | 30 | 892 | 4,847 | 18,274 | 53,426 | 28,361 | 8,370 | 3,079 | 1,649 | 7,267 |
| 40-44 years.................. | 22,627 |  | 7 | 115 | 427 | 1,201 | 2,909 | 8,527 | 5,188 | 1,646 | 886 | 1,721 |
| 45-49 years.................. | 1,252 |  |  | 5 | 22 | 31 | 61 | 139 | 520 | 246 | 118 | 110 |
| White ................. | 2,681,116 | 95 | 108,172 | 645,495 | 878,362 | 566,446 | 204,413 | 66,689 | 23,211 | 8,517 | 4,238 | 175,478 |
| Under 15 years............. | 4,512 | 23 | 1,173 | 579 | 97 | 37 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 118 | 1 | 2,587 |
| 15-19 years.................. | 380,060 | 51 | 89,674 | 169,798 | 30;732 | 6,668 | 1.878 | 601 | 261 | 118 | 73 | 80,206 |
| 20-24 years.................. | 914,772 | 13 | 16,170 | 421,500 | 330,617 | 65,951 | 15,412 | 4.542 | 1,616 | 686 | 396 | 57,869 |
| 25-29 years.................. | 860,209 | 5 | 943 | 47,818 | 468,724 | :258,917 | 45,270 | 11,029 | 3,747 | 1,433 | 770 | 21,553 |
| 30-34 years.................. | 401,221 | 2 | 178 | 4,946 | 43,953 | :218,886 | 94,236 | 20,148 | 6,337 | 2,443 | 1,108 | 8,984 |
| 35-39 years.................. | 101,880 | 1 | 30 | 750 | 3,897 | 15,020 | 45,241 | 23,287 | 6,669 | 2,374 | 1,192 | 3,419 |
| 40-44 years.................. | 17,521 | - | 4 | 99 | 327 | 941 | 2,319 | 6,957 | 4,162 | 1,278 | 616 | 818 |
| 45-49 years.................. | 941 |  |  | 5 | 15 | 26 | 48 | 121 | 417 | 185 | 82 | 42 |
| Black ................. | 551,540 | 91 | 22,730 | 100,902 | 104,889 | 61,888 | 29,145 | 12,788 | 5,129 | 2,170 | 1,378 | 210,430 |
| - Under 15 years............. | 6,068 | 61 | 948 | 171 | 39 | 8 | 5 | 4 | - | - | 7 | 4,831 |
| 15-19 years.................. | 151,001 | 24 | 19,256 | 31,930 | 6,000 | 1,452 | 468 | 218 | 57 | 41 | 22 | 91,533 |
| 20-24 years................. | 196,731 |  | 2,393 | 60,610 | 45,239 | 10,547 | 3,268 | 1.323 | 469 | 221 | 160 | 72,501 |
| 25-29 years.................. | 121,613 | 6 | 114 | 7,339 | 47,230 | 27,769 | 7,651 | 2,647 | 1,047 | 442 | 284 | 27,084 |
| 30.34 years.................. | 53,491 |  | 18 | 747 | 5,659 | 19,775 | 11,382 | 3,648 | 1,382 | 589 | 346 | 9,945 |
| 35-39 years.................. | 18,340 | - | - | 96 | 652 | 2,161 | 5,925 | 3,724 | 1,286 | 551 | 330 | 3,615 |
| 40-44 years.................. | 4,048 | - | 1 | 9 | 63 | 172 | 437 | 1,208 | 807 | 282 | 212 | 857 |
| 45-49 years.................. | 248 | - | - | . | 7 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 81 | 44 | 23 | 64 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.

## TABLE 11. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF FATHER: UNITED STATES, 1970-78

[Rates are live births per 1,000 men in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of father not stated are distributed. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year | $\begin{aligned} & 15-54 \\ & \text { years }^{1} \end{aligned}$ | Age of father |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15-19 \\ & \text { years }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20-24 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25-29 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30-34 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 35-39 years | $40-44$ years | $\begin{aligned} & 45-49 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 50-54 years | 55 <br> years and over |
| $1978{ }^{3}$ | 55.0 | 18.5 | 91.9 | 124.5 | 88.8 | 41.2 | 16.4 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 0.3 |
| $1977{ }^{3}$ | 55.7 | 19.5 | 94.9 | 128.3 | 87.8 | 41.4 | 16.6 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| 19763.................................................. | 53.8 | $19.7{ }^{\circ}$ | 93.9 | 123.7 | 84.1 | 40.0 | 16.3 | 6.0 | 2.1 | 0.3 |
|  | 54.4 | 21.1 | 97.8 | 126.6 | 82.7 | 40.1 | 16.6 | 6.1 | 2.1 | 0.4 |
| 1974 ${ }^{3}$.................................................. | 55.5 | 21.9 | 102.8 | 131.3 | 84.9 | 40.8 | 16.8 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
|  | 56.1 | 22.5 | 105.6 | 132.2 | 86.8 | 42.5 | 17.9 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
| $1972{ }^{3}$ | 59.4 | 23.3 | 114.3 | 139.6 | 92.4 | 46.6 | 19.9 | 7.3 | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| $1971{ }^{4}$. | 66.3 | 23.7 | 130.7 | 161.5 | 104.1 | 53.1 | 22.7 | 8.1 | 2.8 | 0.5 |
| 19704.................................................. | 71.5 | 25.6 | 146.6 | 175.0 | 112.3 | 57.6 | 24.9 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 0.6 |

