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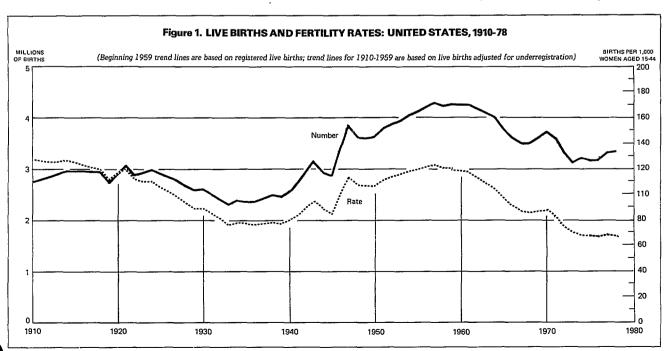
#### Births and Birth Rates

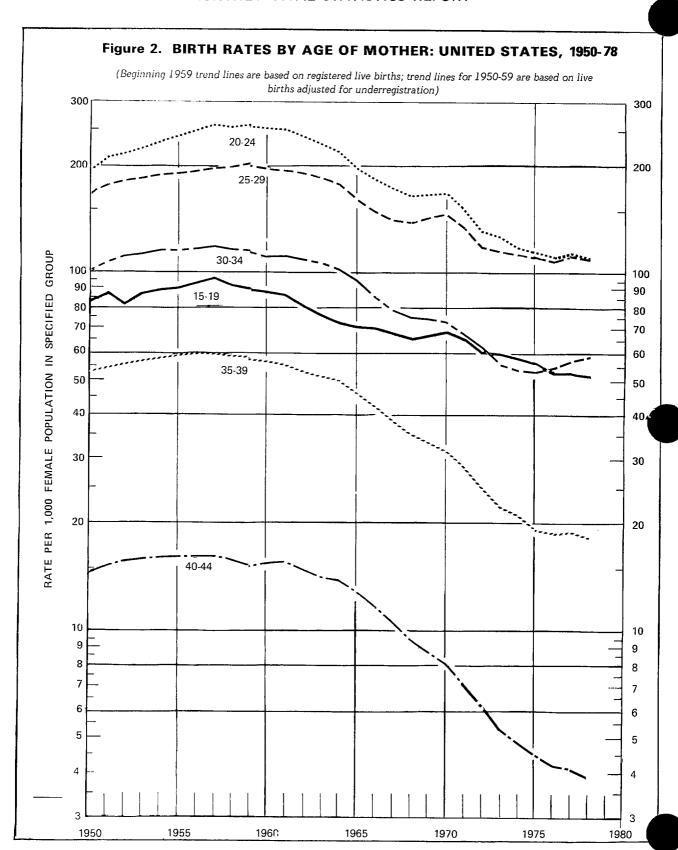
There were 3,333,279 registered live births in the United States during 1978. This was only a slight increase over the 3,326,632 births registered in 1977. Provisional data for 1979 indicate an increase of about 4 percent over the final number recorded for 1978.

The birth rate for 1978 was slightly below (less than 1 percent) the 1977 level, 15.3 live births 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



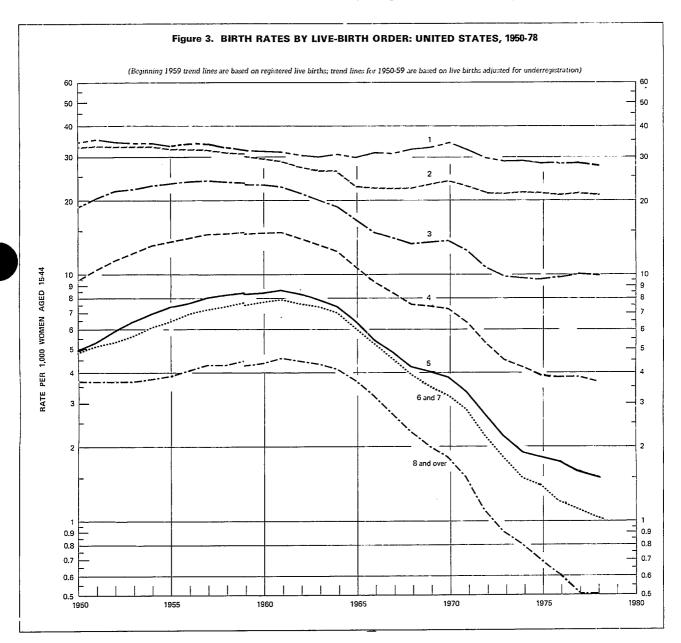


whom the rates were unchanged. Rates for ages 15-17 years declined 4.6 percent, and rates for women aged 40-44 years declined 7.1 percent. Other declines ranged from 1.1 percent to 2.5 percent.

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



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 7 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 the

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 8½ 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 percent—occurred 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 1-minute 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]

		Numb	er			Birth	rate		Fertility rate			
Year	All	White	Allo	All other		IA/I-:	All other		All	White	All other	
	races	ices II	Total	Black	races	White	Total	Black	races	vvnite	Total	Black
1978 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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### 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]

