

Births: Final Data for 2020

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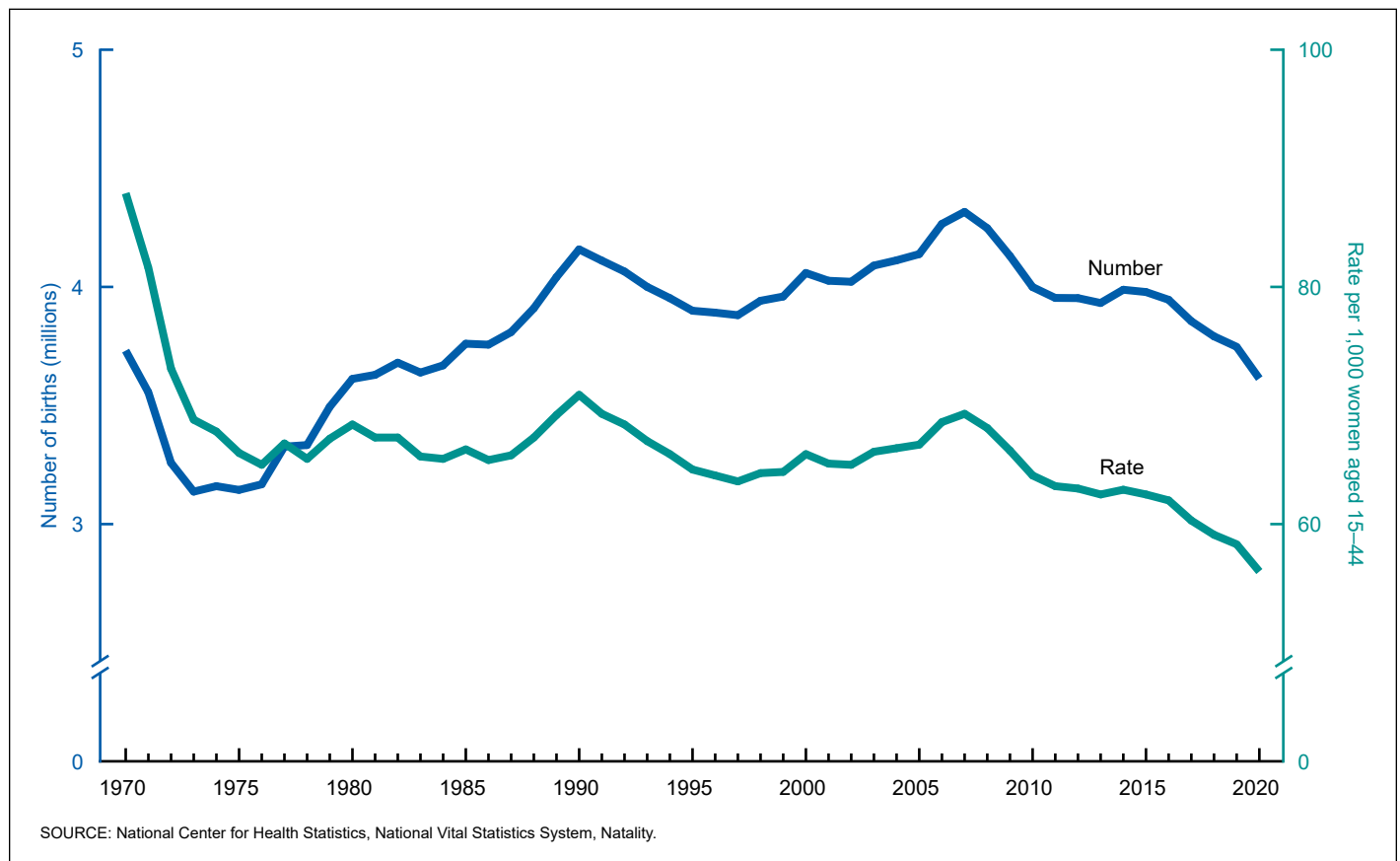
Abstract

Objectives—This report presents 2020 data on U.S. births according to a wide variety of characteristics. Trends in fertility patterns and maternal and infant characteristics are described and interpreted.

Methods—Descriptive tabulations of data reported on the birth certificates of the 3.61 million births that occurred in 2020

are presented. Data are presented for maternal age, live-birth order, race and Hispanic origin, marital status, tobacco use, prenatal care, source of payment for the delivery, method of delivery, gestational age, birthweight, and plurality. Selected data by mother’s state of residence and birth rates by age also are shown. Trend data for 2010 to 2020 are presented for selected items. Trend data by race and Hispanic origin are shown for 2016–2020.

Figure 1. Live births and general fertility rates: United States, 1970–2020



Results—A total of 3,613,647 births were registered in the United States in 2020, down 4% from 2019. The general fertility rate declined by 4% from 2019 to 56.0 births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in 2020. The birth rate for females aged 15–19 fell 8% between 2019 and 2020. Birth rates declined for women aged 20–44 from 2% to 5% between 2019 and 2020. The total fertility rate declined to 1,641.0 births per 1,000 women in 2020. Birth rates declined for both married and unmarried women from 2019 to 2020. The percentage of women who began prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy rose to 77.7% in 2020; the percentage of all women who smoked during pregnancy declined to 5.5%. The cesarean delivery rate increased to 31.8% in 2020. Medicaid was the source of payment for 42.0% of all 2020 births. The preterm birth rate declined to 10.09% in 2020 from 10.23% in 2019; the rate of low birthweight declined from 2019 to 8.24%. The twin birth rate declined 3% to 32.1 per 1,000 births, and the triplet and higher-order multiple birth rate declined 9% to 79.6 per 100,000 births from 2019 to 2020.

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Introduction

This report presents detailed data on numbers and characteristics of births in 2020, birth and fertility rates, maternal demographic and health characteristics, medical and health care utilization, source of payment for the delivery, and infant health characteristics. Reports of provisional birth statistics for 2020 presented overall and monthly data on selected topics based on a sample of nearly all (99.87%) 2020 births (1–3); a National Center for Health Statistics Data Brief presented selected characteristics based on final data for 2020 births (4).

In addition to the tabulations included in this report, more detailed analysis is possible by using the annual natality public-use file. The data file may be downloaded from https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/Vitalstatsonline.htm (5). The public-use file does not include geographic detail; a file with this information may be available by request (6). Birth data may also be accessed through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER). WONDER is a user-friendly web system that makes several CDC information resources available to public health professionals and the public (7).

2003 revision of U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth

Starting in 2016, all 50 states, the District of Columbia (D.C.), Puerto Rico, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and U.S. Virgin Islands reported data based on the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. American Samoa continued to report based on the 1989 birth certificate revision.

Detailed tables of many topics are included in this report. Internet-only tables on a number of additional topics, such as births by attendant and place and delivery, mean age of mother by live-birth order, maternal prepregnancy body mass index,

infections during pregnancy, and maternal morbidity, are also available; see [List of Internet Tables](#). For information on data quality, see reports that assessed the quality of selected medical and health data from the 2003 revised birth certificate and the "User Guide to the 2020 Natality Public Use File" (8–10).

Methods

Data shown in this report are based on 100% of the birth certificates registered in all states and D.C. More than 99% of births occurring in the United States are registered (10). Tables showing data by state also provide separate information for Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. These areas, however, are not included in totals for the United States. Data for American Samoa were not available for 2020.

The 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth allows the reporting of more than one race (multiple races) for each parent (11), according to the revised standards issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1997 (12). Starting in 2016, all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and U.S. Virgin Islands reported race data according to these 1997 OMB standards that allow for the reporting of a minimum of five race categories either by single race (reported alone) or in combination (more than one race or multiple races) (12). The race and Hispanic-origin groups shown in this report follow the 1997 standards and differ from the bridged-race categories shown in most previous reports that are based on data from 2015 and earlier (13). The categories are non-Hispanic single-race White, non-Hispanic single-race Black or African American, non-Hispanic single-race American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), non-Hispanic single-race Asian, non-Hispanic single-race Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI), and Hispanic; for brevity, text references to non-Hispanic White or non-Hispanic Black women omit the term "single race." Because single-race data are not available for the entire United States prior to 2016, only race data for 2016–2020 are shown in this report; for more information on differences between single- and bridged-race groups, see "Births: Final Data for 2016" (14).

Race and Hispanic origin are reported independently on the birth certificate, and reporting of Hispanic-origin ethnicity was not affected by the change to the 1997 OMB standards. Most tables in this report show data for the categories non-Hispanic single-race White, non-Hispanic single-race Black, and Hispanic. Selected tables also include data for the categories non-Hispanic single-race AIAN, non-Hispanic single-race Asian, and non-Hispanic single-race NHOPI. Data are also presented in some tables for specific Hispanic groups: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central and South American, and Other and unknown Hispanic (includes Hispanic origins not categorized, including Spaniards). Prior to 2018, data for the Dominican subgroup had been included in the category "Other and unknown Hispanic."

Trend tables included in the detailed tables for this report include the years 2010–2020; see [List of Detailed Tables](#). Longer-term trends previously shown in this report series can be found in earlier-year reports (for example, "Births: Final Data for 2015") (13).

In this report, the total number of births includes births to women up to age 64. In tables that include age of mother, the oldest age groups shown (40–54, 45–49, 45–54, or 50–54) include births to mothers up to age 64 (births to mothers 55–64 are recategorized to ages 50–54).

For information on levels of incomplete reporting by state, see the 2020 User Guide (10). For information on the measurement of data items shown in this report, and the Internet tables, imputation techniques used, computation of derived statistics, and definitions of terms, see the 2020 User Guide (10).

Demographic Characteristics (Tables 1–12)

Births and birth rates

Number of births

In 2020, 3,613,647 births were registered in the United States, down 4% (or 133,893) from 2019 (Table 1, Figure 1). The number of births has declined by an average of 2% per year since 2014. Before that year, the number of births declined steadily from 2007 to 2013 (13). The number of births in 2020 is the lowest since 1980 (13).

Among the race and Hispanic-origin groups, the number of births declined 2% for Hispanic, 3% for non-Hispanic Black, and 4% for non-Hispanic White women from 2019 to 2020 (Tables 1, 3, and 6). Births declined 6% for non-Hispanic AIAN women and 8% for non-Hispanic Asian women in 2020. The decline in the number of births for non-Hispanic NHOPI women (1%) was not

significant. Among the specified Hispanic groups, births declined 2%–3% for Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Dominican women, 6% for women of other and unknown Hispanic origin, and increased 3% for Central and South American women in 2020 (Tables 4 and 7).

Fertility rate

The **general fertility rate** (GFR) for the United States in 2020 was 56.0 births per 1,000 females aged 15–44, down 4% from 2019 (58.3) and another record low rate for the nation (Table 1) (13,15). The rate has declined an average of 2% per year since increasing in 2014. From 2007 to 2013, the GFR declined steadily (13).