[^7]Table 12. PERCENT LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Percent low birth weight | Total | Birth weight ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 500 grams or less | $\begin{array}{r} 500- \\ 1,000 \\ \text { grams } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,001- \\ & 1,500 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,501- \\ & 2,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,001 \\ & 2,500 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500 \\ & \text { grams } \\ & \text { or tess } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,501- \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ grams | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3,001- \\ & 3,500 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3,501- \\ & 4,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4,001-1 \\ & 4,500 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,501- \\ & 5,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | 5,001 grams or more | Not stated |
| All races.. | 7.1 | 3,333,279 | 3,125 | 14,583 | 21,044 | 45,428 | 152,162 | 236,342 | 565,129 | 1,239,088 | 943,526 | 282,617 | 50,904 | 7,314 | 8,359 |
| Under 15 years...... | 14.3 | 10,772 | 21 | 156 | 188 | 310 | 860 | 1,535 | 2,727 | 4.177 | 1,913 | 336 | 53 | 4 | 27 |
| 15-19 years........... | 9.9 | 543,407 | 619 | 3,480 | 5,303 | 10,599 | 33,612 | 53,613 | 116,944 | 212,141 | 125,857 | 29,016 | 3,959 | 451 | 1,426 |
| 15 years.......... | 12.1 | 28,863 | 41 | 325 | 379 | 690 | 2,040 | 3,475 | 6,931 | 11,250 | 5,826 | 1,165 | 122 | 14 | 80 |
| 16 vears.......... | 11.1 | 64,923 | 102 | 514 | 775 | 1,444 | 4,373 | 7,208 | 14,866 | 25,414 | 13,958 | 2,883 | 351 | 49 | 194 |
| 17 years........... | 10.3 | 108,875 | 122 | 731 | 1,171 | 2,254 | 6,905 | 11,183 | 23,998 | 42,736 | 24,539 | 5,320 | 712 | 75 | 312 |
| 18 years.......... | 9.7 | 151,555 | 167 | 897 | 1,431 | 2,904 | 9,339 | 14,738 | 32,540 | 59,297 | 35,130 | 8,235 | 1.125 | 129 | 361 |
| 19 years.......... | 9.0 | 189,191 | 187 | 1,013 | 1,547 | 3,307 | 10,955 | 17,009 | 38,609 | 73,444 | 46,404 | 11,413 | 1,649 | 184 | 479 |
| 20-24 years........... | 7.1 | 1,139,524 | 1,052 | 4,795 | 6,925 | 15,256 | 52,671 | 80,699 | 200,427 | 433,821 | 317,546 | 88,180 | 14,389 | 1,784 | 2,678 |
| 25-29 years........... | 6.0 | 1,015,183 | 866 | 3,775 | 5,162 | 11,337 | 39,179 | 60,319 | 154,030 | 373,234 | 308,044 | 97,016 | 17,484 | 2,531 | 2,525 |
| 30-34 years........... | 6.1 | 474,318 | 419 | 1,743 | 2,504 | 5,575 | 18,452 | 28,693 | 68,187 | 166,141 | 146,373 | 51,114 | 10,846 | 1,702 | 1,262 |
| 35-39 years... | 7.5 | 126,196 | 134 | 528 | 834 | 1,903 | 6,066 | 9,465 | 19,054 | 41,886 | 37,132 | 14,252 | 3,392 | 659 | 356 |
| $40-44$ years........... | 8.5 | 22,627 | 14 | 104 | 121 | 423 | 1,247 | 1,909 | 3,561 | 7,290 | 6,321 | 2,552 | 740 | 172 | 82 |
| $45-49$ years........... | 8.7 | 1,252 |  | 2 | 7 | 25 | 75 | 109 | 199 | 398 | 340 | 151 | 41 | 11 | 3 |
| White.. | 5.9 | 2,681,116 | 1,877 | 8,960 | 13,529 | 30,309 | 104,183 | 158,858 | 407.437 | 988,907 | 813,108 | 253,882 | 46,137 | 6,416 | 6,371 |
| Under 15 years...... | 10.9 | 4,512 | 10 | 44 | 66 | 101 | 271 | 492 | 897 | 1,780 | 1.081 | 210 | 36 | 3 | 13 |
| 15-19 years........... | 8.1 | 380,060 | 297 | 1.897 | 2,996 | 6,097 | 19,348 | 30,635 | 70,968 | 148,640 | 100,116 | 24,922 | 3,493 | 361 | 925 |
| 15 years.......... | 9.8 | 15,756 | 15 | 134 | 186 | 316 | 891 | 1,542 | 3,103 | 6,101 | 3,955 | 903 | 100 | 6 | 46 |
| 16 years.......... | 9.1 | 40,776 | 47 | 276 | 429 | 714 | 2,234 | 3,700 | 7,911 | 16,040 | 10,341 | 2,326 | 306 | 33 | 119 |
| 17 years.......... | 8.5 | 74,425 | 61 | 409 | 691 | 1,300 | 3,837 | 6,298 | 14,196 | 29,366 | 19,199 | 4,490 | 623 | 56 | 197 |
| 18 years.......... | 8.0 | 108,074 | 86 | 501 | 806 | 1,710 | 5,552 | 8,655 | 20,307 | 42.443 | 28,196 | 7,131 | 985 | 104. | 253 |
| 19 years.......... | 7.4 | 141,029 | 88 | 577 | 884 | 2,057 | 6,834 | 10,440 | 25,451 | 54,690 | 38,425 | 10,072 | 1,479 | 162 | 310 |
| 20-24 years.... | 5.9 | 914,772 | 617 | 2,855 | 4,345 | 10,139 | 35,966 | 53,922 | 144,598 | 346,663 | 273,437 | 79,435 | 13,125 | 1,601 | 1,991 |
| 25-29 years... | 5.2 | 860,209 | 574 | 2,570 | 3,658 | 8.253 | 29,379 | 44,434 | 120,391 | 313,722 | 272,911 | 88,424 | 16,027 | 2,237 | 2,063 |
| 30-34 years........... | 5.3 | 401,221 | 282 | 1,182 | 1,824 | 4,094 | 13,914 | 21,296 | 53,499 | 138,923 | 128,748 | 46,333 | 9,880 | 1,507 | 1,035 |
| 35-39 years.......... | 6.6 | 101,880 | 88 | 344 | 566 | 1,320 | 4,378 | 6,696 | 14,372 | 33,320 | 31,424 | 12,300 | 2,930 | 562 | 276 |
| $40-44$ vears.......... | 7.5 | 17,521 | 9 | 66 | 70 | 288 | 875 | 1,308 | 2,572 | 5,563 | 5,112 | 2,150 | 615 | 136 | 65 |
| $45-49$ years........... | 8.0 | 941 |  | 2 | 4 | 17 | 52 | 75 | 140 | 296 | 279 | 108 | 31 | 9 | 3 |
| All other......... | 11.9 | 652,163 | 1,248 | 5,623 | 7,515 | 15,119 | 47,979 | 77,484 | 157,692 | 250,181 | 130,418 | 28,735 | 4,767 | 898 | 1,988 |
| Under 15 years...... | 16.7 | 6,260 | 11 | 112 | 122 | 209 | 589 | 1.043 | १,830 | 2,397 | 832 | 126 | 17 | 1 | 14 |
| $15-19$ years.......... | 14.1 | 163,347 | 322 | 1,583 | 2,307 | 4,502 | 14,264 | 22,978 | 45,976 | 63,501 | 25,741 | 4,094 | 466 | 90 | 501 |
| 15 years.......... | 14.8 | 13,107 | 26 | 191 | 193 | 374 | 1,149 | 1,933 | 3,828 | 5,149 | 1,871 | 262 | 22 | 8 | 34 |
| 16 years.......... | 14.6 | 24,147 | 55 | 238 | 346 | 730 | 2,139 | 3,508 | 6,955 | 9,374 | 3,617 | 557 | 45 | 16 | 75 |
| 17 years.......... | 14.2 | 34,450 | 61 | 322 | 480 | 954 | 3,068 | 4,885 | 9,802 | 13,370 | 5,340 | 830 | 89 | 19 | 115 |
| 18 years.......... | 14.0 | 43,481 | 81 | 396 | 625 | 1.194 | 3,787 | 6,083 | 12,233 | 16,854 | 6,934 | 1,104 | 140 | 25 | 108 |
| 19 years.......... | 13.7 | 48,162 | 99 | 436 | 663 | 1,250 | 4,121 | 6,569 | 13,158 | 18,754 | 7,979 | 1,341 | 170 | 22 | 169 |
| 20.24 years........... | 12.0 | 224,752 | 435 | 1,940 | 2,580 | 5.117 | 16,705 | 26,777 | 55,829 | 87,158 | 44,109 | 8.745 | 1,264 | 183 | 687 |
| 25.29 years........... | 10.3 | 154,974 | 292 | 1,205 | 1,504 | 3,084 | 9,800 | 15,885 | 33,639 | 59,512 | 35,133 | 8,592 | 1,457 | 294 | 462 |
| 30-34 years........... | 10.2 | 73,097 | 137 | 561 | 680 | 1,481 | 4.538 | 7,397 | 14,688 | 27,218 | 17,625 | 4,781 | 966 | 195 | 227 |
| 35-39 years... | 11.4 | 24,316 | 46 | 184 | 268 | 583 | 1,688 | 2,769 | 4,682 | 8,566 | 5,708 | 1,952 | 462 | 97 | 80 |
| 40-44 years... | 11.8 | 5,106 | 5 | 38 | 51 | 135 | 372 | 601 | 989 | 1,727 | 1,209 | 402 | 125 | 36 | 17 |
| 45-49 years..... | 10.9 | 311 |  |  | 3 | 8 | 23 | 34 | 59 | 102 | 61 | 43 | 10 | 2 |  |
| Black.......... | 12.9 | 551,540 | 1,175 | 5,252 | 6,952 | 13,918 | 43,383 | 70,680 | 137,766 | 209,803 | 104,956 | 22,308 | 3,631 | 696 | 1,700 |
| Under 15 years...... | 16.9 | 6,068 | 10 | 110 | 121 | 203 | 577 | 1,021 | 1,792 | 2,325 | 787 | 115 | 14 | 1 | 13 |
| 15-19 years........... | 14.6 | 151,001 | 313 | 1,521 | 2,219 | 4,308 | 13,581 | 21,942 | 43,437 | 58,614 | 22,710 | 3,378 | 370 | 81 | 469 |
| 15 years.......... | 15.1 | 12,525 | 24 | 182 | 193 | 363 | 1,122 | 1,884 | 3,683 | 4,920 | 1,742 | 235 | 19 | 8 | 34 |
| 16 years.......... | 15.0 | 22,754 | 54 | 232 | 337 | 702 | 2,069 | 3,394 | 6,673 | 8,814 | 3,282 | 466 | 35 | 15 | 75 |
| 17 years.......... | 14.7 | 32,038 | 57 | 314 | 458 | 916 | 2,940 | 4,685 | 9,331 | 12,408 | 4,721 | 693 | 75 | 16 | 109 |
| 18 years.......... | 14.5 | 39,933 | 81 | 379 | 588 | 1,143 | 3,592 | 5,783 | 11,508 | 15,445 | 6,078 | 887 | 112 | 24 | 96 |
| 19 years.......... | 14.2 | 43,751 | 97 | 414 | 643 | 1,184 | 3,858 | 6,196 | 12,242 | 17,027 | 6,887 | 1,097 | 129 | 18 | 155 |
| 20-24 years........... | 12.7 | 196,731 | 407 | 1,863 | 2,417 | 4,798 | 15,433 | 24,918 | 50,217 | 75,928 | 36,890 | 7,029 | 987 | 157 | 605 |
| 25-29 years........... | 11.4 | 121,613 | 275 | 1,090 | 1,338 | 2,737 | 8,414 | 13,854 | 27,013 | 45,888 | 26,778 | 6,446 | 1,064 | 215 | 355 |
| 30-34 years........... | 11.4 | 53,491 | 125 | 477 | 577 | 1.249 | 3,657 | 6,085 | 10,886 | 19,424 | 12,566 | 3,486 | 728 | 134 | 182 |
| 35-39 years........... | 12.7 | 18,340 | 40 | 159 | 232 | 500 | 1,394 | 2,325 | 3,586 | 6,211 | 4,215 | 1,494 | 365 | 80 | 64 |
| 40-44 years........... | 12.6 | 4,048 | 5 | 32 | 45 | 116 | 309 | 507 | 790 | 1,337 | 961 | 322 | 93 | 26 | 12 |
| 45-49 years........... | 11.3 | 248 |  |  | 3 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 45 | 76 | 49 | 38 | 10 | 2 | - |