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								Age of	mother					
Live-birth order and race	Total	Under			15-1	9 years			20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
dia racc		15 years	Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years	years	years	years	years	years	years
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 childSecond child	1,401,491 1,062,225 496,592	10,203 292 25	418,711 100,247 15,505	26,926 1,377 61	58,005 5,606 369	90,423 15,355 1,547	114,337 30,361 4,425	129,020 47,548 9,103	545,778 404,882 134,564	322,587 379,258 197,150	88,091 150,846 119,438	14,290 24,199 26,960	1,751 2,442 2,863	80 59 87 118
Fourth child	189,997 76,518 34,764 17,826 22,407	3	1,954 216 18 7 30	-	28 3 -	130 11 1	485 45 6 4 20	1,304 157 11 3	33,730 7,956 1,816 396 259	70,351 23,634 8,310 3,071 1,777	59,410 27,204 12,921 6,355 5,934	21,290 14,354 9,155 5,964 8,952	3,141 3,026 2,421 1,915 4,923	128 128 118 118
Not stated	31,459	249	6,719	492	912 40,776	1,408 74,425	1,872	2,035	10,143 914,772	9,045 860,209	4,119	1,032	145	941
White	2,681,116 1,143,073	4,512	380,060	15,756	37,536	64,252	85,211	100.897	461,890	284,299	76,270	11,784	1,429	65
Second child Third child Fourth child	871,320 394,446 143,029	84 16	64,469 7,907 787	495 17 2	2,666 136 7	8,707 646 53	19,440 2,080 172	33,161 5,028 553	325,088 95,257 19,715	329,223 163,324 52,688	130,619 103,067 49,358	19,869 22,512 17,816	1,924 2,287 2,568	44 71 9
Fifth child	55,117 24,226 12,099	:	67 9 2 22		1 - -	5 - -	16 3 2 16	45 6 -	3,992 802 163 151	15,663 4,982 1,643 874	21,145 9,324 4,334 3,635	11,661 7,093 4,449 5,860	2,482 1,919 1,406 3,393	10 9 10 35
Eighth child and over Not stated	14,286 23,520	51	3,822	163	430	762	1,134	1,333	7,714	7,513	3,469	836	113	
All other	652,163	6,260		13,107	24,147	34,450	43,481	48,162	224,752	154,974	73,097	24,316	5,106	31
First child	258,418 190,905 102,146 46,968 21,401 10,538	5,842 208 9 3	115,736 35,778 7,598 1,167 149	11,847 882 44 5	20,469 2,940 233 21 2	26,171 6,648 901 77 6	29,126 10,921 2,345 313 29	28,123 14,387 4,075 751 112	83,888 79,794 39,307 14,015 3,964 1,014	38,288 50,035 33,826 17,663 7,971 3,328	11,821 20,227 16,371 10,052 6,059 3,597	2,506 4,330 4,448 3,474 2,693 2,062	322 518 576 573 544 502	15 15 11 21 21 26
Seventh child Eighth child and over Not stated	5,727 8,121 7,939	198	5 8 2,897	329	482	646	2 4 738	3 4 702	233 108 2,429	1,428 903 1,532	2,021 2,299 650	1,515 3,092 196	509 1,530 32	16 18:
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	216,446 159,270 87,404 40,996 18,801 9,258	5,662 200 9 3	106,299 33,302 7,273 1,122 145 9	11,294 856 44 5	19,206 2,824 229 21 2	24,193 6,267 864 72 6 1	26.458 10,153 2,259 303 27 3	25,148 13,202 3,877 721 110 5	70,499 70,353 35,714 12,938 3,702 959	25,298 39,099 28,450 15,368 7,030 2,975	6,937 13,238 12,397 8,350 5,179 3,101	1,542 2,712 3,136 2,750 2,277 1,767	201 356 416 444 448 427	10 10 22 20 20
Seventh child Eighth child and over Not stated	5,019 7,115 7,231	194	5 7 2,839	326	472	635	2 4 724	3 3 682	225 101 2,240	1,288 833 1,272	1,755 2,025 509	1,305 2,703 148	429 1,303 24	1 14

#### 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]

						Age of	mother				
Live-birth order and race	15-44 years <sup>1</sup>	10-14	1	5-19 year	s	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
	years-	years	Total	15-17 years	18-19 years	years	years	years	years	years	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 21.4 10.0 3.8 1.5 1.1 0.5	1.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 -	40.9 9.8 1.5 0.2 0.0 0.0	28.9 3.7 0.3 0.0 0.0 0.0	58.5 18.7 3.3 0.4 0.0 0.0 0.0	54.3 40.3 13.4 3.4 0.8 0.2 0.0	35.9 42.2 22.0 7.8 2.6 1.3 0.2	11.1 19.0 15.0 7.5 3.4 2.4 0.7	2.2 3.7 4.1 3.2 2.2 2.3 1.4	0.3 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.8 0.9	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
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 20.5 9.3 3.4 1.3 0.9 0.3	0.6 0.0 0.0 - - - - - - -	35.1 7.5 0.9 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0	22.9 2.3 0.2 0.0 0.0	52.9 14.9 2.0 0.2 0.0 0.0	54.2 38.1 11.2 2.3 0.5 0.1	37.0 42.9 21.3 6.9 2.0 0.9	11.1 19.0 15.0 7.2 3.1 2.0 0.5	2.1 3.5 3.9 3.1 2.0 2.0 1.0	0.3 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
First child	35.9 26.5 14.1 6.5 3.0 2.2 1.1	3.9 0.1 0.0 0.0	71.5 22.1 4.7 0.7 0.1 0.0 0.0	60.2 10.8 1.2 0.1 0.0 0.0	88.8 39.3 10.0 1.7 0.2 0.0 0.0	55.0 52.3 25.8 9.2 2.6 0.8 0.1	29.3 38.3 25.9 13.5 6.1 3.6 0.7	10.9 18.6 15.1 9.3 5.6 5.2 2.1	27.0 2.8 4.8 5.0 3.9 3.0 4.0 3.5	0.4 0.7 0.7 0.7 0.7 1.3 1.9	0.4 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 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 25.9 14.2 6.7 3.1 2.3 1.2	4.3 0.2 0.0 0.0	74.4 23.3 5.1 0.8 0.1 0.0 0.0	63.6 11.6 1.3 0.1 0.0 0.0	91.0 41.2 10.8 1.8 0.2 0.0	53.5 53.3 27.1 9.8 2.8 0.9 0.1	23.2 35.9 26.1 14.1 6.5 3.9 0.8	7.8 14.9 14.0 9.4 5.8 5.5 2.3	2.0 3.6 4.1 3.6 3.0 4.0 3.6	0.3 0.5 0.6, 0.7 0.7 1.3 2.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

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#### 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]