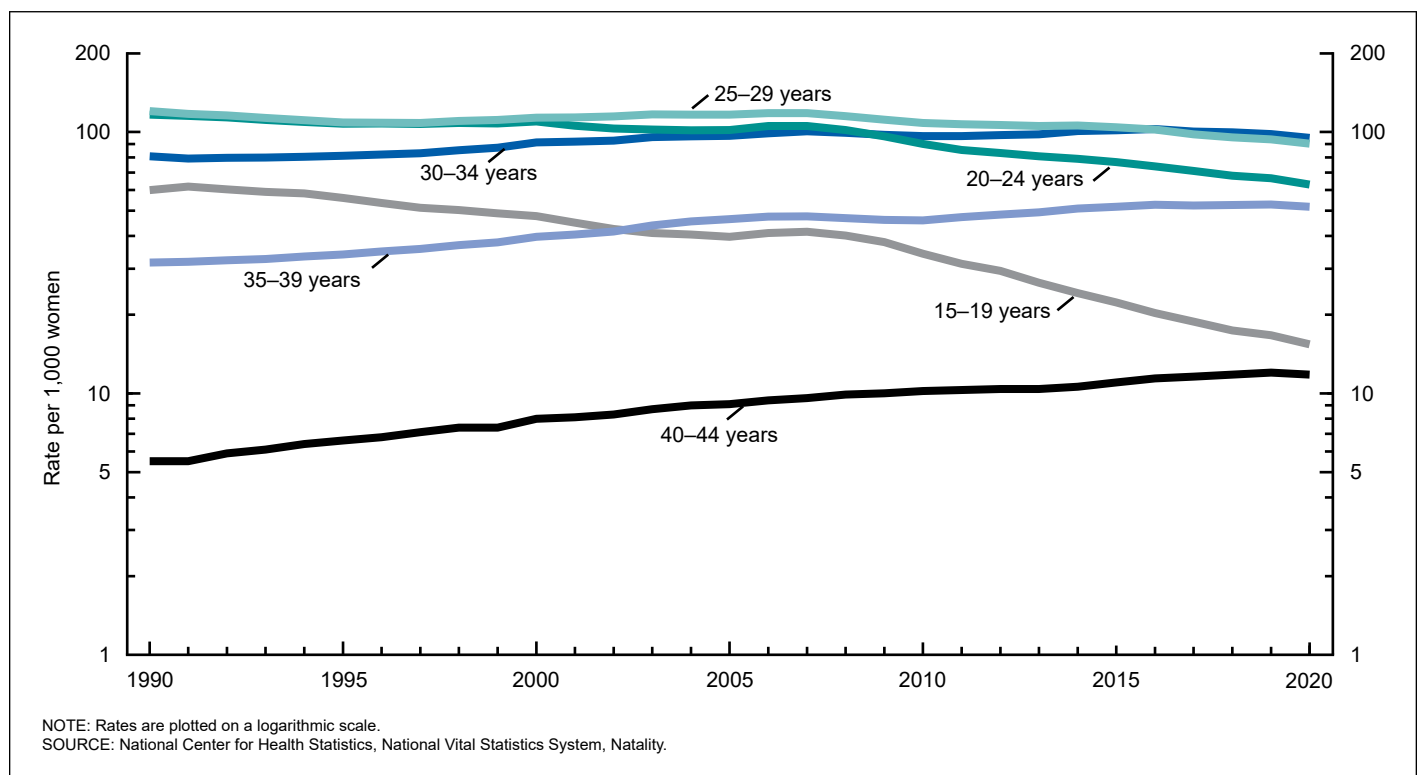
Among the race and Hispanic-origin groups, the GFR declined for all groups in 2020, down 3% for non-Hispanic NHOPI and Hispanic, 4% for non-Hispanic White and non-Hispanic Black, 6% for non-Hispanic AIAN, and 8% for non-Hispanic Asian females from 2019 to 2020.

Age of mother

Birth rates declined for females in age groups 15–44 and were unchanged for the youngest (aged 10–14 years) and the oldest (aged 45–49) females from 2019 to 2020.

Teenagers—The birth rate for females aged 15–19 in the United States in 2020 was 15.4 births per 1,000, down 8% from 2019 (16.7) and another record low (Table 2, Figure 2) (13,15,16). Since 2009, the teen birth rate has fallen to a new low each year. The rate for this group has declined 63% since 2007 (41.5), the most recent high, and 75% since the 1991

Figure 2. Birth rates, by selected age of mother: United States, 1990–2020



high (61.8). The number of births to teenagers aged 15–19 was 158,043 in 2020, down 8% from 2019 (171,674) (17).

The 2020 birth rates for teenagers aged 15–17 and 18–19 were 6.3 and 28.9 births per 1,000 females, respectively, down 6% and 7% from 2019, record lows for both groups. Rates for these age groups have fallen 71% and 60%, respectively, since 2007, and by 84% and 69% since 1991. The birth rate for females aged 10–14 was unchanged in 2020 at 0.2 births per 1,000 females.

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, the birth rates for teenagers aged 15–19 declined for all groups, down 5% for non-Hispanic Black females, 7% for Hispanic females, 9% for non-Hispanic White females, 12% for non-Hispanic AIAN females, 14% for non-Hispanic NHOPI females, and 15% for non-Hispanic Asian females from 2019 to 2020.

Women in their 20s—The birth rate for women aged 20–24 was 63.0 births per 1,000 women in 2020, down 5% from 2019 (66.6), and another record low (Table 2) (13,15). The rate for women in this age group has declined steadily since 2006. The number of births to women in their early 20s declined 6% from 2019 (17). The rate for women aged 25–29 was 90.2 births per 1,000 women, down 4% from 2019 (93.7). The rate for women in this age group has declined for all but 1 year since 2007 (Table 2) (13). The number of births to women aged 25–29 was down by 5% from 2019 to 2020 (see Tables 3 and 4 for 2020 data) (17).

Women in their 30s—The birth rate for women aged 30–34 was 94.9 births per 1,000 women in 2020, down 3% from 2019 (98.3) and the fourth straight annual decline in the rate (13,15). The 2020 rate for women aged 30–34 was higher than the rate for women aged 25–29 for the fifth year since reliable national records were available (1940) (13,15). The number of births to women aged 30–34 declined 2% from 2019 to 2020. The birth rate for women aged 35–39 was 51.8 births per 1,000 women in 2020, down 2% from 2019 (52.8) (Table 2). The number of births to women aged 35–39 declined 1% in 2020 (see Tables 3 and 4 for 2020 data) (17).

Women in their 40s—The birth rate for women aged 40–44 was 11.8 births per 1,000 women in 2020, down 2% from 2019 (12.0) (Table 2); this decline marks the first in the rate for this group since 1981 (13,15). The number of births to women in their early 40s was essentially unchanged from 2019 to 2020. The birth rate for women aged 45–49 (includes births to women aged 50 and over) was 0.9 births per 1,000 women in 2020, unchanged from 2019. The number of births to women aged 45 and over declined 4% from 2019 to 2020. Births to women aged 50 and over are also discussed separately.

Women aged 50 and over—There were 995 births to women aged 50 and over in 2020, down from 1,073 in 2019, a nonsignificant decline (Table 3) (17). The number of births to women in this age group has generally increased since 1997 (when 144 were reported). The birth rate for women aged 50–54 was unchanged at 1.0 births per 10,000 women in 2020. Because of the small number of births to women in this age group, the birth rate for women aged 50–54 is expressed per 10,000 women. For rates shown elsewhere in this report, births to women aged 50 and over are included with births to women

aged 45–49 when computing birth rates by age of mother (the denominator for the rate is women aged 45–49).

Live-birth order

The first-birth rate for the United States was 21.4 births per 1,000 females aged 15–44 in 2020, down 3% from 2019 (22.0) (see Tables 3 and 4 for the number of births and Table 5 for birth rates). Declines were seen for most age groups. First-birth rates declined for females in their teens (down 6% for females aged 15–19), 20s (down 3% for women aged 20–24 and 2% for women aged 25–29), early 30s (down 1% for women aged 30–34), and early 40s (down 4% for women aged 40–44). The rate for women aged 45–49 declined to 0.2 births in 2020 from 0.3 in 2019. The first-birth rate for females aged 10–14 was unchanged in 2020, and the rate for women aged 35–39 rose 1% (17).

Mean age of mother

In 2020, the mean age of mothers at first birth was 27.1 years, an increase from 27.0 in 2019, and another record high for the nation (Tables 11, 12, and I-6) (13,15). The mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth and is computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother. The increase in the mean age in 2020 reflects, in part, the decline in the number of first births to females in their teens and 20s (17).

Mean age at first birth increased for nearly all race and Hispanic-origin groups in 2020, rising to 23.8 years for non-Hispanic AIAN, 25.3 years for Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black, 27.9 for non-Hispanic White, and 30.9 for non-Hispanic Asian women (Tables 11, 12, and I-6) (17). The increase in the average age at first birth for non-Hispanic NHOPI women, 25.0 in 2020, was not significant. Among the specified Hispanic groups, average ages increased to 24.7 years for Mexican, 25.2 for Puerto Rican, 26.3 for Central and South American, and 28.1 for Cuban women (17). The increase in the age at first birth for Dominican women, to 26.1 in 2020, was not significant.

Total fertility rate

The **total fertility rate** (TFR) for the United States in 2020 was 1,641.0 births per 1,000 women, down 4% from 2019 (1,706.0) and another record low for the nation (Table 2). This is the sixth year that the TFR has declined following an increase in 2014. From 2007 to 2013, the rate declined steadily. The TFR estimates the number of births that a hypothetical group of 1,000 women would have over their lifetimes, based on age-specific birth rates in a given year. Because it is calculated from age-specific birth rates, TFR is age adjusted and can be compared for populations across time, population groups, and geographic areas.

Among the race and Hispanic-origin groups, the TFR declined for nearly all groups in 2020, down 3% for non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic women, 4% for non-Hispanic White women, 6% for non-Hispanic AIAN women, and 8% for non-Hispanic Asian women. The decline in the rate for non-Hispanic NHOPI women (2%) was not significant.

The TFR for the nation in 2020 remained below “replacement,” the level at which a given generation can exactly replace itself (generally considered to be 2,100 births per 1,000 women). The U.S. TFR has generally been below replacement since 1971 and has consistently been below replacement since 2008 (13,15). The TFR was below replacement for all race and Hispanic-origin groups in 2020, except for non-Hispanic NHOPI women (2,141.5 births) (Table 2).

Births and birth rates by state

The GFR, the number of births per 1,000 females aged 15–44, declined in 48 states and D.C. from 2019 to 2020. Declines of 2% to 3% were reported in 18 states and D.C., of 4% to 5% in 25 states, and of 6% to 7% in 5 states (Florida, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, and Wyoming). GFRs were essentially unchanged in the remaining 2 states (New Hampshire and Rhode Island). Rates among the states ranged from 44.7 births per 1,000 females aged 15–44 in Vermont to 67.4 in North Dakota. (See Tables 6 and 7 for the number of births and Table 8 for birth rates). Among the U.S. territories, the GFR declined in Puerto Rico; declines in Guam and Northern Marianas were not significant. For the number of births by state in 2020, see Tables 6 and 7.