${ }^{1}$ Equivalents of the gram weight in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:
500 grams or less $=1 \mathrm{lb} \quad 1 \mathrm{oz}$ or less
$501-1,000$ grams $=1 \mathrm{lb} 2 \mathrm{oz}-2 \mathrm{lb} \quad 3 \mathrm{oz}$
$1,001-1,500$ grams $=2 \mathrm{fb} 4 \mathrm{oz}-3 \mathrm{lb} 4 \mathrm{oz}$
$1,501-2,000 \mathrm{grams}=3 \mathrm{lb} 5 \mathrm{oz}-4 \mathrm{lb} 6 \mathrm{oz}$ $2,001-2,500 \mathrm{grams}=4 \mathrm{lb} 7 \mathrm{oz}-5 \mathrm{lb} 8 \mathrm{oz}$ $2,501-3,000$ grams $=5 \mathrm{lb} 9 \mathrm{oz}-6 \mathrm{lb} 9 \mathrm{oz}$
$3,001-3-500 \mathrm{grams}=6 \mathrm{lb} 10 \mathrm{oz}-7 \mathrm{lb} 11 \mathrm{oz}$ $3,001-3,500 \mathrm{grams}=6 \mathrm{lb} 10 \mathrm{oz}-7 \mathrm{lb} \mathrm{ll} \mathrm{oz}$
$3,501-4,000$ grams $=7 \mathrm{lb} 12 \mathrm{oz} .8 \mathrm{lb} 13 \mathrm{oz}$ $4,001-4,500$ grams $=8 \mathrm{lb} 14 \mathrm{oz}-9 \mathrm{lbl} 14 \mathrm{oz}$ $4,501-5,000$ grams $=9 \mathrm{lb} 15 \mathrm{oz}-11 \mathrm{jb} \mathrm{o} \mathrm{oz}$
5,001 grams or more $=11 \mathrm{lb} 1 \mathrm{oz}$ or more

Table 13. ESTIMATED NUMBERS, RATES, AND RATIOS OF BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED WOMEN, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1978
[National estimates based on births occurring in 39 States and the District of Columbia which require reporting of marital status. Based on 100 percent of births in selected reporting States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other reporting States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother | Number ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Rates per 1,000 unmarried women in specified group |  |  |  | Ratio per 1,000 live births |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All races | White | All other |  | $\underset{\text { races }}{\text { All }}$ | White | All other |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { races } \end{aligned}$ | White | All other |  |
|  |  |  | Total | Black |  |  | Total | Black |  |  | Total | Black |
| All ages ........... | 543,900 | 233,600 | 310,200 | 293,400 | ${ }^{26.2}$ | ${ }^{2} 13.9$ | 278.7 | 283.1 | 163.2 | 87.1 | 475.6 | 532.0 |
| Under 15 years........... | 9,400 | 3,300 | 6,100 | 5,900 | --- | --- |  | -.- | 872.6 | 731.4 | 974.4 | 972.3 |
| 15-19 years............... | 239,700 | 108,500 | 131,200 | 125,200 | 25.4 | 13.8 | 83.9 | 90.3 | 441.1 | 285.5 | 803.2 | 829.1 |
| 15 years ............... | 21,400 | 8,900 | 12,500 | 12,000 |  |  |  |  | 741.4 | 564.9 | 953.7 | 958.1 |
| 16 years ............... | 40,200 | 18,200 | 22,100 | 21,100 | 19.5 | ¢ 10.5 | 64.9 | 70.3 | 619.2 | 446.3 | 915.2 | 927.3 |
| 17 years ............... | 54,900 | 25,400 | 29,400 | 28,100 |  | ) | , |  | 504.2 | 341.3 | 853.4 | 877.1 |
| 18 years ............... | 62,200 | 28,300 | 33,900 | 32,300 |  |  |  |  | 410.4 | 261.9 | 779.7 | 808.9 |
| 19 years .............. | 61,000 | 27,600 | 33,400 | 31,700 | 35.7 | 19.5 | 116.3 | 124.3 | 322.4 | 195.7 | 693.5 | 724.6 |
| 20-24 years............... | 186,500 | 77,000 | 109,500 | 103,500 | 36.1 | 18.5 | 107.6 | 114.2 | 163.7 | 84.2 | 487.2 | 526.1 |
| 25-29 years................ | 70,000 | 28,300 | 41,800 | 38,900 | 29.4 | 15.2 | 80.1 | 83.5 | 69.0 | 32.9 | 269.7 | 319.9 |
| 30-34 years............... | 26,500 | 11,400 | 15,200 | 14,000 | 17.3 | 9.6 | 44.6 | 45.0 | 55.9 | 28.4 | 207.9 | 261.7 |
| 35-39 years............... | 9,400 | 4,200 | 5,200 | 4,800 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 74.5 | 41.2 | 213.9 | 261.7 |
| 40 years and over ....... | 2,300 | 1,100 | 1,200 | 1,200 | $3_{2.2}$ | ${ }^{3} 1.3$ | ${ }^{3} 5.6$ | ${ }^{3} 6.1$ | 96.3 | 59.6 | 221.5 | 279.3 |