			******			Age of	mother				
Year and race	Total fertility	10-14	1	5-19 year	s	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
	rate	years	Total	15-17 years	18-19 years	years	years	years	years	years	years
ALL RACES						ì				İ	
1978 <sup>1</sup> 1977 <sup>1</sup> 1976 <sup>1</sup> 1975 <sup>1</sup> 1974 <sup>1</sup> 1973 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>1</sup> 1971 <sup>2</sup> 1970 <sup>2</sup>	1,800.2 1,826.3 1,768.2 1,799.0 1,856.6 1,895.6 2,021.9 2,274.6 2,480.0	1.2 1.2 1.3 1.2 1.3 1.2 1.1	52.4 53.7 53.5 56.3 58.1 59.7 62.0 64.7 68.3	32.9 34.5 34.6 36.6 37.7 38.9 39.2 38.3 38.8	81.0 81.9 81.3 85.7 89.3 91.8 97.3 105.6 114.7	112.3 115.2 112.1 114.7 119.0 120.7 131.0 150.6 167.8	112.0 114.2 108.8 110.3 113.3 113.6 118.7 134.8 145.1	59.1 57.5 54.5 53.1 54.4 56.1 60.2 67.6 73.3	18.9 19.2 19.0 19.4 20.2 22.0 24.8 28.7 31.7	3.9 4.2 4.3 4.6 4.8 5.4 6.2 7.1 8.1	0.2 0.2 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.4 0.4
WHITE  1978 <sup>1</sup>	1,704.2 1,734.8 1,679.0 1,708.2 1,767.5 1,798.3 1,918.2 2,168.4 2,385.0	0.6 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.5	43.6 44.6 44.6 46.8 48.3 49.3 51.2 53.8 57.4	25.4 26.5 26.7 28.3 29.0 29.5 29.4 28.6 29.2	70.1 71.1 70.7 74.4 77.7 79.6 84.5 92.4 101.5	106.3 109.8 107.0 109.7 114.2 115.4 125.6 145.4 163.4	111.1 113.8 108.4 110.0 113.5 113.7 118.4 134.6 145.9	57.9 56.3 53.5 52.1 53.5 54.9 58.8 65.7 71.9	17.6 17.8 17.7 18.1 18.9 20.7 23.3 26.9 30.0	3.5 3.8 3.8 4.1 4.4 4.9 5.6 6.4 7.5	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.3 0.4
ALL OTHER  1978 <sup>1</sup>	2,333.3 2,342.7 2,276.2 2,321.6 2,376.8 2,473.6 2,650.5 2,932.8 3,066.7	4.1 4.3 4.3 4.7 4.7 5.0 4.7 4.7	99.1 102.4 102.4 108.6 113.3 119.1 125.0 129.2 133.4	72.3 76.6 77.1 82.0 86.2 91.6 94.5 94.3 95.2	139.9 141.9 141.5 150.1 156.4 163.7 175.2 187.0 195.4	145.7 145.7 141.7 143.5 147.4 153.2 164.5 184.6 196.8	117.3 116.5 111.6 112.1 112.3 113.3 120.9 135.7 140.1	66.7 64.8 60.7 59.7 60.7 63.9 69.4 79.6 82.5	27.0 27.5 27.0 27.6 28.9 31.0 34.9 40.2 42.2	6.5 6.9 7.0 7.6 7.6 8.7 10.0 11.7	0.4 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.6 0.7
BLACK  1978 <sup>1</sup>	2,280.9 2,308.7 2,235.3 2,284.0 2,332.5 2,437.0 2,621.2 2,913.6 3,098.7	4.4 4.7 4.7 5.1 5.0 5.4 5.1 5.1	103.7 107.3 107.0 113.8 118.3 124.5 130.1 147.7	76.6 81.2 81.5 86.6 91.0 96.8 99.9	145.0 147.6 146.8 156.0 162.0 169.5 181.7 193.8 204.9	147.5 147.7 143.4 145.1 148.7 154.6 166.2 187.3 202.7	110.6 111.1 105.5 105.4 104.8 105.9 113.9 129.0 136.3	59.6 58.8 54.7 54.1 54.8 58.6 64.6 75.1 79.6	24.0 25.1 24.6 25.4 26.8 29.2 33.2 38.8 41.9	6.0 6.6 6.8 7.5 7.5 8.6 9.8 11.6 12.5	0.4 0.5 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.7 0.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