Birth rates for teenagers by state

In 2020, the birth rate for teenagers aged 15–19 declined in 31 states (Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin), with declines ranging from 5% for Pennsylvania and North Carolina to 19% for Montana. Rates were essentially unchanged in the remaining 18 states and D.C. and rose for one state, Maine. Rates among the states ranged from 6.1 births per 1,000 in Massachusetts to 27.9 in Mississippi (Table 8). The wide range in state-specific teen rates is consistent with patterns observed in previous analyses (16,18). Teen birth rates declined for Puerto Rico and were essentially unchanged for Guam and Northern Marianas. Rates among the territories ranged from 15.1 births per 1,000 teenagers in the U.S. Virgin Islands to 33.0 in Guam (Table 8).

Births to unmarried women

The birth rate for unmarried women was 38.6 births per 1,000 unmarried women aged 15–44 in 2020, down 3% from 2019 (39.9) (Table 10). The 2020 nonmarital birth rate was 25% lower than the peak of 51.8 in 2007 and 2008 (13). (See Technical Notes for a description of the adjustments to calculations of rates by marital status beginning with 2017.)

The birth rate for married women also declined in 2020, by 4% to 80.8 per 1,000 married women aged 15–44, from 84.0 in 2019. The marital birth rate declined 4% over the period 2005–2010 but rose 6% from 2010 to 2016 before declining 6% through 2020 (13).

The percentage of all births to unmarried women was 40.5% in 2020, up 1% from 2019 (40.0%) (Table 9) (13). The percentage of all births to unmarried women peaked in 2009 at 41.0% (13,17).

Except for non-Hispanic AIAN women, the percentage of nonmarital births in 2020 increased from 2019 for all race and Hispanic-origin groups: 28.4% for non-Hispanic White, 70.4% for non-Hispanic Black, 12.2% for non-Hispanic Asian, 52.0% for non-Hispanic NHOPI, and 52.8% for Hispanic (Table 9). The percentage for non-Hispanic AIAN women was unchanged at 69.6%. The number of nonmarital births decreased by 2% from 2019 (1,498,113) to 2020 (1,464,121) (17).

Nonmarital birth rates declined from 2019 to 2020 for women in age groups under 35, with the rate for teenagers aged 15–19 dropping 6% (to 14.4 per 1,000 in 2020), and the rate for females aged 15–17 declining to another all-time low (6.3). Conversely, the nonmarital birth rate reached historic peaks for women aged 35–39, to 37.3, and for women aged 40–44, to 11.4.

Differences by race and Hispanic origin and maternal age among states are major contributing factors to the geographic variation in the percentage of births to unmarried mothers (Table I–7). In 2020, the percentages of unmarried births ranged from about one in five births in Utah (19.3%) to more than one in two births in Louisiana (54.5%), Mississippi (55.8%), and New Mexico (53.2%).

Cigarette Smoking Before and During Pregnancy (Tables 13–15)

Of the women who gave birth in 2020, 5.5% reported smoking cigarettes (tobacco only) at some point while pregnant, an 8% decline from 2019 (6.0%) (Table 15) (17). Cigarette smoking was most common earlier in pregnancy: 5.4% of women smoked in their first trimester, 4.6% in their second, and 4.4% in their third. Of the 7.1% of women who reported smoking in the 3 months before becoming pregnant, 23.2% quit smoking before pregnancy (Table 15).

By race and Hispanic origin, 8.1% of non-Hispanic White women reported smoking at some point during pregnancy, down 8% from 2019; 4.5% of non-Hispanic Black women reported smoking at some point during pregnancy, down 6%; 1.4% of Hispanic women reported smoking during pregnancy, down 7% from 2019. See Tables 13 and 14 for 2020 smoking levels among other race and Hispanic-origin groups. Rates of quitting smoking before pregnancy also varied by race and Hispanic origin: 21.3% of non-Hispanic White, 24.8% of non-Hispanic Black, and 37.4% of Hispanic women who smoked during the 3 months prior to pregnancy did not smoke while pregnant.

By maternal age, smoking rates during pregnancy were highest among women aged 20–24 (7.4%), women aged 25–29 (6.3%), and women under age 20 (5.9%). Tobacco use during pregnancy was less common among older women, with 3.6% of women aged 40–54 and 4.1% of women aged 35–39 reporting smoking during pregnancy (Table 15).

Medical and Health Services Utilization and Source of Payment for the Delivery (Tables 13–19)

Use and timing of prenatal care

Among women who gave birth in 2020, 77.7% began prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy, up from 77.6% in 2019. Late (beginning in the third trimester) or no prenatal care decreased in 2020 to 6.2%, from 6.4% in 2019 (Table 16) (17).

Among the largest race and Hispanic-origin groups, prenatal care beginning in the first trimester increased for non-Hispanic Black (from 67.6% in 2019 to 68.4% in 2020) and Hispanic (from 72.1% to 72.3%) women and was unchanged for non-Hispanic White women (82.8%) in 2020 (Table 16) (17). Late or no prenatal care declined for non-Hispanic Black (9.6% to 9.1%) and Hispanic (8.2% to 7.9%) women and was unchanged for non-Hispanic White women (4.5%). Timing of prenatal care continued to vary by race and Hispanic origin in 2020. First trimester care ranged from 51.9% for non-Hispanic NHOPI women to 82.8% for non-Hispanic White women; late or no prenatal care ranged from 4.5% for non-Hispanic White women to 19.6% for non-Hispanic NHOPI women (Table 13).

By age of mother, initiation of prenatal care in the first trimester was higher in 2020 than in 2019 for women in age groups under 30, increasing from 61.1% to 61.5% for women under age 20, from 71.0% to 71.4% for women aged 20–24, and from 77.7% to 77.9% for women aged 25–29. For women in age groups over 30, first trimester care declined from 2019 to 2020: from 82.1% to 82.0% for women aged 30–34, from 81.6% to 81.4% for women aged 35–39, and from 78.3% to 77.6% for women aged 40 and over (Table 16) (17).

Method of delivery

Cesarean delivery

In 2020, the cesarean delivery rate increased to 31.8%, from 31.7% in 2019; the rate had declined in 2018 and 2019 (Table 17). The cesarean delivery rate peaked in 2009 at 32.9%, after increasing every year since 1996 (20.7%) (13).

The cesarean delivery rate increased for each of the three largest race and Hispanic-origin groups, from 30.7% in 2019 to 30.8% in 2020 for non-Hispanic White women, from 35.9% to 36.3% for non-Hispanic Black women, and from 31.3% to 31.4% for Hispanic women (Table 17). Non-Hispanic Black women continued to have the highest cesarean delivery rate (36.3%) in 2020. Tables 13 and 14 show cesarean delivery rates for more detailed race and Hispanic-origin groups.

Changes from 2019 to 2020 in cesarean delivery rates varied by maternal age group (Table 18). Women in their 20s were more likely to have a cesarean delivery in 2020 than in 2019 (25.3% for women aged 20–24, up from 25.1%, and 29.7% for women aged 25–29, up from 29.6%), whereas women aged 35–39 were less likely to have a cesarean delivery (39.7% compared with 40.0%). Rates for other age groups were essentially unchanged. Cesarean delivery continued to be higher among older women

compared with younger mothers; women aged 40 and over were more than twice as likely to deliver by cesarean section (47.3%) than women under age 20 (19.4%).

Low-risk cesarean delivery—The low-risk cesarean delivery rate also increased in 2020, from 25.6% (2019) to 25.9%. The low-risk cesarean delivery rate is cesarean delivery among nulliparous (first birth), term (37 or more completed weeks based on the obstetric estimate), singleton (one fetus), and cephalic (head-first) births. See a recent report (4) for changes in low-risk cesarean delivery by race and Hispanic origin, and see Tables 13, 14, 17, and 18 for details by age and race and Hispanic origin of the mother.

Primary cesarean delivery—In 2020, the primary cesarean delivery rate, which measures cesarean deliveries among women who have not had a previous cesarean delivery, was 21.9%, up from 21.6% in 2019 (Tables 17 and 18).

Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery (VBAC)—The VBAC rate measures vaginal births among women with a previous cesarean delivery. In 2020, 13.9% of women with a previous cesarean delivered vaginally, up 1% from 13.8% in 2019; the rate has increased every year since 2016, when national data became available. See Tables 17 and 18 for details. Changes in VBAC overall and by race and Hispanic origin through 2018 are presented in a separate report (19).

Source of payment for the delivery

The principal source of payment for the delivery of most births in 2020 continued to be either private insurance or Medicaid; however, the percentage of births covered by private insurance increased from 2019 (from 50.2% to 50.6%), and the percentage of births covered by Medicaid declined (from 42.1% to 42.0%). The category “self-pay,” generally considered to indicate uninsured deliveries, accounted for 3.9% of 2020 births, down 7% from 2019. The remainder of births were covered by other insurance (3.5%, unchanged from 2019); other insurance includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity (Table 19) (17).

The percentage of births covered by private insurance increased from 2019 to 2020 for each of the three largest race and Hispanic-origin groups (Table 19) (17). In 2020, the percentage of mothers using private insurance was 30.1% for non-Hispanic Black women and 31.3% for Hispanic women, compared with 63.9% for non-Hispanic White women. The percentage of births covered by Medicaid decreased from 2019 to 2020 for each of the three largest race and Hispanic-origin groups (Table 19) (17). In 2020, Medicaid coverage ranged from 29.3% for non-Hispanic White women to 58.6% for Hispanic women and 64.7% for non-Hispanic Black women. See Tables 13 and 14 for information for additional race and Hispanic-origin groups.

By age of mother, Medicaid as the source of payment increased for women aged 20–24 (62.9% to 63.1%), aged 30–34 (29.6% to 29.9%), aged 35–39 (27.4% to 27.6%), and aged 40–54 (30.0% to 30.6%); it remained unchanged for women aged 25–29 between 2019 and 2020 (Table 19) (17). The percentages of births with Medicaid as the source of payment ranged from 27.6% for women aged 35–39 to 78.4% for women under age 20. Private insurance as the source of payment for the

delivery increased in 2020 for women aged 25–39. Percentages with private insurance ranged from 14.9% for women under age 20 to 65.4% for women aged 35–39 (Table 19).

Infant Health Characteristics (Tables 20–25)

Period of gestation

The U.S. **preterm birth rate** declined 1% in 2020 to 10.09%, from 10.23% in 2019—the first decline in the rate since 2014. The preterm birth rate (percentage of all births delivered at less than 37 completed weeks of gestation) declined steadily from 2007 (10.44%) to 2014 (9.57%) (13), but then rose 7% through 2019 (Table 20). (National data based on the obstetric estimate of gestation are available only from 2007 [20]; see Technical Notes.)