[^8]Table 14. LIVE BIRTHS BY INTERVAL SINCE LAST LIVE BIRTH, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to second and higher order births. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

| Interval since last live birth and race | Total, second and higher order births ${ }^{1}$ | Live-birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 and over |
| All races ${ }^{2}$. | 1,703,912 | 956,812 | 445,805 | 169,276 | 67,406 | 30,244 | 15,412 | 18,957 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries).. | 23,409 | 8,362 | 7,696 | 4,063 | 1,730 | 748 | 359 | 451 |
| 1-11 months.... | 26,093 | 13,486 | 6,776 | 3,088 | 1,351 | 618 | 354 | 420 |
| 12-17 months.. | 172,723 | 89,288 | 45,421 | 20,314 | 8,604 | 4,019 | 2,064 | 3,013 |
| 18-23 months. | 211,711 | 119,205 | 52,769 | 22,027 | 8,606 | 4,095 | 2,160 | 2,849 |
| 24-35 months. | 369,406 | 226,809 | 86,370 | 32,010 | 12,146 | 5,533 | 2,903 | 3,635 |
| 36-47 months. | 256,551 | 158,652 | 63,339 | 20,335 | 7,304 | 3,259 | 1,605 | 2,057 |
| 48-59 months.. | 163,465 | 94,657 | 45,336 | 13,989 | 5,041 | 2,130 | 1,024 | 1,288 |
| 60-71 months... | 110,365 | 60,927 | 31,903 | 10,279 | 3,851 | 1,674 | 796 | 935 |
| 72 months and over. | 261,499 | 122,886 | 79,904 | 32,460 | 14,211 | 6,136 | 3,032 | 2,870 |
| Not stated.. | 108,690 | 62,540 | 26,291 | 10,711 | 4,562 | 2,032 | 1,115 | 1,439 |
| White.. | 1,362,389 | 787,205 | 355,281 | 127,728 | 48,649 | 21,073 | 10,423 | 12,030 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries). | 18,269 | 6,802 | 6,177 | 3,093 | 1,215 | 504 | 234 | 244 |
| 1-11 months.. | 17,841 | 9,859 | 4,576 | 1,894 | 788 | 328 | 189 | 207 |
| 12-17 months. | 130,574 | 70,932 | 34,169 | 14,257 | 5,653 | 2,560 | 1,276 | 1,727 |
| 18-23 months.. | 172,331 | 100,455 | 42,308 | 16,912 | 6,315 | 2,954 | 1,492 | 1,895 |
| 24-35 months.. | 309,096 | 195,809 | 70,581 | 24,932 | 9,112 | 4,101 | 2,084 | 2,477 |
| 36-47 months. | 213,081 | 135,253 | 51,738 | 15,752 | 5,453 | 2,351 | 1,147 | 1,387 |
| 48-59 months.. | 131,664 | 77,421 | 36,838 | 10,651 | 3,705 | 1,497 | 713 | 839 |
| 60-71 months.. | 86,339 | 47,730 | 25,679 | 7,783 | 2,812 | 1,180 | 555 | 600 |
| 72 months and over | 201,114 | 93,969 | 63,714 | 24,971 | 10,491 | 4,265 | 2,001 | 1,703 |
| Not stated.... | 82,080 | 48,975 | 19,501 | 7,483 | 3,105 | 1,333 | 732 | 951 |
| Black. | 287,805 | 140,048 | 76,776 | 36,053 | 16,419 | 8,056 | 4,371 | 6,082 |
| 0 months (plural deliveries)........................ | 4,494 | 1,310 | 1,306 | 878 | 467 | 229 | 116 | 188 |
| 1-11 months........................................... | 7,148 | 3,052 | 1,936 | 1,052 | 504 | 260 | 153 | 191 |
| 12-17 months.. | 35,491 | 14,922 | 9,636 | 5,257 | 2,583 | 1,278 | 690 | 1,125 |
| 18-23 months. | 32,395 | 14,894 | 8,772 | 4,369 | 1,957 | 997 | 567 | 839 |
| 24-35 months. | 49,365 | 24,568 | 13,217 | 6,026 | 2,616 | 1,238 | 711 | 989 |
| $36-47$ months. | 35,803 | 18,833 | 9,640 | 3,943 | 1.592 | 798 | 400 | 597 |
| 48-59 months. | 26,588 | 14,231 | 7,124 | 2,864 | 1,160 | 550 | 271 | 388 |
| 60-71 months. | 20,396 | 11,209 | 5,179 | 2,158 | 895 | 436 | 211 | 308 |
| 72 months and over .................................. | 53,222 | 25,499 | 14,061 | 6,650 | 3,348 | 1,671 | 931 | 1,062 |
| Not stated ............................................... | 22,903 | 11,530 | 5,905 | 2,856 | 1,297 | 599 | 321 | 395 |

[^9]NOTE: Excludes data for Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas, which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.
|Table 15. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER AND FATHER AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| Years of school completed | Mother |  |  | Father |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All races ${ }^{1}$ | White | Black | All races ${ }^{1}$ | White | Black |
| Total ............................................................... | 3,013,669 | 2,409,530 | 513,297 | 3,013,669 | 2,409,530 | 513,297 |
| 0-5 years................................................................ | 36,933 | 32,117 | 2,985 | 36,921 | 31,712 | 4,094 |
| 6 years...................................................................... | 29,729 | 25,774 | 2,414 | 28,999 | 26,177 | 1,944 |
| 7 years .................................................................... | 21,644 | 15,798 | 5,051 | 16,215 | 13,264 | 2,506 |
| 8 years ...................................................................... | 79,172 | 60,126 | 16,401 | 64,456 | 55,893 | 7,018 |
| 9 years...................................................................... | 133,987 | 98,478 | 31,683 | 74,250 | 63,253 | 9,224 |
| 10 years..................................................................... | 220,723 | 158,603 | 56,171 | 130,084 | 106,871 | 19,969 |
| 11 years.................................................................... | 247,461 | 162,890 | 78,150 | 154,598 | 118,568 | 32,241 |
| 12 years. | 1,278,724 | 1,042,101 | 207,953 | 1,035,350 | 865,143 | 144,640 |
| 13 years.................................................................... | 220,917 | 184,142 | 31,503 | 158,137 | 136,705 | 16,982 |
| 14 years.................................................................. | 210,880 | 173,284 | 29,472 | 236,120 | 203,887 | 24,103 |
| 15 years.................................................................... | 85,333 | 70,772 | 10,812 | 89,269 | 75,952 | 10,072 |
| 16 years.. | 266,695 | 234,975 | 19,850 | 311,622 | 282,008 | 17,982 |
| 17 years or more......................................................... | 119,925 | 104,266 | 8,530 | 246,071 | 222,186 | 10,515 |
| Not stated................................................................. | 61,546 | 46,204 | 12,322 | 431,577 | 207,911 | 212,007 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
NOTE: Excludes data for New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and father.

Table 16. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed ]


[^10]NOTE: Excludes data for New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