### 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]

				Liv	e-birth ord	ler		
Year and race	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ALL RACES	_							
1978 <sup>1</sup>	66.6 67.8 65.8 66.7 68.4 69.2 73.4 81.8 87.9	28.3 28.6 27.9 28.4 28.9 28.8 29.9 32.1 34.2	21.4 21.9 21.1 21.2 21.5 21.1 21.5 23.1 24.2	10.0 10.1 9.6 9.5 9.6 9.8 10.7 12.5	3.8 3.9 3.8 3.9 4.2 4.6 5.3 6.4 7.2	1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.2 2.7 3.3 3.8	1.1 1.2 1.2 1.4 1.5 1.8 2.2 2.8 3.2	0.5 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.2 1.5
WHITE								
1978 <sup>1</sup> 1977 <sup>1</sup> 1976 <sup>1</sup> 1975 <sup>1</sup> 1974 <sup>1</sup> 1973 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>1</sup> 1970 <sup>2</sup> ALL OTHER  1978 <sup>1</sup> 1977 <sup>1</sup> 1976 <sup>1</sup>	62.7 64.0 62.2 63.0 64.7 65.3 69.2 77.5 84.1	27.0 27.3 26.5 26.9 27.4 27.2 28.2 30.6 32.9 35.9 36.4 35.9	20.5 21.1 20.4 20.5 21.0 20.5 21.0 22.6 23.7	9.3 9.5 9.0 8.9 9.0 9.3 10.2 12.0 13.3	3.4 3.5 3.4 3.6 3.8 4.2 4.9 6.0 6.8 6.5 6.4 6.2	1.3 1.4 1.4 1.5 1.7 2.0 2.3 3.0 3.4 3.0	0.9 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.5 1.8 2.3 2.7	0.3 0.4 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 1.0 1.2
1975 <sup>1</sup> 1974 <sup>1</sup> 1973 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>1</sup> 1970 <sup>2</sup> BLACK	89.3 91.0 94.3 100.3 109.5 113.0	37.3 38.2 39.2 40.9 41.8 42.4	25.1 25.1 24.7 25.2 26.9 26.9	12.8 12.7 13.1 13.8 15.6 15.9	6.2 6.4 6.9 7.8 9.1 9.7	3.2 3.3 3.9 4.6 5.6 6.1	2.8 3.2 3.8 4.6 6.0 6.7	1.8 2.1 2.7 3.4 4.6 5.3
1978 <sup>1</sup>	88.6 89.8 87.2 89.2 90.8 94.3 100.5 110.1 115.4	35.3 36.3 35.8 37.4 38.1 39.2 40.9 41.8 43.3	25.9 26.0 24.8 24.6 24.4 24.1 24.8 26.7 27.1	14.2 13.9 13.1 12.8 12.7 13.1 13.7 15.6 16.1	6.7 6.5 6.3 6.5 7.1 7.9 9.2	3.1 3.1 3.3 3.4 4.0 4.8 5.7 6.4	2.3 2.5 2.6 2.9 3.3 3.9 4.8 6.2 7.0	1.2 1.4 1.6 1.9 2.2 2.8 3.6 4.8 5.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

#### 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]

		Tates p		- I	population in each area)				
		Number		Direct.			Number		Birth
Division and State	All races 1	White	Black	Birth rate	Division and State	All races 1	White	Black	rate
United States	3,333,279	2,681,116	551,540	15.3	South Atlantic-Con.			47.470	
					Virginia	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	15,847	15.569	91	14.5	North Carolina	82,442		24,785	14.8
Maine	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	84,140	52,717	30,458	16.6
Vermont	68,657	62,844	4.823	11.9	Florida	113,343	81,640	30,374	13.1
Massachusetts	11,522	10,560	738	12.4			404.070	00.050	٠.,
Rhode Island	37,294	32,157	4,641	12.0	East South Central	228,567	164,273	62,858	16.4
Connecticut	37,294	32,137	4,041	12.0	Kentucky	57,334	51,576	5,336	16.4
	470 707	202 206	00.440	13.0	Tennessee	66,607	51,291	14,892	15.4
Middle Atlantic	479,737	383,386	88,118		Alabama	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				400	45.
Pennsylvania	152,248	130,892	20,006	12.9	West South Central	392,578	306,838	77,460	17.8
				1 45 6	Arkansas	34,793	25,682	8,843	16.1
East North Central	626,788	522,284	96,045	15.2	Louisiana	74,928	45,192	28,955	18.8
Ohio	160,863	137,024	22,420	15.0	Oklahoma	45,905	36,757	4,643	16.1
Indiana	83,598	74,088	8,930	15.5	Texas	236,952	199,207	35,019	18.2
Illinois	174,509	133,544	37,521	15.5					1
Michigan	139,149	114,232	23,039	15.2	Mountain	202,546	182,383	6,405	19.5
Wisconsin	68,669	63,396	4,135	14.7	Montana	13,545	12,104	55	17.4
					Idaho	19,391	18,853	81	22.0
West North Central	264,854	240,581	17,830	15.5	Wyoming	8,661	8,144	87	20.4
Minnesota	61,993	58,980	1,384	15.4	Colorado	44,107	40,960	2,044	16.3
lowa	44,584	43,105	1,023	15.3	New Mexico	23,932	19,569	860	19.7
Missouri	72,892	60,981	11,181	15.0	Arizona	43,112	36,021	1,868	18.2
North Dakota	11,299	10,424	84	17.3	Utah	38,808	37,489	217	29.5
South Dakota	12,239	10,631	60	17.7	Nevada	10,990	9,243	1,193	16.5
Nebraska	25,112	23,438	1,140	16.0		[.		-	1
Kansas	36,735	33,022	2,958	15.7	Pacific	479,624	393,506	42,006	16,1
					Washington	58,726	52,810	2,364	15.5
South Atlantic	505,716	347,435	150,415	14.6	Oregon	38,974	36,652	946	15.9
Delaware	8,685	6,488	2,138	14.9	California	356,310	293,495	37,894	16.0
Maryland	55,329	38,071	15,998	13.3	Alaska	8,861	6,280	392	21.6
District of Columbia	9,383	1,415	7.848	14.0	Hawaii	16,753	4,269	410	18.6
District of Conditional	0,000	1,	7,040				<u> </u>		Ь

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and balck.

Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-78

[Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

		All races			White		All other					
ĺ			Males			Males		Total			Black	
Year	Male	Female	per 1,000 females	Male	Female*	per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females
1978 <sup>1</sup>	1,709,394	1,623,885	1,053	1,378,222	1,302,894		331,172	320,991	1,032	279,598	271,942	1,028
1977 <sup>1</sup>	1,705,916	1,620,716	1,053	1,383,440	1,307,630		322,476	313,086	1,030	275,556	268,665	1,026
1976 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	1,613,135	1,531,063	1,054	1,312,308	1,239,688		300,827	291,375	1,032	259,610	251,971	1,030
1974 <sup>1</sup>	1,622,114	1,537,844	1,055	1,325,019	1,250,773		297,095	287,071	1,035	257,277	249,885	1,030
1973 <sup>1</sup>	1,608,326	1,528,639	1,052	1,311,032	1,239,998		297,294	288,641	1,030	259,877	252,720	1,028
1972 <sup>1</sup>	1,669,927	1,588,484	1,051	1,364,578	1,290,980		305,349	297,504	1,026	268,842	262,487	1,024
1971 <sup>2</sup>	1,822,910	1,733,060	1,052	1,499,958	1,419,788		322,952	313,272	1,031	286,430	278,530	1,028
1970 <sup>2</sup>	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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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]