Declines for 2019–2020 were seen among infants born **early preterm** (less than 34 weeks), down from 2.77% to 2.70%, and **late preterm** (34–36 weeks), from 7.46% to 7.40%. The early preterm birth rate is the lowest reported since comparable data have been available (2007); 2020 marks the first decline in the late preterm rate since 2013 (13,20).

Changes in the distribution of births delivered at **term and later** (37 weeks and higher) were also observed from 2019 to 2020. The percentage of infants born early term (37–38 weeks) rose by 2% in 2020, from 27.31% to 27.78%; the full-term (39–40 weeks) birth rate was essentially stable at 57.00%. From 2007 to 2014, the early-term birth rate had generally declined, and the full-term rate had increased (13). Declines were also seen from 2019 to 2020 in late-term (41 weeks) births (5.19% to 4.88%), but post-term (42 weeks and higher) births were unchanged at 0.25% (Table 20). Increases in early-term and declines in late-term births were seen for the three largest race and Hispanic-origin groups for 2019–2020.

Preterm birth rates declined by 2% among births to non-Hispanic White mothers (from 9.26% to 9.10%) and by 1% for births to Hispanic mothers (9.97% to 9.84%) between 2019 and 2020; the change for births to non-Hispanic Black women (14.39% to 14.36%) was not significant (Table 20). For 2020, preterm birth rates for the race and Hispanic-origin groups

ranged from a high of 14.36% among births to non-Hispanic Black mothers to a low of 8.51% among non-Hispanic Asian mothers (Table 13). Preterm levels for the Hispanic subgroups ranged from 9.00% (Cuban) to 11.37% (Puerto Rican) (Table 14).

It can also be important to analyze births in singleton deliveries separately from all births because of the shorter average gestations of multiple births and their accordant potential influence on preterm birth rates (also see “Multiple births” in this report). The 2020 **preterm birth rate for singleton births only** was 8.42%, less than a 1% (0.6%) decline from the 2019 level of 8.47%. From 2007 to 2014, the singleton preterm rate declined from 8.59% to 7.74% but then rose 8% from 2015 (7.82%) to 2019 (see Table for 2020 data) (13,17).

Declines in preterm birth rates were observed in nine states between 2019 and 2020: California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. The rate increased in one state (Alabama) for this period; see Table I–19 for 2020 data.

Birthweight

The percentage of infants born low birthweight (LBW; less than 2,500 grams or 5 pounds, 8 ounces) declined 1%, from 8.31% in 2019 to 8.24% in 2020 (Figure 3). The decline in the LBW rate for 2020 is the first since 2012 (7.99%). The LBW rate had risen 4% from 2014 (8.00%) to 2019 (Tables 22 and 23) (13). From 1990 to 2006, LBW levels rose nearly 20% but then declined from 2007 to 2012 (13).

The **very low birthweight** (VLBW, less than 1,500 grams) rate declined to 1.34% in 2020 from 1.38% in 2019. The VLBW rate is down from a high of 1.49% for 2005–2007 (13). The percentage of **moderately low birthweight** infants (1,500–2,499 grams) was 6.90% in 2020, a nonstatistically significant change from 2019 (6.93%); moderately low birthweight levels for 2016–2020 have matched or surpassed the peak reported for 2006 (6.77%) (Table 22) (13).

Between 2019 and 2020, LBW rates declined among births to non-Hispanic White (6.89% to 6.84%) and Hispanic (7.55% to 7.40%) women but were not significantly changed among non-Hispanic Black women (14.15% to 14.19%). Since 2016, LBW rates have declined 2% for non-Hispanic White women (from 6.97%) but have increased 4% for non-Hispanic Black

Table. Gestational age and birthweight characteristics by plurality: United States, 2020

Plurality	Number of births	Percent			
		Early preterm ¹	Preterm ²	Very low birthweight ³	Low birthweight ⁴
All births	3,613,647	2.7	10.09	1.34	8.24
Singleton	3,498,335	2.11	8.42	1.06	6.68
Twin	112,437	19.19	59.94	8.97	54.77
Triplet	2,738	65.78	98.72	35.79	95.17
Quadruplet	108	89.81	93.52	71.30	93.52
Quintuplet and higher-order multiples	29	100.00	100.00	86.21	100.00

¹Early preterm is less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

²Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

³Very low birthweight is less than 1,500 grams.

⁴Low birthweight is less than 2,500 grams.

(from 13.68%) women. The rate for births to Hispanic women rose 3% from 2016 (7.32%) to 2019 before falling in 2020 (Table 22). See Tables 13, 14, I-21, and I-22 for 2020 VLBW and LBW rates by state and by race and Hispanic origin.

The LBW rate among **singleton births only** was essentially unchanged in 2020 at 6.68% compared with 6.67% in 2019 (Figure 3) (17); see the Table for 2020 data. It can be informative to examine births in singleton deliveries separately because multiple births tend to be born smaller than singleton births, and changes in multiple-birth incidence can influence overall LBW levels. For 2019–2020, for example, whereas the total LBW rate declined, the singleton LBW rate was unchanged, indicating that the decline in total LBW is attributable to changes in the multiple birth rate or to changes in LBW rates among multiple births; see “Multiple births” section.

Multiple births

The 2020 **twin birth rate** was 31.1 twins per 1,000 births, a 3% decline from the 2019 rate of 32.1, and down 8% from the 2014 high of 33.9 (Figure 4, Tables 24 and 25). The twinning rate (births in twin deliveries per 1,000 total births) rose 76% from 1980 to 2009 (from 18.9 to 33.2 per 1,000), was generally stable from 2009 to 2012, and then rose for 2013 and 2014 before beginning to decline. The 2020 rate is the lowest in almost two decades (the 2002 rate was 31.1) (13).

The **triplet and higher-order multiple birth rate** (triplet/+) was 79.6 per 100,000 births for 2020, a 9% decline from 2019 (87.7). The 2020 rate of triplet/+ births is down 59% from the

1998 peak (193.5) and the lowest rate in three decades (13). The triplet/+ birth rate (number of triplets, quadruplets, and quintuplets and other higher-order multiples per 100,000 births) rose more than 400% from 1980 to 1998 (Tables 24 and 25) (13).

There were 112,437 **infants born in twin deliveries** in 2020, a decline of 7% from the number in 2019 (Table 25) and the lowest number of twins since 1999 (13). The **number of triplet/+** infants born in 2020, 2,875, was down 13% from 2019 (3,286) and down 62% since 2003 when 7,663 triplet/+ births were reported (13). The 2020 number was the lowest reported since 1990 and included 2,738 triplets, 108 quadruplets, and 29 quintuplet and higher-order multiple births. See the Table for the number of births and percentages of preterm and LBW births by specified plurality.

Twin birth rates declined among non-Hispanic White women by 2% (from 33.4 to 32.6 per 1,000) and Hispanic women by 3% (24.6 to 23.9) from 2019 to 2020, but rates were essentially unchanged among non-Hispanic Black women (40.9 to 40.7). Triplet/+ birth rates were down for each race and Hispanic-origin group: 7% among non-Hispanic White women (97.3 to 90.3), 9% among non-Hispanic Black women (107.5 to 98.3), and 15% for Hispanic women (66.6 to 56.3) (Table 24; also see Tables 13 and 14 for 2020 twin and triplet/+ rates for additional race and Hispanic-origin groups). For state-specific twin and triplet/+ rates, see Table I-23.

Figure 3. Total and singleton low birthweight rates: United States, 2019 and 2020