Table 17. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| Live-birth order and race | Total | Years of school completed by mother |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 0-8 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9-11 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13-15 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 16 years or more | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1}$ | 3,013,669 | 167.478 | 602,171 | 1,278,724 | 517,130 | 386,620 | 61,546 |
| First child. | 1,267,304 | 52,866 | 258,395 | 526,218 | 226,164 | 183,035 | 20,626 |
| Second child. | 960,998 | 41,879 | 168,073 | 431,846 | 172,553 | 133,040 | 13,607 |
| Third child | 448,836 | 28,592 | 92,089 | 198,603 | 75,201 | 47,720 | 6,631 |
| Fourth child | 170,864 | 17,238 | 42,214 | 70,365 | 25,014 | 13,238 | 2,795 |
| Fifth child. | 68,383 | 9,947 | 18,782 | 25,368 | 8,863 | 4,102 | 1,321 |
| Sixth child. | 30,866 | 5,906 | 8,941 | 10,201 | 3,480 | 1,710 | 628 |
| Seventh child. | 15,720 | 3,809 | 4,568 | 4,695 | 1,575 | 716 | 357 |
| Eighth child and over | 19,546 | 6,480 | 5,520 | 4,842 | 1,478 | 656 | 570 |
| Not stated ......................................................... | 31,152 | 761 | 3,589 | 6,586 | 2,802 | 2,403 | 15,011 |
| White. | 2,409,530 | 133,815 | 419,971 | 1,042,101 | 428,198 | 339,241 | 46,204 |
| First child.. | 1,028,098 | 41,299 | 184,971 | 438,188 | 187.512 | 160,545 | 15,583 |
| Second child. | 784,783 | 35,415 | 123,350 | 355,538 | 143,528 | 116,738 | 10,214 |
| Third child | 354,297 | 23,633 | 63,379 | 158,246 | 62,491 | 41,768 | 4,780 |
| Fourth child | 127,254 | 13,809 | 26,388 | 53,304 | 20,154 | 11,655 | 1,944 |
| Fifth child. | 48,484 | 7,776 | 10,788 | 18,376 | 7,009 | 3,639 | 896 |
| Sixth child.... | 21,002 | 4,336 | 4,705 | 7.204 | 2,808 | 1.535 | 414 |
| Seventh child.. | 10,362 | 2,720 | 2,244 | 3,264 | 1,257 | 640 | 237 |
| Fighth child and over .......................................... | 11,964 | 4,320 | 2,192 | 3,302 | 1,212 | 585 | 353 |
| Not stated. | 23,286 | 507 | 1,954 | 4,679 | 2,227 | 2,136 | 11,783 |
| Black | 513,297 | 26,851 | 166,004 | 207,953 | 71,787 | 28,380 | 12,322 |
| First child... | 201,218 | 9,742 | 66,825 | 76,337 | 30,930 | 13,407 | 3,977 |
| Second child. | 147,511 | 4,589 | 40,289 | 67,112 | 23,304 | 9,614 | 2,603 |
| Third child | 81,194 | 3,731 | 26,169 | 35,820 | 10,375 | 3,619 | 1,480 |
| Fourth child | 38,286 | 2,726 | 14,589 | 15,211 | 4,045 | 1,038 | 677 |
| Fifth child........................................................ | 17,635 | 1,812 | 7,349 | 6,275 | 1,560 | 304 | 335 |
| Sixth child....................................................... | 8,760 | 1,298 | 3,914 | 2,689 | 578 | 122 | 159 |
| Seventh child.................................................... | 4,745 | 897 | 2,150 | 1,293 | 275 | 44 | 86 |
| Eighth child and over ......................................... | 6,725 | 1,824 | 3,122 | 1,394 | 214 | 49 | 122 |
| Not stated ....................................................... | 7,223 | 232 | 1,597 | 1,822 | 506 | 183 | 2,883 |

[^11]NOTE: Excludes data for New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

Table 18. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 49 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Total | Month of pregnancy prenatal care began |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 st and 2d month | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3d } \\ & \text { month } \end{aligned}$ | 4th-6th month | 7th-9th month | No prenatal care | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1}$. | 3,309,347 | 1,562,876 | 826,287 | 627,303 | 126,827 | 44,703 | 121,351 |
| Under 15 years | 10,714 | 1,742 | 1,832 | 4,473 | 1,421 | 565 | 681 |
| 15-19 years ..................................................... | 538,799 | 153,105 | 130,273 | 177,628 | 40,426 | 13,808 | 23,559 |
| 15 vears................................................. | 28,643 | 5,491 | 5,784 | 11,683 | 3,050 | 1,101 | 1,534 |
| 16 years.. | 64,420 | 14,134 | 14,415 | 24,604 | 6,037 | 2,102 | 3,128 |
| 17 years.. | 107,931 | 26,926 | 25,796 | 38,545 | 8,811 | 2,988 | 4,865 |
| 18 years. | 150,268 | 43,008 | 36,866 | 49,368 | 11,043 | 3,685 | 6,298 |
| 19 years.. | 187,537 | 63,546 | 47,412 | 53,428 | 11,485 | 3,932 | 7.734 |
| 20-24 years.. | 1,130,994 | 518,349 | 289,866 | 220,928 | 44,282 | 15,760 | 41,809 |
| 25-29 years. | 1,008,583 | 561,306 | 250,239 | 132,212 | 23,423 | 7,923 | 33,480 |
| 30-34 years ..................................................... | 471,294 | 260,342 | 116,639 | 63,046 | 11,082 | 4,142 | 16,043 |
| 35-39 years. | 125,318 | 59,341 | 31,669 | 22,953 | 4,713 | 1,877 | 4,765 |
| 40 years and over............................................. | 23,645 | 8,691 | 5,769 | 6,063 | 1,480 | 628 | 1,014 |
| White | 2,661,547 | 1,334,917 | 675,909 | 445,902 | 87,152 | 28,167 | 89,500 |
| Under 15 years | 4,478 | 730 | 772 | 1,783 | 660 | 279 | 254 |
| 15-19 years. | 376,369 | 113,975 | 95,138 | 117,275 | 26,726 | 8,281 | 14,97 |
| 15 years.. | 15,580 | 3,078 | 3,340 | 6,161 | 1,686 | 576 | 73 |
| 16 years. | 40,369 | 9,160 | 9,502 | 14,946 | 3,766 | 1,190 | 1,805 |
| 17 years..................................................... | 73,671 | 19,185 | 18,388 | 25,452 | 5,875 | 1,789 | 2,982 |
| 18 years.. | 107,045 | 32,337 | 27,294 | 33,508 | 7,484 | 2,282 | 4,140 |
| 19 years.. | 139,704 | 50,215 | 36,614 | 37,208 | 7,915 | 2,444 | 5,308 |
| 20-24 years. | 907,809 | 440,859 | 237,503 | 158,101 | 30,616 | 10,053 | 30,677 |
| 25-29 years. | 854,660 | 494,215 | 213,110 | 99,243 | 16,460 | 5,115 | 26,517 |
| 30-34 years. | 398,741 | 228,123 | 98,929 | 48,073 | 8,162 | 2,750 | 12,704 |
| 35-39 years ..................................................... | 101,197 | 49,986 | 25,876 | 17,010 | 3,446 | 1,248 | 3,631 |
| 40 years and over............................................. | 18,293 | 7,029 | 4,581 | 4,417 | 1,082 | 441 | 743 |
| Black. | 550,680 | 187,910 | 126,437 | 159,270 | 33,693 | 15,070 | 28,300 |
| Under 15 years. | 6,062 | 990 | 1,034 | 2,608 | 737 | 276 | 417 |
| 15-19 years... | 150,810 | 36,252 | 32,579 | 56,194 | 12,471 | 5,183 | 8,131 |
| 15 years. | 12,519 | 2,329 | 2,343 | 5,298 | 1,275 | 499 | 775 |
| 16 years. | 22,722 | 4,704 | 4,667 | 9,110 | 2,108 | 861 | 1,272 |
| 17 years..................................................... | 32,010 | 7.273 | 6,887 | 12,263 | 2,686 | 1,119 | 1,782 |
| 18 years.................................................... | 39,892 | 9,846 | 8,864 | 14,634 | 3,198 | 1,315 | 2,035 |
| 19 years.................................................... | 43,667 | 12,100 | 9,818 | 14,889 | 3,204 | 1,389 | 2,267 |
| 20-24 years ..................................................... | 196,394 | 67,589 | 45,927 | 55,839 | 11,727 | 5,214 | 10,098 |
| 25-29 years. | 121,426 | 52,057 | 28,802 | 26,880 | 5,300 | 2,496 | 5,891 |
| 30-34 years ..................................................... | 53,396 | 22,972 | 12,784 | 11,559 | 2,171 | 1,213 | 2,697 |
| 35-39 years ..................................................... | 18,310 | 6,752 | 4,365 | 4,809 | 978 | 535 | 871 |
| 40 years and over............................................. | 4,282 | 1,298 | 946 | 1,381 | 309 | 153 | 195 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
NOTE: Excludes data for New Mexico, which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