		Numb	er		Ob	served	Seasonally adjusted		
Month	All races	White	All c	other	Birth	Fertility	Birth	Fertility	
	Alliaces	vviiite	Total	Black	rate	rate	rate	rate	
Total	3,333,279	2,681,116	652,163	551,540	15.3	66.6			
January February March April May June July August September October November December	270,695 249,898 276,584 254,585 270,818 270,704 294,704 302,805 293,903 288,965 274,679 284,939	216,408 201,119 224,424 207,774 220,461 218,036 235,619 241,672 235,993 232,718 220,019 226,873	54,287 48,779 52,160 46,811 50,357 52,668 59,085 61,133 57,910 56,247 54,660 58,066	45,943 41,488 43,799 39,080 41,971 44,525 50,502 52,242 49,122 47,510 46,056 49,302	14.7 15.0 15.0 14.2 14.6 15.1 15.9 16.3 16.4 15.6 15.3	64.2 65.5 65.4 62.1 63.9 65.9 69.3 71.1 71.2 67.6 66.3 66.4	15.1 15.2 15.2 14.9 15.2 15.3 15.5 15.3 15.3	66.3 66.4 65.1 66.4 66.4 66.8 67.3 66.5 66.7	

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

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathbf{1}}$ Includes races other than white and black.

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#### 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]

				State	d are distribut	.cu j						
						Age	of father					
Age of mother and race	Total	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over	Not stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	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	10,772 543,407 1,139,524 1,015,183 474,318 126,196 22,627 1,252 2,681,116	84 82 13 14 2 1	2,166 111,421 19,156 1,121 200 30 7	763 205,994 492,310 57,528 6,081 892 115 5	138 37,908 385,165 529,677 51,982 4,847 427 22 878,362	46 8,457 79,735 297,967 247,439 18,274 1,201 31	14 2,440 19,499 56,057 110,838 53,426 2,909 61	8 836 6,112 14,524 25,349 28,361 8,527 139 66,689	2 324 2,147 5,051 8,139 8,370 5,188 520 23,211	172 956 1,966 3,172 3,079 1,646 246 8,517	2 99 609 1,164 1,577 1,649 886 118	7,549 175,674 133,822 50,114 19,539 7,267 1,721 110
vviiite						566,446	204,413	60,009		6,517		<del></del>
Under 15 years	4,512 380,060 914,772 860,209 401,221 101,880 17,521 941 551,540	23 51 13 5 2 1 1	1,173 89,674 16,170 943 178 30 4	579 169,798 421,500 47,818 4,946 750 99 5	97 30,732 330,617 468,724 43,953 3,897 327 15	37 6,668 65,951 4258,917 3218,886 15,020 941 26	9 1,878 15,412 45,270 94,236 45,241 2,319 48 29,145	4 601 4,542 11,029 20,148 23,287 6,957 121	2 261 1,616 3,747 6,337 6,669 4,162 417	118 686 1,433 2,443 2,374 1,278 185	1 73 396 770 1,108 1,192 616 82	2,587 80,206 57,869 21,553 8,984 3,419 818 42 210,430
Under 15 years	6,068 151,001 196,731 121,613 53,491 18,340 4,048 248	61 24 - 6	948 19,256 2,393 114 18 -	171 31,930 60,610 7,339 747 96 9	39 6,000 45,239 47,230 5,659 652 63	8 1,452 10,547 27,769 19,775 2,161 172 4	5 468 3,268 7,651 11,382 5,925 437 9	4 218 1,323 2,647 3,648 3,724 1,208 16	57 469 1,047 1,382 1,286 807 81	41 221 442 589 551 282 44	1 22 160 284 346 330 212 23	4,831 91,533 72,501 27,084 9,945 3,615 857 64

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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]

					Ag	e of fathe	ır			
Year	15-54 years <sup>1</sup>	15-19 years <sup>2</sup>	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over
1978 <sup>3</sup>	55.0 55.7 53.8 54.4 55.5 56.1 59.4 66.3 71.5	18.5 19.5 19.7 21.1 21.9 22.5 23.3 23.7 25.6	91.9 94.9 93.9 97.8 102.8 105.6 114.3 130.7 146.6	124.5. 128.3 123.7 126.6 131.3 132.2 139.6 161.5 175.0	88.8 87.8 84.1 82.7 84.9 86.8 92.4 104.1	41.2 41.4 40.0 40.1 40.8 42.5 46.6 53.1 57.6	16.4 16.6 16.3 16.6 16.8 17.9 19.9 22.7 24.9	5.8 6.0 6.0 6.1 6.2 6.6 7.3 8.1 9.1	2.1 2.2 2.1 2.1 2.2 2.2 2.5 2.8 3.1	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.

<sup>2</sup>Rates computed by relating births of fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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# 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]