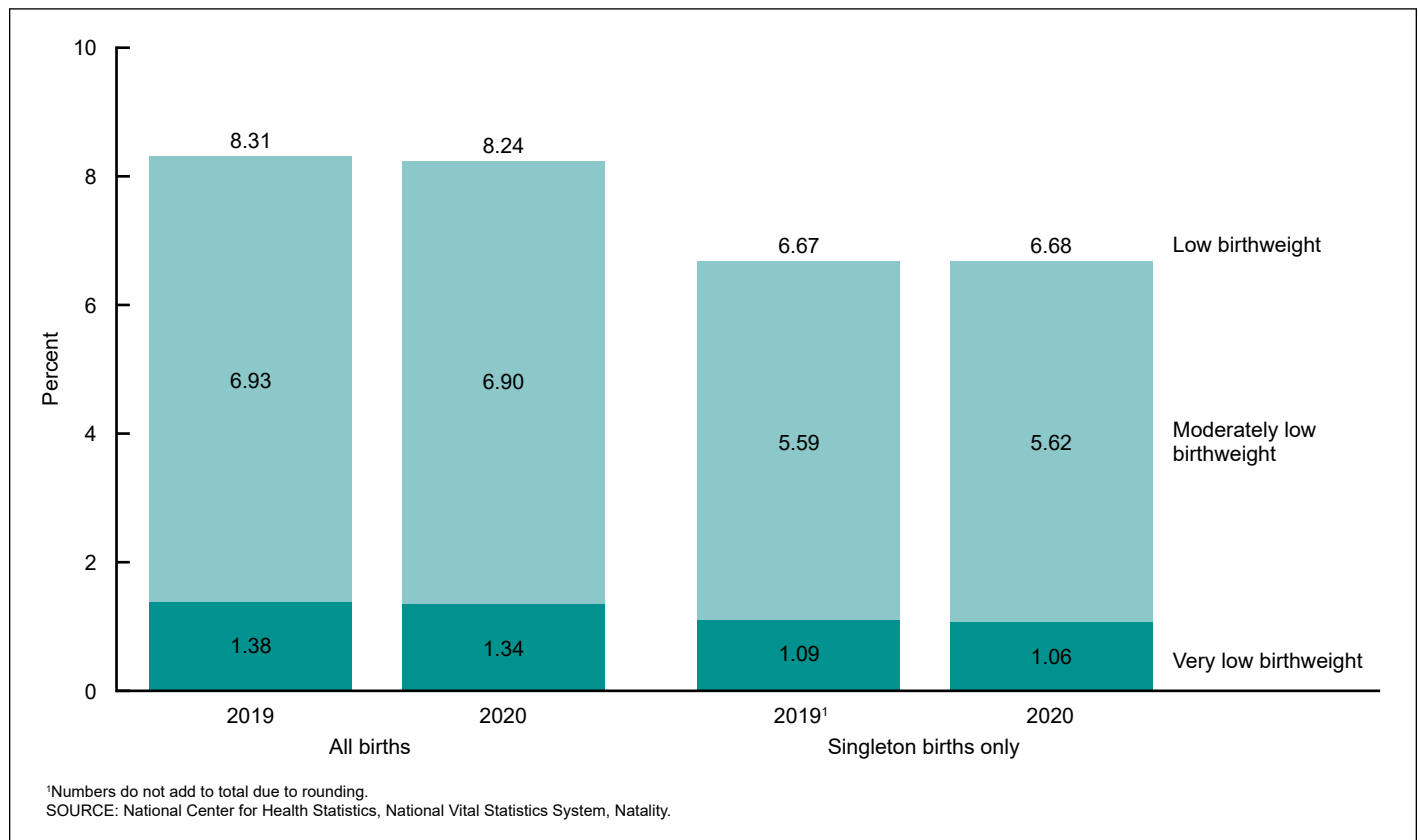
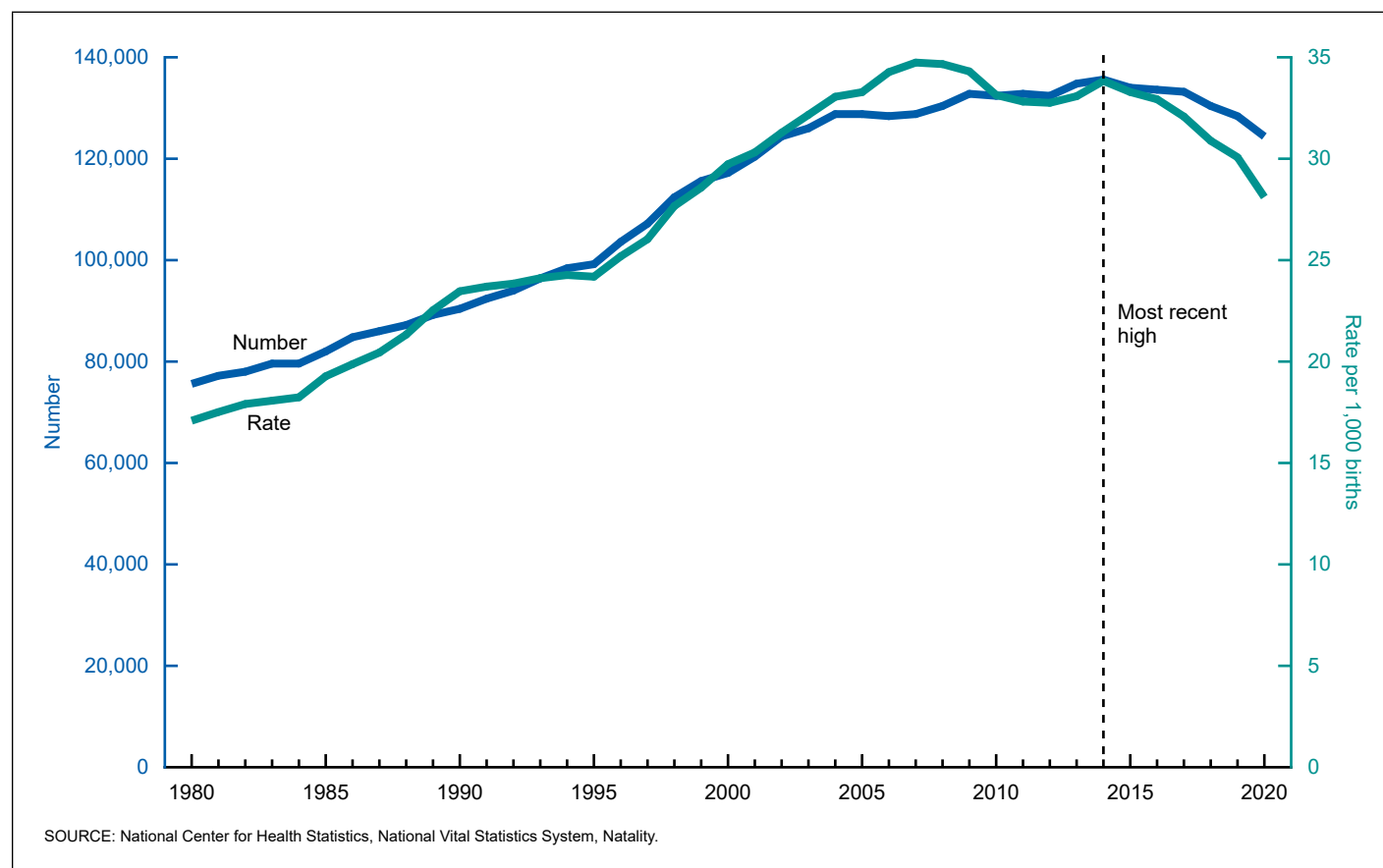


Figure 4. Number and rate of twin births: United States, 1980–2020

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[Birth rates are births per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for census year 2010 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Number	Birth rate	Fertility rate
All race and origins ¹			
2020.....	3,613,647	11.0	56.0
2019.....	3,747,540	11.4	58.3
2018.....	3,791,712	11.6	59.1
2017.....	3,855,500	11.8	60.3
2016.....	3,945,875	12.2	62.0
2015.....	3,978,497	12.4	62.5
2014.....	3,988,076	12.5	62.9
2013.....	3,932,181	12.4	62.5
2012.....	3,952,841	12.6	63.0
2011.....	3,953,590	12.7	63.2
2010.....	3,999,386	13.0	64.1
Non-Hispanic, single race ²			
White:			
2020.....	1,843,432	9.5	53.2
2019.....	1,915,912	9.8	55.3
2018.....	1,956,413	10.0	56.3
2017.....	1,992,461	10.2	57.2
2016.....	2,056,332	10.5	58.8
Black:			
2020.....	529,811	12.9	59.2
2019.....	548,075	13.4	61.4
2018.....	552,029	13.6	62.0
2017.....	560,715	13.9	63.1
2016.....	558,622	14.0	63.3
American Indian or Alaska Native:			
2020.....	26,813	11.2	52.7
2019.....	28,450	11.9	56.2
2018.....	29,092	12.2	57.7
2017.....	29,957	12.6	59.5
2016.....	31,452	13.3	62.7
Asian:			
2020.....	219,068	11.6	50.8
2019.....	238,769	13.0	55.3
2018.....	240,798	13.2	55.6
2017.....	249,250	13.8	58.0
2016.....	254,471	14.6	61.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:			
2020.....	9,626	16.2	72.9
2019.....	9,770	17.0	74.9
2018.....	9,476	16.6	73.0
2017.....	9,426	16.7	72.8
2016.....	9,342	16.8	72.9
Hispanic ³			
2020.....	866,713	14.1	63.1
2019.....	886,467	14.6	65.3
2018.....	886,210	14.8	65.9
2017.....	898,764	15.2	67.6
2016.....	918,447	16.0	70.6

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

²Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 2. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2010–2020, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

[Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. Birth rates are births per 1,000 women in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for census year 2010 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

Year and race and Hispanic origin	Total fertility rate	Age of mother (years)									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19						
All races and origins²											
2020.....	1,641.0	0.2	15.4	6.3	28.9	63.0	90.2	94.9	51.8	11.8	0.9
2019.....	1,706.0	0.2	16.7	6.7	31.1	66.6	93.7	98.3	52.8	12.0	0.9
2018.....	1,729.5	0.2	17.4	7.2	32.3	68.0	95.3	99.7	52.6	11.8	0.9
2017.....	1,765.5	0.2	18.8	7.9	35.1	71.0	98.0	100.3	52.3	11.6	0.9
2016.....	1,820.5	0.2	20.3	8.8	37.5	73.8	102.1	102.7	52.7	11.4	0.9
2015.....	1,843.5	0.2	22.3	9.9	40.7	76.8	104.3	101.5	51.8	11.0	0.8
2014.....	1,862.5	0.3	24.2	10.9	43.8	79.0	105.8	100.8	51.0	10.6	0.8
2013.....	1,857.5	0.3	26.5	12.3	47.1	80.7	105.5	98.0	49.3	10.4	0.8
2012.....	1,880.5	0.4	29.4	14.1	51.4	83.1	106.5	97.3	48.3	10.4	0.7
2011.....	1,894.5	0.4	31.3	15.4	54.1	85.3	107.2	96.5	47.2	10.3	0.7
2010.....	1,931.0	0.4	34.2	17.3	58.2	90.0	108.3	96.5	45.9	10.2	0.7
Non-Hispanic, single race³											
White:											
2020.....	1,552.0	0.1	10.4	3.5	20.5	53.0	87.6	98.3	50.1	10.2	0.7
2019.....	1,610.5	0.1	11.4	3.8	22.3	56.1	90.8	101.5	51.1	10.3	0.8
2018.....	1,640.0	0.1	12.1	4.1	23.6	57.8	92.9	103.1	51.1	10.2	0.7
2017.....	1,666.5	0.1	13.2	4.6	26.0	59.8	95.3	103.7	50.6	9.9	0.7
2016.....	1,719.0	0.1	14.3	5.2	27.7	62.4	99.3	106.2	51.1	9.7	0.7
Black:											
2020.....	1,714.0	0.4	24.4	10.8	43.9	83.7	92.9	80.0	47.6	12.7	1.1
2019.....	1,775.5	0.4	25.8	11.1	46.4	88.3	96.4	82.9	47.6	12.6	1.1
2018.....	1,792.0	0.4	26.3	11.9	46.9	90.0	97.1	84.1	47.1	12.3	1.1
2017.....	1,824.5	0.4	27.5	12.5	49.8	94.2	99.5	84.5	46.1	11.7	1.0
2016.....	1,832.5	0.5	29.3	13.7	52.5	95.8	100.8	83.0	45.0	11.1	1.0
American Indian or Alaska Native:											
2020.....	1,516.5	0.4	25.7	11.2	47.2	81.7	82.6	68.4	36.1	8.1	0.3
2019.....	1,611.5	0.3	29.2	13.5	51.8	86.7	89.1	72.0	36.6	8.0	0.4
2018.....	1,650.5	0.2	29.7	13.5	52.9	87.7	94.4	73.2	36.1	8.3	0.5
2017.....	1,702.0	0.5	32.9	15.7	58.1	93.6	96.4	72.1	36.3	8.2	0.4
2016.....	1,794.5	0.5	35.1	16.8	62.6	97.2	103.4	77.1	37.1	8.2	0.3
Asian:											
2020.....	1,385.0	*	2.3	0.8	4.5	20.4	63.8	105.9	67.2	15.7	1.7
2019.....	1,511.0	*	2.7	0.9	5.2	23.1	71.4	115.6	71.0	16.5	1.9
2018.....	1,525.0	*	2.8	1.0	5.4	24.1	73.0	116.5	70.7	16.1	1.8
2017.....	1,597.0	*	3.3	1.1	6.5	26.6	79.6	120.1	71.5	16.5	1.8
2016.....	1,690.5	*	3.9	1.4	7.5	28.9	87.0	127.4	72.8	16.4	1.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:											
2020.....	2,141.5	*	22.6	7.8	45.6	120.7	125.2	92.3	51.7	14.6	*
2019.....	2,178.0	*	26.2	7.7	53.8	121.4	123.5	95.3	54.1	14.2	*
2018.....	2,106.5	*	26.5	8.2	53.7	118.5	118.9	91.9	49.2	15.4	*
2017.....	2,085.5	*	25.5	8.7	50.6	113.3	115.7	94.0	54.6	13.1	*
2016.....	2,076.5	*	28.6	11.0	55.3	109.5	115.5	96.0	49.9	14.7	*
Hispanic⁴											
2020.....	1,875.5	0.3	23.5	10.5	43.3	83.2	104.5	94.4	53.9	14.3	1.0
2019.....	1,940.0	0.3	25.3	11.5	46.2	88.0	108.0	96.3	54.6	14.5	1.0
2018.....	1,959.0	0.3	26.7	12.4	48.5	89.3	108.9	96.6	54.5	14.5	1.0
2017.....	2,006.5	0.3	28.9	13.6	52.7	93.8	111.8	96.4	54.6	14.5	1.0
2016.....	2,092.5	0.4	31.9	15.6	57.3	98.4	117.4	99.2	55.8	14.5	0.9