Table 19. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN AND RACE: TOTAL OF 49 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978

| Race | Total | Month prenatal care began |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1st and 2d month | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3d } \\ & \text { month } \end{aligned}$ | 4th month | 5th month | 6th month | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \mathrm{th} \\ & \text { month } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8th } \\ & \text { month } \end{aligned}$ | 9th month | No prenatal care | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1} . . . . .$. | 3,309,347 | 1,562,876 | 826,287 | 337,941 | 182,349 | 107.013 | 69,272 | 40,397 | 17,158 | 44,703 | 121,351 |
| White ........................... | 2,661,547 | 1,334,917 | 675,909 | 248,828 | 125,178 | 71,896 | 47,659 | 27,753 | 11,740 | 28,167 | 89,500 |
| Black........................... | 550,680 | 187,910 | 126,437 | 78,008 | 50,580 | 30,682 | 18,671 | 10,560 | 4,462 | 15,070 | 28,300 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
NOTE: Excludes data for New Mexico, which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

Table 20. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| Race | Total | Number of prenatal visits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No visits | $\begin{gathered} 1.2 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3-4 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | 5-6 visits | $7.8$ visits | $9-10$ visits | $\begin{aligned} & 11-12 \\ & \text { visits } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.14 \\ & \text { visits } \end{aligned}$ | $15-16$ visits | $\begin{gathered} 17-18 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ |  | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1}$.. | 3,017,066 | 36,190 | 54,358 | 113,627 | 225,680 | 370,354 | 648,078 | 779,700 | 349,750 | 185,796 | 39,506 | 45,389 | 168,638 |
| White....................... | 2,424,269 | 21,524 | 32,140 | 71,224 | 155,892 | 282,700 | 529,706 | 669,730 | 305,556 | 159,188 | 33,365 | 37,153 | 126,091 |
| Black ...................... | 499,663 | 13,268 | 19,453 | 37,390 | 60,945 | 74,834 | 98,876 | 88,345 | 34,566 | 21,938 | 5,142 | 7,167 | 37,739 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
NOTE: Excludes data for Maryland, New Mexico, and Texas, which did not require reporting of number of prenatal visits.

Table 21. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS, MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a $\mathbf{5 0}$-percent sample of births in all other States: see Sources of Data]

| Month of pregnancy prenatal care began and race | Total | Number of prenatal visits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No visits | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2 \\ & \text { visits } \end{aligned}$ | $3-4$ visits | 5-6 visits | 7.8 <br> visits | $9.10$ visits | $\begin{gathered} 11-12 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13-14 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15-16 \\ \text { visits } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.18 \\ & \text { visits } \end{aligned}$ | 19 visits or more | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1} . . . . . .$. | 3,017,066 | 36,190 | 54,358 | 113,627 | 225,680 | 370,354 | 648,078 | 779,700 | 349,750 | 185,796 | 39,506 | 45,389 | 168,638 |
| 1st and 2d month ........... | $\begin{array}{r} 1,428,399 \\ 753,250 \end{array}$ |  | 5,2984,533 | $\text { - } 13,470$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,219 \\ & 50,184 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116,659 \\ & 105,140 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 287,967 \\ & 210,815 \end{aligned}$ | 484,352216,381 | 245,17179,103 | $\begin{array}{r} 134,475 \\ 38,000 \end{array}$ | 28,974 | 33,2258,364 | 35,58917,974 |
| 3d month $\qquad$ 4th-6th manth |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,794 |  |  |
|  | $571,133$ |  | 16,017 | 51,450 | 25,917 | 131,52514,293 | 138,8306,636 | 72,867 | 23,103 | 11,974 | 2,464 | 3,370 | 15,5913,875 |
| 7th-9th month ............... | $\begin{array}{r} 113,885 \\ 36,190 \end{array}$ | - | 26,820 | 31,794 |  |  |  | 2,771 | 958 | 562 | 86 | 173 |  |
| No prenatal care ............ |  | 36,190 |  | $1,95 i$ | $2,418$ | 2,737 | 3,830 | $3,329$ | 1,415 ${ }^{-}$ | $785$ | 188 | 257 |  |
| Not stated.................... | 114,209 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White .................. | 2,424,269 | 21,524 | 32,140 | 71,224 | 155,892 | 282,700 | 529,706 | 669,730. | 305,556 | 159,188 | 33,365 | 37.153 |  |
| 1st and 2d month ........... | 1,220,881 | - | 3,248 | 8,701 | 31,434 | 92,921 | 244,197 | 424,020 | 217,072 | 117,714 | 25,010 | 27,959 | 28,605 |
| 3d month........................ | 616,164 | . | 2,648 | 9,322 | 35,657 | 83,132 | 174,206 | 184,393 | 68,429 | 31,589 | 6,353 | 6,520 | 13,915 |
| 4th-6th month ............... | 404,841 | - | 8,654 | 30,761 | 69,177 | 94,408 | 103,490 | 56,564 | 18,125 | 8,854 | 1,793 | 2,367 | 10,648 |
| 7th-9th month ............... | 77,023 | - | 16,617 | 21,299- | 18,054 | 10,292 | 4,900 | 2,004 | 732 | 404 | 61 | 110 | 2,550 |
| No prenatal care ............ | 21,524 | 21,524 | 973 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,198 | 627 | 148 | 197 | 70,373 |
| Nat stated... | 83,836 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black.................. | 499,663 | 13,268 | 19,453 | 37,390 | 60,945 | 74,834 | 98,876 | 88,345 | 34,566 | 21,938 | 5,142 | 7.167 | 37,739 |
| 1st and 2 d month .............3d month............... | 169,384114,184 | - | 1,819 | 4,173 | 10,266 | 20,323 | 36,190 | 47,771 | 21,547 | $\begin{array}{r} 13,593 \\ 5,321 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,266 \\ & 1,223 \end{aligned}$ | 4,5041,638 | 5,932 |
|  |  | - | 1,687 | 5,030 | 12,705 | 18,520 | 30,397 | 25,635 | 8,469 |  |  |  | 3,559 |
| 4th -6th month ............... | 144,855 | - | 6,637 | 18,621 | 30,682 | 32,096 | 30,094 | 13,785 | 4,180 | 2,757 | 599 | 912 | 4,492 |
| 7th-9th month ............... | 31,048 | - | 8,676 | 8,877 | 6,553 | 3,241 | 1,431 | 664 | 187 | 138 | 23 | 57 | 1,201 |
| No prenatal care ............. | 13,268 | 13,268 |  | 689 | 739 | 654 | $764$ | $490^{\circ}$ | $183$ | $129$ | $31-$ | 56 | 22,555 |
| Not stated..................... | 26,924 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^12]Table 22. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, AND RACE: TGTAL OF 47 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1978