	Percent							Birth v	veight <sup>1</sup>						
Age of mother and race	low birth weight	Total	500 grams or less	500- 1,000 grams	1,001- 1,500 grams	1,501- 2,000 grams	2,001 - 2,500 grams	2,500 grams or less	2,501- 3,000 grams	3,001- 3,500 grams	3,501- 4,000 grams	4,001 - 4,500 grams	4,501- 5,000 grams	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 years	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 46,404	8,235	1,125	129 184	361 479
19 years	9.0 7.1	189,191 1,139,524	187 1,052	1,013 4,795	1,547 6.925	3,307 15,256	10,955 52,671	17,009 80,699	38,609 200,427	73,444 433,821	317,546	11,413 88,180	1,649 14,389	1.784	2,678
20-24 years 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	2,52
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	1,26
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	350
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	8:
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 5.9	141,029 914,772	88 617	577	884 4,345	2,057	6,834 35,966	10,440 53,922	25,451	54,690 346,663	38,425 273,437	10,072 79,435	1,479 13,125	162 1,601	310
20-24 years 25-29 years	5.9	860,209	574	2,855 2,570	3,658	10,139 8,253	29,379	44,434	144,598 120,391	313,722	272,911	88,424	16,027	2,237	1,991 2,063
30-34 years	5.2	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 years	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	1,830	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 19 years	14.0 13.7	43,481 48,162	81 99	396 436	625 663	1,194 1,250	3,787 4,121	6,083 6,569	12,233 13,158	16,854 18,754	6,934 7,979	1,104 1,341	140 170	25 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	68
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	46
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 14.2	39,933	81	379	588 643	1,143	3,592	5,783	11,508	15,445	6,078	887	112	24	90
19 years 20-24 years	12.7	43,751 196,731	97 407	414 1,863	2,417	1,184 4,798	3,858 15,433	6,196 24,918	12,242 50,217	17,027 75,928	6,887 36,890	1,097 7,029	129 987	18 157	15: 60:
25-29 years	11.4	121,613	275	1,090	1,338	2,737	8,414	13,854	27,013	75,928 45,888	26,778	6,446	1,064	215	35
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	18:
		18.340	40	159	232	500	1.394	2.325	3.586	6.211	4.215	1,494	365	80	64
35-39 years 40-44 years	12.7 12.6	18,340 4,048	40 5	159 32	232 45	500 116	1,394 309	2,325 507	3,586 790	6,211 1,337	4,215 961	1,494 322	365 93	80 26	64

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{Equivalents}$  of the gram weight in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:

Sour grams or less = 1 lb 1 oz or less 501-1,000 grams = 1 lb 2 oz - 2 lb 3 oz 1,001-1,500 grams = 2 lb 4 oz - 3 lb 4 oz 1,501-2,500 grams = 3 lb 5 oz - 4 lb 6 oz 2,001-2,500 grams = 4 lb 7 oz - 5 lb 8 oz 2,501-3,000 grams = 5 lb 9 oz - 6 lb 9 oz 3,501-3,500 grams = 6 lb 10 oz - 7 lb 11 oz 3,501-4,000 grams = 7 lb 12 oz - 8 lb 13 oz 4,001-4,500 grams = 8 lb 14 oz - 9 lb 14 oz 5,001 grams = 9 lb 15 oz - 11 lb 0 oz 5,001 grams or more = 11 lb 1 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]

		Numl	per <sup>1</sup>				0 unmarr		Ratio per 1,000 live births			
Age of mother	All races	10/15/4-	All other Total Black		All	White	All c	ther	All	White	Allo	ther
	All Taces	White	Total	Biack	races	vvnite	Total	Black	races	vviiite	Total	Black
All ages	543,900	233,600	310,200	293,400	<sup>2</sup> 26.2	<sup>2</sup> 13.9	<sup>2</sup> 78.7	<sup>2</sup> 83.1	163.2	87.1	475.6	532.0
Under 15 years	9,400 239,700 21,400 40,200 54,900 62,200 186,500 70,000 26,500 9,400 2,300	108,500 8,900 18,200 25,400 28,300 27,600 77,000 28,300 11,400	6,100 131,200 12,500 22,100 29,400 33,900 33,400 109,500 41,800 5,200 5,200	5,900 125,200 12,000 21,100 28,100 32,300 31,700 103,500 38,900 14,000 4,800	19.5	13.8 10.5 19.5 18.5 15.2 9.6 4.8 31.3	83.9 64.9 116.3 107.6 80.1 44.6 18.3 35.6	90.3 70.3 124.3 114.2 83.5 45.0 18.2 36.1	872.6 441.1 741.4 619.2 504.2 410.4 322.4 163.7 69.0 55.9 96.3	731.4 285.5 564.9 446.3 341.3 261.9 195.7 84.2 32.9 28.4 41.2 59.6	974.4 803.2 953.7 915.2 853.4 779.7 693.5 487.2 269.7 207.9 213.9	972,3 829.1 958.1 927.3 877.1 808.9 724.6 526.1 319.9 261.7 261.7 279,3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Due to rounding estimates to nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals.

<sup>2</sup>Rates computed by relating total births to unmarried mothers, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women aged 15-44 years.

<sup>3</sup>Rates computed by relating births to unmarried mothers age 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years.

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]

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	Total, second			Live	birth orde	r		
Interval since last live birth and race	and higher order births <sup>1</sup>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 and over
All races <sup>2</sup>	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	359	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	4,019	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	1,003	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		713	839
60-71 months	86,339	47,730	25,679	7,783	2,812	1,497 1,180	555	600
72 months and over	201,114	93,969	63,714	24,971	10,491	4,265		1,703
Not stated	82,080	48,975	19,501	7,483	3,105	1,333	2,001 732	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	989 597
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
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Excludes not stated birth order.

NOTE: Excludes data for Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas, which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

# \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]

Vege of school completed		Mother			Father	
Years of school completed	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	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

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ 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]