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Birth rates computed by relating births to women aged 45 and over to women aged 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 3. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

Live-birth order and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All ages (years)	15-19													
		Under 15	Total	15	16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54
All races and origins¹															
Total	3,613,647	1,765	158,043	4,711	11,418	22,458	43,068	76,388	665,595	1,024,402	1,069,984	564,059	120,570	8,234	995
1st child	1,376,737	1,728	134,277	4,581	10,885	20,411	37,047	61,353	362,475	389,482	332,293	129,499	24,592	2,122	269
2nd child	1,151,977	29	20,907	118	488	1,894	5,445	12,962	208,944	338,152	362,557	185,663	33,318	2,119	288
3rd child	608,920	4	2,322	5	24	113	473	1,707	69,669	182,450	206,228	121,844	24,839	1,400	164
4th child	269,498	-	238	-	3	8	35	192	17,981	74,058	96,671	63,806	15,671	954	119
5th child	107,602	-	25	-	-	-	4	21	3,972	25,394	39,182	29,530	8,842	593	64
6th child	46,359	-	7	-	-	1	2	4	808	8,424	17,061	14,780	4,928	309	42
7th child	21,214	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	180	2,714	7,477	7,822	2,791	213	16
8th child and over	23,236	-	6	-	-	-	3	3	212	1,526	6,144	9,613	5,220	490	25
Not stated	8,104	4	260	7	18	31	59	145	1,354	2,202	2,371	1,502	369	34	8
Non-Hispanic, single race²															
White	1,843,432	379	54,426	1,141	3,084	6,668	14,478	29,055	293,861	526,693	605,458	301,688	56,925	3,639	363
1st child	728,261	373	46,949	1,112	2,978	6,182	12,706	23,971	165,263	222,345	203,690	75,316	13,180	1,039	106
2nd child	614,446	5	6,635	24	97	447	1,617	4,450	91,382	175,180	216,670	106,151	17,287	1,012	124
3rd child	296,505	-	682	2	7	26	130	517	28,483	83,623	108,967	63,326	10,817	560	47
4th child	117,492	-	62	-	1	3	7	51	6,566	30,740	44,961	28,766	6,039	323	35
5th child	43,357	-	8	-	-	-	1	7	1,229	9,638	16,794	12,257	3,220	192	19
6th child	18,651	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	209	2,846	7,362	6,228	1,884	105	14
7th child	9,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	844	3,229	3,636	1,150	84	7
8th child and over	11,920	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	93	495	2,582	5,253	3,174	311	10
Not stated	3,796	1	85	3	1	10	15	56	582	982	1,203	755	174	13	1
Black	529,811	512	34,147	1,186	2,727	5,057	9,241	15,936	124,882	156,654	126,860	68,134	17,173	1,255	194
1st child	185,576	498	28,613	1,141	2,572	4,552	7,852	12,496	66,279	46,926	27,504	12,306	3,090	305	55
2nd child	151,543	12	4,751	42	145	456	1,231	2,877	37,697	49,640	36,921	18,114	4,063	288	57
3rd child	96,236	-	622	1	6	36	125	454	14,388	32,205	29,105	15,951	3,726	213	26
4th child	50,546	-	79	-	-	3	12	64	4,629	16,255	16,779	10,068	2,551	162	23
5th child	23,174	-	10	-	-	-	3	7	1,243	6,956	8,291	5,084	1,481	98	11
6th child	10,893	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	313	2,749	4,066	2,841	862	52	8
7th child	5,297	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	1,025	2,048	1,584	526	44	4
8th child and over	5,330	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	51	545	1,827	1,982	825	88	10
Not stated	1,216	2	68	2	4	9	17	36	216	353	319	204	49	5	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	26,813	31	2,189	77	167	328	600	1,017	7,227	7,891	6,015	2,855	584	17	4
1st child	8,355	31	1,816	73	162	298	495	788	3,406	1,810	893	343	55	1	-
2nd child	6,915	-	323	4	4	27	93	195	2,371	2,304	1,330	490	93	4	-
3rd child	4,920	-	36	-	-	2	7	27	1,024	1,854	1,338	565	99	3	1
4th child	3,108	-	7	-	-	-	2	5	294	1,106	1,086	511	99	4	1
5th child	1,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	468	641	367	76	2	1
6th child	883	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	12	217	361	238	53	-	1
7th child	438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	70	180	150	35	1	-
8th child and over	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	166	183	71	2	-
Not stated	86	-	6	-	1	1	2	2	25	24	20	8	3	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

[Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

Live-birth order and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All ages (years)	15–19													
		Under 15	Total	15	16	17	18	19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54
Non-Hispanic, single race²—Con.															
Asian	219,068	13	1,127	31	72	132	299	593	11,853	47,575	89,523	56,041	11,818	977	141
1st child	98,880	13	969	31	68	121	260	489	7,782	27,661	41,735	17,118	3,222	333	47
2nd child	81,671	–	129	–	3	9	31	86	3,052	14,049	34,617	24,931	4,537	312	44
3rd child	25,780	–	22	–	–	1	8	13	741	4,032	9,042	9,329	2,435	151	28
4th child	8,111	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	204	1,227	2,694	2,934	954	86	11
5th child	2,535	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	358	799	950	349	36	6
6th child	925	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	117	264	368	140	23	4
7th child	371	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	30	126	139	64	10	–
8th child and over	383	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	19	93	161	93	16	–
Not stated	412	–	6	–	1	1	–	4	25	82	153	111	24	10	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific															
Islander	9,626	4	452	12	24	60	134	222	2,440	2,943	2,281	1,194	298	14	–
1st child	2,961	4	376	12	24	51	112	177	1,192	805	397	147	34	6	–
2nd child	2,361	–	64	–	–	8	19	37	757	794	459	241	46	–	–
3rd child	1,667	–	8	–	–	–	1	7	315	628	450	214	50	2	–
4th child	1,176	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	107	406	414	205	44	–	–
5th child	642	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	173	261	135	35	1	–
6th child	375	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	75	150	110	32	3	–
7th child	188	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29	71	60	28	–	–
8th child and over	174	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	10	59	75	26	2	–
Not stated	82	–	4	–	–	1	2	1	25	23	20	7	3	–	–
Hispanic³															
Total Hispanic	866,713	732	58,752	2,001	4,806	9,180	16,384	26,381	199,151	250,518	209,243	116,929	29,471	1,774	143
1st child	305,223	722	49,623	1,953	4,565	8,272	13,966	20,867	104,273	78,354	48,141	19,679	4,066	323	42
2nd child	259,905	9	8,120	44	221	861	2,211	4,783	65,706	85,976	63,189	30,371	6,143	357	34
3rd child	165,318	1	854	2	11	39	178	624	21,963	54,211	51,822	29,231	6,859	351	26
4th child	80,258	–	83	–	2	2	13	66	5,424	21,681	27,778	19,516	5,454	302	20
5th child	32,344	–	3	–	–	–	–	3	1,173	6,789	11,013	9,794	3,347	214	11
6th child	12,944	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	234	2,106	4,219	4,495	1,780	105	4
7th child	5,150	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	47	611	1,558	1,973	898	61	1
8th child and over	4,190	–	2	–	–	–	1	1	55	369	1,199	1,638	866	59	2
Not stated	1,381	–	65	2	7	6	15	35	276	421	324	232	58	2	3

– Quantity zero.

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

²Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 4. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Includes births with stated origin of mother only]

Live-birth order and origin of mother	All ages	Under 15	15-19						20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54
			Total	15	16	17	18	19							
Hispanic															
Total	866,713	732	58,752	2,001	4,806	9,180	16,384	26,381	199,151	250,518	209,243	116,929	29,471	1,774	143
1st child	305,223	722	49,623	1,953	4,565	8,272	13,966	20,867	104,273	78,354	48,141	19,679	4,066	323	42
2nd child	259,905	9	8,120	44	221	861	2,211	4,783	65,706	85,976	63,189	30,371	6,143	357	34
3rd child	165,318	1	854	2	11	39	178	624	21,963	54,211	51,822	29,231	6,859	351	26
4th child	80,258	-	83	-	2	2	13	66	5,424	21,681	27,778	19,516	5,454	302	20
5th child	32,344	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	1,173	6,789	11,013	9,794	3,347	214	11
6th child	12,944	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	234	2,106	4,219	4,495	1,780	105	4
7th child	5,150	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	47	611	1,558	1,973	898	61	1
8th child and over	4,190	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	55	369	1,199	1,638	866	59	2
Not stated	1,381	-	65	2	7	6	15	35	276	421	324	232	58	2	3
Mexican	480,531	370	34,351	1,148	2,804	5,362	9,550	15,487	116,234	142,090	110,908	60,491	15,158	890	39
1st child	163,813	367	28,956	1,121	2,657	4,823	8,102	12,253	60,509	41,905	21,949	8,335	1,663	116	13
2nd child	136,813	3	4,765	25	137	507	1,321	2,775	38,137	47,628	30,530	13,128	2,468	148	6
3rd child	94,690	-	544	1	6	28	110	399	13,147	32,417	29,432	15,587	3,400	159	4
4th child	49,809	-	52	-	1	1	6	44	3,367	13,666	17,348	11,970	3,220	178	8
5th child	20,696	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	747	4,342	7,071	6,238	2,153	138	5
6th child	8,263	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	151	1,350	2,690	2,872	1,129	69	1
7th child	3,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	397	1,031	1,245	552	41	1
8th child and over	2,642	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	31	229	757	1,035	548	40	1
Not stated	510	-	30	1	3	3	10	13	117	156	100	81	25	1	-
Puerto Rican	69,763	55	4,720	146	313	715	1,328	2,218	18,229	20,918	16,139	7,714	1,872	109	7
1st child	26,899	55	4,095	145	299	651	1,165	1,835	9,827	6,759	4,144	1,650	336	32	1
2nd child	21,537	-	553	1	12	63	149	328	5,831	7,184	5,114	2,335	489	26	5
3rd child	11,912	-	57	-	1	-	11	45	1,889	4,190	3,583	1,730	441	21	1
4th child	5,294	-	6	-	-	-	2	4	469	1,757	1,840	929	275	18	-
5th child	2,160	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	107	643	776	484	144	5	-
6th child	932	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	189	355	269	78	4	-
7th child	373	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	55	145	128	41	2	-
8th child and over	377	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	36	120	150	63	1	-
Not stated	279	-	6	-	1	1	1	3	62	105	62	39	5	-	-
Cuban	23,188	5	651	11	42	63	189	346	3,657	6,482	7,847	3,831	647	67	1
1st child	10,839	5	588	11	42	58	170	307	2,484	3,296	3,147	1,122	173	24	-
2nd child	8,348	-	54	-	-	5	19	30	939	2,276	3,188	1,633	237	21	-
3rd child	2,724	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	185	630	1,076	686	125	12	1
4th child	803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	189	279	233	62	4	-
5th child	246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	52	78	78	26	4	-
6th child	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	32	35	9	1	-
7th child	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	17	7	-	-
8th child and over	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	15	21	7	1	-
Not stated	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	20	6	1	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

[Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Includes births with stated origin of mother only]

Live-birth order and origin of mother	All ages	Under 15	15–19						20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54
			Total	15	16	17	18	19							
Hispanic—Con.															
Dominican	31,596	15	1,420	39	95	187	390	709	6,381	9,302	8,508	4,724	1,151	83	12
1st child	12,333	15	1,244	39	88	177	354	586	4,087	3,729	2,197	868	177	14	2
2nd child	10,842	–	163	–	6	10	32	115	1,770	3,526	3,356	1,681	324	19	3
3rd child	5,672	–	10	–	–	–	4	6	411	1,564	1,978	1,315	358	31	5
4th child	1,836	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	73	355	671	545	178	13	1
5th child	542	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	78	189	193	60	4	1
6th child	160	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	12	62	58	26	1	–
7th child	63	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	7	12	28	13	1	–
8th child and over	46	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	16	18	8	–	–
Not stated	102	–	3	–	1	–	–	2	19	28	27	18	7	–	–
Central and South American	169,811	196	10,630	383	945	1,711	3,015	4,576	32,287	45,043	44,595	28,695	7,863	441	61
1st child	57,518	190	8,909	368	895	1,549	2,563	3,534	15,835	14,411	11,352	5,427	1,274	103	17
2nd child	54,882	5	1,564	14	46	152	417	935	11,696	16,454	14,679	8,417	1,951	101	15
3rd child	33,509	1	131	1	3	8	30	89	3,759	9,614	10,762	7,241	1,891	97	13
4th child	14,563	–	13	–	1	1	1	10	802	3,291	4,953	4,184	1,248	64	8
5th child	5,465	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	124	842	1,820	1,910	729	36	4
6th child	2,170	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	249	638	857	391	17	1
7th child	852	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	66	188	370	210	13	–
8th child and over	560	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	38	120	227	156	10	1
Not stated	292	–	13	–	–	1	4	8	41	78	83	62	13	–	2
Other and unknown															
Hispanic	91,824	91	6,980	274	607	1,142	1,912	3,045	22,363	26,683	21,246	11,474	2,780	184	23
1st child	33,821	90	5,831	269	584	1,014	1,612	2,352	11,531	8,254	5,352	2,277	443	34	9
2nd child	27,483	1	1,021	4	20	124	273	600	7,333	8,908	6,322	3,177	674	42	5
3rd child	16,811	–	103	–	1	3	23	76	2,572	5,796	4,991	2,672	644	31	2
4th child	7,953	–	12	–	–	–	4	8	677	2,423	2,687	1,655	471	25	3
5th child	3,235	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	170	832	1,079	891	235	27	1
6th child	1,321	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28	285	442	404	147	13	2
7th child	526	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	81	170	185	75	4	–
8th child and over	517	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	59	171	187	84	7	–
Not stated	157	–	13	1	2	1	–	9	32	45	32	26	7	1	1

– Quantity zero.

NOTES: In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniards. See Technical Notes in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 5. Birth rates, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Rates are births per 1,000 women in specified age and race and Hispanic origin group. Fertility rate computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15–44. Populations estimated as of July 1. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race of mother	Fertility rate	Age of mother (years)									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19						
All races and origins²											
Total	56.0	0.2	15.4	6.3	28.9	63.0	90.2	94.9	51.8	11.8	0.9
1st child	21.4	0.2	13.1	5.9	23.9	34.4	34.4	29.6	11.9	2.4	0.2
2nd child	17.9	0.0	2.0	0.4	4.5	19.8	29.8	32.2	17.1	3.3	0.2
3rd child	9.5	*	0.2	0.0	0.5	6.6	16.1	18.3	11.2	2.4	0.2
4th child	4.2	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.7	6.5	8.6	5.9	1.5	0.1
5th child	1.7	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.4	2.2	3.5	2.7	0.9	0.1
6th and 7th child	1.0	*	*	*	*	0.1	1.0	2.2	2.1	0.8	0.1
8th child and over	0.4	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.1
Non-Hispanic, single race³											
White	53.2	0.1	10.4	3.5	20.5	53.0	87.6	98.3	50.1	10.2	0.7
1st child	21.1	0.1	9.0	3.3	17.3	29.9	37.0	33.2	12.6	2.4	0.2
2nd child	17.8	*	1.3	0.2	2.9	16.5	29.2	35.2	17.7	3.1	0.2
3rd child	8.6	*	0.1	0.0	0.3	5.1	13.9	17.7	10.5	1.9	0.1
4th child	3.4	*	0.0	*	0.0	1.2	5.1	7.3	4.8	1.1	0.1
5th child	1.3	*	*	*	*	0.2	1.6	2.7	2.0	0.6	0.0
6th and 7th child	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.6	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.0
8th child and over	0.3	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.1
Black	59.2	0.4	24.4	10.8	43.9	83.7	92.9	80.0	47.6	12.7	1.1
1st child	20.8	0.4	20.4	10.0	35.5	44.5	27.9	17.5	8.7	2.3	0.3
2nd child	17.0	*	3.4	0.8	7.2	25.3	29.5	23.4	12.7	3.0	0.3
3rd child	10.8	*	0.4	0.1	1.0	9.6	19.1	18.4	11.2	2.8	0.2
4th child	5.7	*	0.1	*	0.1	3.1	9.7	10.6	7.0	1.9	0.1
5th child	2.6	*	*	*	*	0.8	4.1	5.2	3.6	1.1	0.1
6th and 7th child	1.8	*	*	*	*	0.3	2.2	3.8	3.1	1.0	0.1
8th child and over	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.3	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	52.7	0.4	25.7	11.2	47.2	81.7	82.6	68.4	36.1	8.1	0.3
1st child	16.5	0.4	21.3	10.5	37.5	38.6	19.1	10.4	4.4	0.8	*
2nd child	13.6	*	3.8	0.7	8.5	26.9	24.2	15.2	6.2	1.4	*
3rd child	9.7	*	0.4	*	1.0	11.6	19.5	15.2	7.2	1.4	*
4th child	6.1	*	*	*	*	3.3	11.5	12.3	6.4	1.4	*
5th child	3.2	*	*	*	*	1.0	4.9	7.3	4.6	1.1	*
6th and 7th child	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	3.0	6.2	5.0	1.2	*
8th child and over	0.9	*	*	*	*	*	0.4	1.9	2.3	1.0	*
Asian	50.8	*	2.3	0.8	4.5	20.4	63.8	105.9	67.2	15.7	1.7
1st child	22.9	*	2.0	0.8	3.8	13.3	36.9	49.3	20.6	4.2	0.5
2nd child	18.9	*	0.3	*	0.6	5.3	18.9	40.9	29.8	6.0	0.5
3rd child	6.0	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.3	5.5	10.8	11.2	3.2	0.3
4th child	1.9	*	*	*	*	0.4	1.7	3.3	3.6	1.3	0.2
5th child	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.1
6th and 7th child	0.3	*	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.1
8th child and over	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	72.9	*	22.6	7.8	45.6	120.7	125.2	92.3	51.7	14.6	*
1st child	22.6	*	19.0	7.1	37.4	59.4	34.5	16.4	6.7	1.7	*
2nd child	18.1	*	3.2	*	7.1	37.9	34.1	19.0	10.6	2.2	*
3rd child	12.7	*	*	*	*	15.7	26.9	18.4	9.2	2.6	*
4th child	9.0	*	*	*	*	5.4	17.4	16.7	8.8	2.1	*
5th child	4.9	*	*	*	*	1.8	7.4	10.4	5.8	1.7	*
6th and 7th child	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	8.9	7.3	2.9	*
8th child and over	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.5	3.2	1.3	*

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Birth rates, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

[Rates are births per 1,000 women in specified age and race and Hispanic origin group. Fertility rate computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15–44. Populations estimated as of July 1. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race of mother	Fertility rate	Age of mother (years)									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19						
Hispanic ⁴											
Total	63.1	0.3	23.5	10.5	43.3	83.2	104.5	94.4	53.9	14.3	1.0
1st child	22.2	0.3	19.8	9.8	35.3	43.6	32.7	21.8	9.1	2.0	0.2
2nd child	18.9	*	3.2	0.7	7.1	27.5	35.9	28.6	14.0	3.0	0.2
3rd child	12.1	*	0.3	0.0	0.8	9.2	22.6	23.4	13.5	3.3	0.2
4th child	5.9	*	0.0	*	0.1	2.3	9.1	12.6	9.0	2.7	0.2
5th child	2.4	*	*	*	*	0.5	2.8	5.0	4.5	1.6	0.1
6th and 7th child	1.3	*	*	*	*	0.1	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.3	0.1
8th child and over	0.3	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.0

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Birth rates computed by relating births to women aged 45 and over to women aged 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 6. Births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020

[By place of residence]