| Period of gestation and race | Total | Birth weight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 500 \\ \text { grams } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { less } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 501 . \\ & 1,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,001- \\ & 1,500 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,501 . \\ 2,000 \\ \text { grams } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2,001- \\ 2,500 \\ \text { grams } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,501 . \\ & 3,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3,001- \\ 3,500 \\ \text { grams } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,501- \\ & 4,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | 4,001- <br> 4,500 <br> grams | $\begin{aligned} & 4,501- \\ & 5,000 \\ & \text { grams } \end{aligned}$ | 5,001 grams or more | Not stated |
| All races ${ }^{1}$ | 3,035,101 | 2,900 | 13,359 | 19,128 | 41,279 | 137,949 | 512,267 | 1,125,429 | 861,656 | 259,504 | 46,766 | 6,788 | 8,076 |
| Under 20 weeks... | 889 | 163 | 147 | 52 | 31 | 45 | 105 | 149 | 88 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 75 |
| 20.27 weeks......... | 14,317 | 1,514 | 6,189 | 2,156 | 750 | 649 | 838 | 1,048 | 550 | 134 | 28 | 74 | 387 |
| 28.31 weeks .................... | 24,535 | 88 | 1,823 | 6,651 | 5,814 | 2,787 | 2,669 | 2,770 | 1,290 | 317 | 53 | 17 | 256 |
| 32-35 weeks ............ ....... | 105,082 | 29 | 429 | 2,935 | 13,453 | 27,563 | 26,607 | 21,541 | 9,660 | 2,039 | 375 | 94 | 357 |
| 36 weeks ...................... | 71,015 | 3 | 41 | 363 | 2,285 | 11,944 | 24,827 | 20,616 | 8,388 | 1,969 | 352 | 69 | 158 |
| 37-39 weeks. | 870,569 | 44 | 178 | 358 | 5,240 | 39,124 | 191,630 | 367,496 | 210,960 | 46,181 | 6,569 | 971 | 1,418 |
| 40 weeks | 542,770 | 26 | 72 | 178 | 964 | 9,314 | 68,572 | 213,479 | 185,256 | 54,386 | 8,552 | 1,141 | 830 |
| $41-42$ weeks. | 597,290 | 17 | 115 | 198 | 978 | 8,334 | 60,146 | 205,311 | 219,154 | 82,855 | 16,736 | 2,294 | 1,152 |
| 43 weeks and over............. | 206,094 | 8 | 53 | 120 | 587 | 4,226 | 25,086 | 20,448 | 69,767 | 26,438 | 6,033 | 924 | 404 |
| Not stated ...................... | 602,540 | 1,008 | 4,312 | 5,717 | 11,177 | 33,963 | 111,787 | 220,571 | 156,543 | 45,159 | 8,061 | 1,203 | 3,039 |
| White.. | 2,430,183 | 1,737 | 8,186 | 12,193 | 27,260 | 93,575 | 366,257 | 893,574 | 740,428 | 232,594 | 42,305 | 5,944 | 6,130 |
| Under 20 weeks. | 501 | 83 | 64 | 24 | 15 | 21 | 55 | 91 | 70 | 24 | 5 |  | 49 |
| $20-27$ weeks | 8,774 | 955 | 3,969 | 1,359 | 352 | 329 | 423 | 605 | 382 | 98 | 17 | 43 | 242 |
| 28.31 weeks. | 15.513 | 50 | 1,173 | 4,434 | 3,922 | 1,588 | 1,382 | 1,629 | 893 | 237 | 36 | 11 | 158 |
| 32.35 weeks .................... | 71,357 | 15 | 263 | 1,916 | 9,331 | 19,553 | 17,492 | 13,746 | 6,854 | 1,569 | 307 | 64 | 247 |
| 36 weeks ........................ | 51,748 | 3 | 22 | 242 | 1,541 | 8,397 | 18,029 | 15,119 | 6,347 | 1,580 | 294 | 58 | 116 |
| $37-39$ weeks .................... | 688,626 | 28 | 123 | 519 | 3,596 | 27.217 | 139,420 | 291,474 | 178,311 | 40,350 | 5,734 | 812 | 1,042 |
| 40 weeks | 457,613 | 22 | 48 | 120 | 660 | 6,664 | 51,986 | 176,451 | 162,813 | 49,391 | 7.787 | 1,008 | 663 |
| $41-42$ weeks. | 516,479 | 13 | 73 | 126 | 639 | 5,960 | 46,159 | 172,757 | 195,882 | 76,289 | 15,516 | 2,098 | 967 |
| 43 weeks and over............. | 172,194 | 7 | 32 | 76 | 400 | 2,926 | 18,483 | 58,840 | 60,734 | 24,006 | 5,544 | 835 | 311 |
| Not stated ...................... | 447,378 | 561 | 2,419 | 3,377 | 6,804 | 20,920 | 72,828 | 162,862 | 128,142 | 39,050 | 7,065 | 1,015 | 2,335 |
| Black .................... | 511,020 | 1,092 | 4,818 | 6,408 | 12,905 | 40,109 | 127,490 | 194,297 | 97,396 | 20,812 | 3,379 | 649 | 1,665 |
| Under 20 weeks................ | 369 | 78 | 79 | 25 | 16 | 24 | 48 | 51 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| 20.27 weeks .................... | 5,153 | 513 | 2,062 | 753 | 381 | 305 | 387 | 403 | 144 | 30 | 11 | 30 | 134 |
| 28-31 weeks .................... | 8,270 | 37 | 601 | 2,018 | 1,721 | 1,129 | 1,183 | 1,052 | 356 | 68 | 16 | 6 | 83 |
| 32-35 weeks .................... | 30,196 | 14 | 149 | 923 | 3,745 | 7,202 | 8,195 | 6,962 | 2,450 | 381 | 54 | 23 | 98 |
| 36 weeks ........................ | 16,966 |  | 18 | 107 | 680 | 3,154 | 6,005 | 4,820 | 1,757 | 332 | 49 | 7 | 37 |
| 37-39 weeks ................... | 150,916 | 15 | 48 | 219 | 1,502 | 10,554 | 44,419 | 62,493 | 26,042 | 4,518 | 655 | 127 | 324 |
| 40 weeks ........................ | 68,962 | 4 | 20 | 50 | 269 | 2,313 | 13,960 | 30,150 | 17,601 | 3,804 | 566 | 95 | 130 |
| $41-42$ weeks ................... | 65,125 | 2 | 35 | 67 | 307 | 2,122 | 12,112 | 26,443 | 17,936 | 4,907 | 888 | 146 | 160 |
| 43 weeks and over............. | 28,223 | , | 19 | 38 | 175 | 1,183 | 5,862 | 11,392 | 7,232 | 1,822 | 364 | 67 | 68 |
| Not stated ....................... | 136,840 | 428 | 1,787 | 2;208 | 4,109 | 12,123 | 35,319 | 50,531 | 23,860 | 4,948 | 774 | 147 | 606 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
NOTE: Excludes data for Connecticut, New Mexico, and Texas, which did not require reporting of first day of last normal menstrual period.

Table 23. LIVE BIRTHS BY 1-AND 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORES, BY RACE: TOTAL OF REPORTING STATES, 1978
[Based on $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| Race | Total | Apgar score |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Not stated |
| 1-minute Apgar score ${ }^{1,2}$................. | 2,385,454 | 2,273 | 12,809 | 14,993 | 18,225 | 25,811 | 45,505 | 86,127 | 221,788 | 715,613 | 981,440 | 118,999 | 141,871 |
| White.................................................. | 1,954,726 | 1,498 | 9,015 | 11,006 | 13,637 | 19,944 | 35,930 | 70,039 | 183,314 | 596,123 | 803,327 | 97,717 | 113,176 |
| Black................................................. | 353,978 | 670 | 3,358 | 3,550 | 3,975 | 5,067 | 8,252 | 13,670 | 31,625 | 94,552 | 146,285 | 18,755 | 24,219 |
| 5-minute Apgar score ${ }^{1,3}$................. | 2,357,543 | 2,872 | 4,697 | 3,765 | 3,726 | 4,791 | 9,322 | 17,592 | 40,116 | 166,412 | 1,129,688 | 832,266 | 142,296 |
| White................................................... | 1,923,984 | 1,860 | 3,137 | 2,515 | 2,592 | 3,415 | 6,663 | 13,130 | 31,005 | 133,493 | 924,801 | 687,726 | 113,647 |
| Black.......................................................... | 357,185 | 828 | 1,408 | 1,148 | 1,041 | 1,234 | 2,390 | 3,942 | 7,966 | 27,791 | 162,896 | 123,391 | 23,150 |