Age of mother and race	Total		Years of	f school comp	leted by mo	ther	
	Total	ı					
		0-8	9-11	12	13-15	16 years	Not
1		years	years	years	years	or more	stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	3,013,669	167,478	602,171	1,278,724	517,130	386,620	61,546
Jnder 15 years	9,580	6,543	2,591	-	•		446
15-19 years	485,790	38,554	261,566	159,796	14,728	137	11,009
15 years	25,663	6,894	17,828	156	-	-	785
16 years	57,838	6,748	48,229	1,337	33	-	1,491
17 years	97,092	7,257	72,184	15,151	254	-	2,246
18 years	135,690	8,386	65,438	56,222	2,671	-	2,973
19 years	169,507	9,269	57,887	86,930	11,770	137	3,514
20-24 years	1,026,216	48,003	199,790	539,769	178,743	40,197	19,714
25-29 years	922,582	36,058	82,990	377,659	214,565	193,791	17,519
30-34 years	432,685	23,190	36,730	151,863	87,246	124,253	9,403
35-39 years	115,240	11,244	14,846	41,870	19,015	25,414	2,851
10 years and over	21,576	3,886	3,658	7,767	2,833	2,828	604
White	2,409,530	133,815	419,971	1,042,101	428,198	339,241	46,204
Jnder 15 years	3,828	2,748	894	_			186
5-19 years	334,875	30,150	175,008	113,627	8,894	96	7,100
15 years	13,494	4,232	8,803	76	-		383
16 years	35,554	5,000	28,889	768	30	_	8
17 years	65,253	5,914	48,190	9,557	141	-	1,4
18 years	95,448	7,081	46,399	38,572	1,457	-	1,935
19 years	125,126	7,923	42,727	64,654	7,266	96	2,460
20-24 years	818,695	40,806	147,164	441,387	141,362	33,235	14,741
25-29 years	778,798	29,701	58,963	318,797	185,050	172,287	14,000
30-34 years	364,421	18,676	25,688	127,750	74,847	109,956	7,504
35-39 years	92,401	8,818	9,975	34,313	15,709	21,359	2,227
0 years and over	16,512	2,916	2,279	6,227	2,336	2,308	446
Black	513,297	26,851	166,004	207,953	71,787	28,380	12,322
Jnder 15 years	5,585	3,682	1,657	-	-		246
5-19 years	140,020	7,503	80,684	42,827	5,415	33	3,558
15 years	11,662	2,503	8,701	77		-	381
16 years	21,047	1,607	18,307	545	3	-	585
17 years	29,717	1,192	22,392	5,318	108	-	707
18 years	37,095	1,104	17,443	16,483	1,124	_ 1	941
19 years	40,499	1,097	13,841	20,404	4,180	33	944
0-24 years	182,566	5,422	47,430	87,438	32,605	5,554	4,117
5-29 years	113,468	4,345	20,951	49,936	22,449	13,195	2,592
80-34 years	50,260	3,281	9,666	20,016	8,698	7,286	1,313
95-39 years	17.339	1,877	4,353	6.423	2,254	2,031	401
0 years and over	4.059	741	1,263	1,313	366	2,031	95

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ 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.

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]

			Vears	f school comp	leted by me	other	-
Live-birth order and race	Total		1 6015 0	1 SCHOOL COMP	neten by mi	, <del>.</del>	
Live-birth order and race	lotai	0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	3,013,669	167,478	602,171	1,278,724	517,130	386,620	61,546
First child	1,267,304 960,998 448,836 170,864 68,383 30,866 15,720 19,546 31,152	52,866 41,879 28,592 17,238 9,947 5,906 3,809 6,480 761	258,395 168,073 92,089 42,214 18,782 8,941 4,568 5,520 3,589	526,218 431,846 198,603 70,365 25,368 10,201 4,695 4,842 6,586	226,164 172,553 75,201 25,014 8,863 3,480 1,575 1,478 2,802	183,035 133,040 47,720 13,238 4,102 1,710 716 656 2,403	20,626 13,607 6,631 2,795 1,321 628 357 570 15,011
White	2,409,530	133,815	419,971	1,042,101	428,198	339,241	46,204
First child Second child Third child Fourth child Fifth child Sixth child Seventh child Eighth child and over Not stated  Black	1,028,098 784,783 354,297 127,254 48,484 21,002 10,362 11,964 23,286 513,297	41,299 35,415 23,633 13,809 7,776 4,336 2,720 4,320 507 26,851	184,971 123,350 63,379 26,388 10,788 4,705 2,244 2,192 1,954	438,188 355,538 158,246 53,304 18,376 7,204 3,264 3,302 4,679	187,512 143,528 62,491 20,154 7,009 2,808 1,257 1,212 2,227	160,545 116,738 41,768 11,655 3,639 1,535 640 585 2,136	15,583 10,214 4,780 1,944 896 414 237 353 11,783
First child	201,218 147,511 81,194 38,286 17,635 8,760 4,745 6,725 7,223	9,742 4,589 3,731 2,726 1,812 1,298 897 1,824 232	66,825 40,289 26,169 14,589 7,349 3,914 2,150 3,122 1,597	76,337 67,112 35,820 15,211 6,275 2,689 1,293 1,394 1,822	30,930 23,304 10,375 4,045 1,560 578 275 214 506	13,407 9,614 3,619 1,038 304 122 44 49 183	3,977 2,603 1,480 677 335 159 86 122 2,883

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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.

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]

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			Wonth of	pregnancy p	renatai care	began	
Age of mother and race	Total	1st and	3d	4th-6th	7th-9th	No	Not
		2d	month	month	month	prenatal	stated
		month				care	
All races <sup>1</sup>	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 years	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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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

[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]

					Mont	h prenatal c	are began				
Race	Total	1st and 2d month	3d month	4th month	5th month	6th month	7th month	8th month	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	2,661,547 550,680	1,334,917 187,910	675,909 126,437	248,828 78,008	125,178 50,580	71,896 30,682	47,659 18,671	27,753 10,560	11,740 4,462	28,167 15,070	89,500 28,300

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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]

							Number of p	prenatal visit	S				
Race	Total	No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	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
White	2,424,269 499,663	21,524 13,268	32,140 19,453	71,224 37,390	155,892 60,945	282,700 74,834	529,706 98,876	669,730 88,345	305,556 34,566	159,188 21,938	33,365 5,142	37,153 7,167	126,091 37,739