[^13]Table 24. LIVE BIRTHS BY 1-MINUTE APGAR SCORE, 5-MINUTE APGAR SCORE, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 38 REPORTING STATES, 1978
[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

| 1-minute Apgar score and race | Total | 5-minute Apgar score |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Not stated |
|  | 2,348,160 | 2,872 | 4,634 | 3,725 | 3,688 | 4,757 | 9,222 | 17,465 | 39,838 | 165,528 | 1,124,505 | 830,248 | 141,678 |
| 0 ................................................ | 2,258 | 1,117 | 272 | 182 | 145 | 91 | 81 | 52 | 41 | 52 | 98 | 65 | 62 |
| 1 ..................................................... | 12,580 | 597 | 3,124 | 1,161 | 1,094 | 1,128 | 1,343 | 1,188 | 994 | 804 | 688 | 123 | 336 |
| 2 ................................................. | 14,764 | 159 | 584 | 1,516 | 1,041 | 1,327 | 1,821 | 2,389 | 2,036 | 1,924 | 1,388 | 217 | 362 |
| 3 .................................................. | 18,009 | 53 | 197 | 308 | 796 | 950 | 2,118 | 3,137 | 3,721 | 3.589 | 2,442 | 403 | 295 |
| 4 .................................................. | 25,490 | 30 | 68 | 135 | 134 | 579 | 1,527 | 3,972 | 5,677 | 6,931 | 5,291 | 832 | 314 |
| 5 ................................................. | 44,955 | 25 | 55 | 80 | 128 | 145 | 1,093 | 3,374 | 9,503 | 14,514 | 13,295 | 2,325 | 418 |
| 6 .................................................. | 85,143 | 38 | 31 | 70 | 75 | 128 | 236 | 1.863 | 10,024 | 32,462 | 33,877 | 5,692 | 647 |
| 7 .................................................. | 219,980 | 95 | 48 | 69 | 99 | 155 | 328 | 496 | 5,183 | 59,619 | 132,035 | 20,493 | 1,360 |
| 8 .................................................. | 708,397 | 235 | 79 | 77 | 78 | 156 | 319 | 514 | 1,448 | 40,976 | 537,019 | 123,110 | 4,386 |
| 9 ................................................... | 963,056 | 462 | 120 | 67 | 48 | 53 | 209 | 263 | 673 | 2,716 | 387,503 | 561,397 | 9,545 |
| 10 ............................................... | 116,913 | 31 | 15 | 10 | ${ }_{6}^{6}$ | 6 39 | 25 | 17 200 | 37 501 | 262 1.679 | 1,378 9,491 | 112,651 2,940 | r $\begin{array}{r}2,475 \\ \hline 12,48\end{array}$ |
| Not stated........................................ | 136,615 | 30 | 41 | 50 | 44 | 39 | 122 | 200 | 501 | 1,679 | 9,491 | 2,940 | 121,478 |
| White................................... | 1,922,569 | 1,860 | 3,135 | 2,513 | 2,592 | 3,415 | 6,661 | 13,121 | 30,987 | 133,389 | 924,006 | 687,463 | 113,427 |
| 0 .................................................. | 1,486 | 674 | 194 | 134 | 115 | 67 | 62 | 39 | 33 | 28 | 53 | 42 | 45 |
| 1 ................................................. | 8,835 | 420 | 2,093 | 775 | 765 | 808 | 954 | 846 | 722 | 598 | 517 | 94 | 243 |
| 2 .................................................. | 10,825 | 125 | 392 | 1,049 | 738 | 959 | 1,323 | 1,799 | 1,512 | 1.439 | 1,073 | 166 | 250 |
| 3 ................................................. | 13,463 | 34 | 135 | 202 | 556 | 696 | 1,512 | 2,230 | 2,779 | 2,761 | 1,935 | 328 | 205 |
| 4 ................................................. | 19,676 | 15 | 45 | 77 | 95 | 411 | 1,129 | 2,995 | 4,407 | 5,397 | 4,211 | 666 | 228 |
| 5 ................................................. | 35,490 | 16 | 40 | 58 | 83 | 95 | 734 | 2,611 | 7,359 | 11.439 | 10,843 | 1,872 | 309 |
| 6 .................................................. | 69,221 | 22 | 20 | 41 | 52 | 83 | 165 | 1.450 | 8,013 | 25,972 | 28,152 | 4,758 | 493 |
| 7 .................................................. | 181,747 | 67 | 29 | 43 | 74 | 116 | 232 | 356 | 4,086 | 48,246 | 109,980 | 17.437 | 1.081 |
| 8 ................................................. | 589,688 | 157 | 60 | 55 | 60 | 115 | 244 | 376 | 1,166 | 33,709 | 445,169 | 105,099 | 3,478 |
| 9 .................................................. | 783,308 | 278 | 85 | 44 | 28 | 38 | 160 | 181 | 529 | 2,309 | 313,894 | 462,329 | 7,433 |
|  | 95,801 | 26 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 32 | 213 | 1,126 | 92,388 | 1,961 |
| Not stated....................................... | 109,029 | 26 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 24 | 86 | 137 | 349 | 1,278 | 7.053 | 2,284 | 97,701 |
| Black........................................ | 349,337 | 828 | 1,347 | 1,110 | 1,003 | 1,200 | 2,292 | 3,828 | 7.708 | 27,015 | 158,572 | 121,654 | 22,780 |
| 0. | 667 | 406 | 66 | 45 | 28 | 23 | 19 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 13 |
| 1 ................................................... | 3,312 | 153 | 931 | 350 | 302 | 280 | 357 | 290 | 239 | 178 | 125 | 19 | 88 |
| 2 .................................................. | 3,502 | 34 | 173 | 434 | 277 | 337 | 460 | 529 | 441 | 422 | 258 | 44 | 93 |
| 3 .................................................... | 3,939 | 17 | 59 | 94 | 219 | 221 | 526 | 695 | 824 | 713 | 428 | 65 | 78 |
| 4 .................................................. | 5,016 | 11 | 20 | 52 | 32 | 150 | 352 | 870 | 1,110 | 1,319 | 885 | 143 | 72 |
| 5 ................................................... | 8,156 | 8 | 15 | 20 | 49 | 43 | 288 | 676 | 1,891 | 2,649 | 2,042 | 387 | 88 |
| 6 .................................................. | 13,516 | 14 | 11 | 24 | 22 | 41 | 65 | 375 | 1.753 | 5,586 | 4,693 | 822 | 110 |
| 7 .................................................. | 31.407 | 19 | 16 | 26 | 24 | 36 | 78 | 129 | 938 | 9,568 | 17,806 | 2,562 | 20 |
| 8 ..................................................... | 93.858 | 51 | 18 | 21 | 17 | 40 | 71 | 123 | 242 | 5,841 | 71,899 | 15,006 | 529 |
| 9 ................................................... | 144,201 | 107 | 26 | 21 | 18 | 13 | 45 | 72 | 121 | 352 | 58,068 | 84,097 | 1,261 |
| 10 ................................................. | 18,615 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 45 | 220 | 17,957 | 365 |
| Not stated........................................ | 23,148 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 13 | 28 | 53 | 136 | 326 | 2,133 | 535 | 19,878 |

[^14]
[^0]:    ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
    ${ }^{2}$ Based on a 50 -percent sample of births.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged $15-44$ years.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
    ${ }^{2}$ Based on a 50 -percent sample of births.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
    ${ }^{2}$ Based on a 50 -percent sample of births.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and balck.

[^5]:    ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
    ${ }^{2}$ Based on a 50 -percent sample of births.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.
    ${ }_{3}^{2}$ Rates computed by relating births of fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.
    ${ }^{3}$ Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50 -percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.
    ${ }^{4}$ Based on a 50 -percent sample of births.

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Due to rounding estimates to nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals.
    
    3 Rates computed by relating births to unmarried mothers age 40 years and over to unmarried women aged $40-44$ years.

[^9]:    ${ }^{1}$ Excludes not stated birth order.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes races other than white and black.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.

[^11]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.

[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
    NOTE: Exeludes data for Maryland, New Mexico, and Texas, which did not require reporting of both number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

[^13]:    ${ }_{2}$ Includes races other than white and black.
    ${ }^{2}$ Total of 39 reporting States. Excludes data for Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and ${ }^{3}$ Tongto
    Total of 38 reporting States and the District of Columbia. Excludes data for Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico,
    Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington.

[^14]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes races other than white and black.
    NOTE: Excludes data for Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington, which did not require the reporting of both 1 - and 5 -minute Apgar scores.