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

							Number of s	orenatal visi	ts				
Month of pregnancy prenatal care began and race	Total	No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	19 visits or more	Not stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	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	1,428,399 753,250 571,133 113,885 36,190	36,190	5,298 4,533 16,017 26,820	13,470 14,962 51,450 31,794	43,219 50,184 103,942 25,917	116,659 105,140 131,525 14,293	287,967 210,815 138,830 6,636	484,352 216,381 72,867 2,771	245,171 79,103 23,103 958	134,475 38,000 11,974 562	28,974 7,794 2,464 86	33,225 8,364 3,370 173	35,589 17,974 15,591 3,875
Not stated	114,209 2,424,269	21,524	1,690 32,140	1,951 71,224	2,418 155,892	2,737 282,700	3,830 529,706	3,329 669,730	1,415 305,556	785 159,188	188 33,365	257 37,153	95,609 126,091
1st and 2d month	1,220,881 616,164 404,841 77,023 21,524 83,836	21,524	3,248 2,648 8,654 16,617	8,701 9,322 30,761 21,299-	31,434 35,657 69,177 18,054	92,921 83,132 94,408 10,292	244,197 174,206 103,490 4,900 - 2,913	424,020 184,393 56,564 2,004 - 2,749	217,072 68,429 18,125 732 1,198	117,714 31,589 8,854 404 627	25,010 6,353 1,793 61 - 148	27,959 6,520 2,367 110 - 197	28,605 13,915 10,648 2,550 70,373
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 2d month	169,384 114,184 144,855 31,048 13,268 26,924	13,268	1,819 1,687 6,637 8,676	4,173 5,030 18,621 8,877	10,266 12,705 30,682 6,553	20,323 18,520 32,096 3,241	36,190 30,397 30,094 1,431 - 764	47,771 25,635 13,785 664 - 490	21,547 8,469 4,180 187 -	13,593 5,321 2,757 138	3,266 1,223 599 23 - 31	4,504 1,638 912 57	5,932 3,559 4,492 1,201 22,555

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: Excludes 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,

Table 22, LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, 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]

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Period of gestation		500				_	Birth	weight			Ι	T	
and race	Total	grams or less	501- 1,000 grams	1,001- 1,500 grams	1,501- 2,000 grams	2,001 - 2,500 grams	2,501 3,000 grams	3,001- 3,500 grams	3,501- 4,000 grams	4,001- 4,500 grams	4,501- 5,000 grams	5,001 grams or more	Not stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	3,035,101	2,900	13,359	19,128	41,279	137,949	51 2,267	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	758	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	72,448	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	1	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

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ 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 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

					·		Apg	ar score					
Race	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Not stated
1-minute Apgar score <sup>1,2</sup>	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
WhiteBlack	1,954,726 353,978	1,498 670	9,015 3,358	11,006 3,550	13,637 3,975	19,944 5,067	35,930 8,252	70,039 13,670	183,314 31,625		803,327 146,285	97,717 18,755	113,176 24,219
5-minute Apgar score <sup>1,3</sup>	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	1,923,984 357,185	1,860 828	3,137 1,408	2,515 1,148	2,592 1,041	3,415 1,234	6,663 2,390	13,130 3,942	31,005 7,966		924,801 162,896	687,726 123,391	113,647 23,150

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.
<sup>2</sup>Total of 39 reporting States. Excludes data for Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington.
<sup>3</sup>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.

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# 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		5-minute Apgar score											
and race	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Not stated
All races <sup>1</sup>	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 12,580 14,764 18,009 25,490 44,955 85,143 219,980 708,397 963,056 116,913	1,117 597 159 53 30 25 38 95 235 462 31	272 3,124 584 197 68 55 31 48 79 120 15	182 1,161 1,516 308 135 80 70 69 77 67 10	145 1,094 1,041 796 134 128 75 99 78 48 6	91 1,128 1,327 950 579 145 128 155 156 53 6	81 1,343 1,821 2,118 1,527 1,093 236 328 319 209 25 122	52 1,188 2,389 3,137 3,972 3,374 1,863 496 514 263 17	41 994 2,036 3,721 5,677 9,503 10,024 5,183 1,448 673 37 501	52 804 1,924 3,589 6,931 14,514 32,462 59,619 40,976 2,716 262 1,679	98 688 1,388 2,442 5,291 13,295 33,877 132,035 537,019 387,503 1,378 9,491	65 123 217 403 832 2,325 5,692 20,493 123,110 561,397 112,651 2,940	62 336 362 295 314 418 647 1,360 4,386 9,545 2,475 121,478
Not stated	136,615	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 8,835 10,825 13,463 19,676 35,490 69,221 181,747 589,688 787,308 95,801 109,029	674 420 125 34 15 16 22 67 157 278 26 26	194 2.093 392 135 45 40 20 29 60 85 12 30	134 775 1,049 202 77 58 41 43 55 44 4 31	115 765 738 556 95 83 52 74 60 28 5 30	67 808 959 696 411 95 83 116 115 38 3 24	62 954 1,323 1,512 1,129 774 165 232 244 160 20 86	39 846 1,799 2,230 2,995 2,611 1,450 356 376 181 11 137 3,828	33 722 1,512 2,779 4,407 7,359 8,013 4,086 1,166 529 32 349 7,708	28 598 1,439 2,761 5,397 11,439 25,972 48,246 33,709 2,309 213 1,278 27,015		42 94 166 328 666 1,872 4,758 17,437 105,099 462,329 92,388 2,284 121,654	45 243 250 205 228 309 493 1,081 3,478 7,433 1,961 97,701 22,780
0	667 3,312 3,502 3,939 5,016 8,156 13,516 31,407 93,858 144,201 18,615 23,148	406 153 34 17 11 8 14 19 51 107 4	66 931 173 59 20 15 11 16 26 3	45 350 434 94 52 20 24 26 21 21 4	28 302 277 219 32 49 22 24 17 18 1	23 280 337 221 150 43 41 36 40 13 3	19 357 460 526 352 288 65 -78 71 45 3 28	11 290 529 695 870 676 375 129 123 72 5	8 239 441 824 1,110 1,891 1,753 938 242 121 5 136		15 125 258 428 885 2,042 4,693 17,806 71,899 58,068 220 2,133	17 19 44 65 143 387 822 2,562 15,006 84,097 17,957 535	13 88 93 78 72 88 110 205 529 1,261 365 19,878

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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.