Area	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					Hispanic ³
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
United States ⁴	3,613,647	1,843,432	529,811	26,813	219,068	9,626	866,713
Alabama	57,647	32,672	17,746	133	836	40	5,233
Alaska	9,469	4,770	281	1,797	524	325	734
Arizona	76,947	30,854	4,389	3,551	2,624	203	32,999
Arkansas	35,251	22,106	6,834	183	825	449	3,939
California	420,259	115,543	21,350	1,391	58,543	1,617	194,295
Colorado	61,494	34,924	3,146	338	2,519	169	18,111
Connecticut	33,460	17,785	4,056	35	1,992	7	8,861
Delaware	10,392	4,949	2,722	18	617	3	1,768
District of Columbia	8,874	2,947	3,992	8	393	2	1,349
Florida	209,671	88,080	45,585	229	6,539	145	66,156
Georgia	122,473	52,717	42,373	115	5,579	127	18,415
Hawaii	15,785	3,060	383	25	3,940	1,577	2,623
Idaho	21,533	16,463	265	206	327	64	3,687
Illinois	133,298	70,550	22,293	79	8,505	39	28,808
Indiana	78,616	56,290	9,848	56	2,335	62	8,480
Iowa	36,114	27,542	2,685	143	1,067	234	3,725
Kansas	34,376	23,663	2,412	162	1,146	81	5,970
Kentucky	51,668	40,726	5,154	53	1,099	75	3,472
Louisiana	57,328	28,635	21,552	245	1,037	30	5,016
Maine	11,539	10,231	514	85	195	3	258
Maryland	68,554	28,060	20,869	79	4,595	29	13,034
Massachusetts	66,428	37,357	6,580	71	5,826	22	14,080
Michigan	104,074	70,426	19,341	410	4,260	50	6,985
Minnesota	63,443	42,099	8,074	873	5,026	59	5,320
Mississippi	35,473	17,648	15,155	252	451	22	1,679
Missouri	69,285	50,190	10,156	163	1,610	249	4,469
Montana	10,791	8,639	62	1,063	112	11	569
Nebraska	24,291	16,433	1,631	284	870	40	4,393
Nevada	33,653	11,602	4,533	234	2,467	358	12,763
New Hampshire	11,791	10,075	256	10	428	7	797
New Jersey	97,954	44,709	12,951	41	10,451	30	27,205
New Mexico	21,903	5,872	403	2,434	410	14	12,406
New York	209,338	104,581	30,057	360	21,074	54	47,904
North Carolina	116,730	60,518	27,228	1,351	4,718	141	19,449
North Dakota	10,059	7,199	659	771	250	26	672
Ohio	129,191	92,033	21,447	102	3,995	89	7,669
Oklahoma	47,623	26,290	3,944	4,367	1,282	274	7,561
Oregon	39,820	26,256	973	378	2,112	278	7,923
Pennsylvania	130,693	85,956	17,118	83	6,074	45	16,741
Rhode Island	10,101	5,495	805	36	476	3	2,927
South Carolina	55,704	30,465	16,309	106	1,148	62	5,993
South Dakota	10,960	7,740	390	1,501	215	8	660
Tennessee	78,689	50,668	15,413	85	1,767	62	8,928
Texas	368,190	120,329	46,643	638	19,064	543	175,940
Utah	45,702	33,145	576	341	1,146	518	8,160
Vermont	5,133	4,646	108	15	137	---	132
Virginia	94,749	51,120	19,622	146	6,945	116	14,806
Washington	83,086	46,199	3,841	1,002	8,429	1,231	16,020
West Virginia	17,323	15,698	603	16	160	2	373
Wisconsin	60,594	42,715	6,429	573	2,870	25	6,438
Wyoming	6,128	4,762	55	176	58	6	818

Table 6. Births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020—Con.

[By place of residence]

Area	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic ³
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic ³		
Puerto Rico	18,933	298	43	2	27	—	18,542	
U.S. Virgin Islands	876	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Guam	2,935	147	25	6	690	1,854	27	
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Northern Marianas	628	5	1	1	222	373	—	

--- Data not available.

- Quantity zero.

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

⁴Excludes data for the territories.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 7. Births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020

[By place of residence]

Area	Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Dominican	Central and South American	Other and unknown Hispanic
United States ¹	866,713	480,531	69,763	23,188	31,596	169,811	91,824
Alabama	5,233	2,600	272	68	38	2,157	98
Alaska	734	366	114	13	40	100	101
Arizona	32,999	28,706	633	234	74	1,399	1,953
Arkansas	3,939	2,640	140	20	11	745	383
California	194,295	143,243	2,081	788	238	29,700	18,245
Colorado	18,111	11,435	523	202	73	1,812	4,066
Connecticut	8,861	691	4,112	104	860	2,553	541
Delaware	1,768	640	437	20	56	530	85
District of Columbia	1,349	148	42	19	48	904	188
Florida	66,156	10,647	13,145	14,213	3,273	22,741	2,137
Georgia	18,415	10,615	1,340	356	333	4,755	1,016
Hawaii	2,623	786	870	20	14	178	755
Idaho	3,687	2,709	59	16	6	249	648
Illinois	28,808	22,914	2,157	216	129	2,671	721
Indiana	8,480	5,366	511	75	74	1,632	822
Iowa	3,725	2,543	161	49	18	754	200
Kansas	5,970	4,357	186	56	14	969	388
Kentucky	3,472	1,518	249	375	18	967	345
Louisiana	5,016	1,187	192	126	127	2,690	694
Maine	258	71	76	12	10	66	23
Maryland	13,034	1,597	723	142	417	9,102	1,053
Massachusetts	14,080	513	4,424	162	3,041	4,028	1,912
Michigan	6,985	4,938	428	135	60	646	778
Minnesota	5,320	3,385	248	62	47	1,301	277
Mississippi	1,679	782	121	13	26	582	155
Missouri	4,469	2,517	245	107	46	984	570
Montana	569	365	29	10	1	62	102
Nebraska	4,393	2,761	95	143	7	1,169	218
Nevada	12,763	9,429	402	443	54	1,567	868
New Hampshire	797	118	199	9	148	163	160
New Jersey	27,205	3,954	5,757	742	5,152	10,367	1,233
New Mexico	12,406	6,422	106	69	4	168	5,637
New York	47,904	6,056	10,226	605	11,438	15,997	3,582
North Carolina	19,449	9,550	1,736	388	589	6,177	1,009
North Dakota	672	437	79	19	6	56	75
Ohio	7,669	3,008	1,893	117	210	1,962	479
Oklahoma	7,561	5,503	224	59	20	1,074	681
Oregon	7,923	6,616	169	75	17	780	266
Pennsylvania	16,741	2,196	7,589	300	2,885	2,586	1,185
Rhode Island	2,927	128	750	18	943	937	151
South Carolina	5,993	2,543	695	135	111	2,064	445
South Dakota	660	323	36	16	3	210	72
Tennessee	8,928	4,073	432	156	105	3,543	619
Texas	175,940	124,945	2,729	1,760	388	17,728	28,390
Utah	8,160	5,307	171	39	60	1,586	997
Vermont	132	30	27	9	10	37	19
Virginia	14,806	2,991	1,292	242	215	4,910	5,156
Washington	16,020	11,898	516	152	60	1,722	1,672
West Virginia	373	161	62	9	11	69	61
Wisconsin	6,438	4,274	1,027	65	67	605	400
Wyoming	818	529	33	5	1	57	193

Table 7. Births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020—Con.

[By place of residence]

Area	Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Dominican	Central and South American	Other and unknown Hispanic
Puerto Rico	18,542	39	17,956	19	417	107	4
U.S. Virgin Islands	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guam	27	12	4	—	—	5	6
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

--- Data not available.

— Quantity zero.

¹Excludes data for the territories.

NOTES: In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniards. See Technical Notes in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 8. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020

[By place of residence. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 women aged 15–44; total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5; birth rates by age are births per 1,000 women in specified age group estimated in each area. Populations estimated as of July 1]

Area	Birth rate	Fertility rate	Total fertility rate	Age of mother (years)									
				10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
					Total	15–17	18–19						
United States ²	11.0	56.0	1,641.0	0.2	15.4	6.3	28.9	63.0	90.2	94.9	51.8	11.8	0.9
Alabama	11.7	60.6	1,781.5	0.3	24.8	10.2	46.4	90.3	109.7	85.5	37.9	7.4	0.4
Alaska	13.0	65.7	1,888.0	*	17.7	4.3	42.2	91.1	108.2	95.4	51.7	12.6	*
Arizona	10.4	54.0	1,582.0	0.1	16.6	7.2	30.3	65.8	91.4	86.9	44.8	10.2	0.6
Arkansas	11.6	60.7	1,788.5	0.4	27.8	10.8	54.3	99.4	108.2	79.6	34.7	7.2	0.4
California	10.7	52.4	1,517.0	0.1	11.0	4.6	20.7	48.4	73.8	91.3	61.4	15.8	1.6
Colorado	10.6	51.5	1,481.0	*	12.5	5.2	23.6	55.2	75.1	89.0	51.8	11.7	0.8
Connecticut	9.4	49.9	1,507.5	*	7.6	3.2	13.6	35.5	73.4	108.0	62.0	13.8	1.1
Delaware	10.5	57.0	1,671.5	*	14.6	6.1	26.4	64.0	94.6	95.0	53.2	11.9	0.9
District of Columbia	12.4	46.1	1,270.5	*	15.6	11.2	18.7	39.4	39.3	65.3	69.5	21.2	3.5
Florida	9.6	53.4	1,566.0	0.1	15.2	5.8	29.5	60.7	85.8	88.6	50.2	11.7	0.9
Georgia	11.4	55.7	1,652.5	0.3	18.2	7.7	34.1	72.8	93.8	88.2	45.9	10.5	0.8
Hawaii	11.2	61.1	1,769.0	*	13.0	4.5	26.6	72.7	93.8	94.8	61.6	16.6	1.2
Idaho	11.8	60.9	1,835.0	*	14.6	5.1	30.2	85.9	119.4	93.1	43.8	9.6	0.5
Illinois	10.6	53.8	1,585.0	0.1	13.6	5.4	26.1	53.1	82.5	100.2	54.8	11.8	0.9
Indiana	11.6	59.8	1,766.5	0.2	18.7	6.9	36.2	77.3	110.6	96.1	41.3	8.6	0.5
Iowa	11.4	60.4	1,816.5	*	13.3	5.1	24.9	62.0	123.5	110.4	44.3	9.2	0.5
Kansas	11.8	61.1	1,821.0	*	18.1	6.7	35.3	72.8	113.5	105.9	44.3	8.8	0.6
Kentucky	11.5	60.8	1,798.0	0.2	23.8	8.6	46.8	92.1	107.3	88.5	39.6	7.7	0.4
Louisiana	12.3	62.2	1,827.0	0.4	25.7	10.7	49.6	93.4	109.7	85.6	41.3	8.8	0.5
Maine	8.5	49.2	1,450.0	*	10.6	3.7	20.8	52.4	83.9	88.3	45.3	8.9	0.5
Maryland	11.3	57.7	1,691.5	0.2	13.1	6.0	23.7	51.6	87.8	106.2	62.8	15.1	1.5
Massachusetts	9.6	47.6	1,389.0	*	6.1	2.7	10.0	27.8	58.6	102.2	66.6	15.3	1.1
Michigan	10.4	55.6	1,631.0	0.1	13.5	5.4	25.5	58.1	96.6	101.6	46.4	9.2	0.7
Minnesota	11.2	58.3	1,719.5	0.1	9.1	3.5	17.9	46.9	99.4	119.6	56.1	11.8	0.9
Mississippi	12.0	61.0	1,807.0	0.5	27.9	12.0	51.9	100.7	113.2	79.9	32.4	6.6	0.2
Missouri	11.3	58.7	1,719.5	0.2	18.8	7.3	36.4	75.1	105.2	93.9	41.7	8.6	0.4
Montana	10.0	54.3	1,595.0	*	13.2	4.8	26.2	61.9	94.7	95.0	44.4	9.2	*
Nebraska	12.5	64.7	1,935.5	*	15.1	6.4	28.0	64.2	122.1	122.3	52.2	10.4	0.6
Nevada	10.7	54.8	1,597.0	*	16.8	6.3	35.4	73.5	88.8	82.0	46.1	11.3	0.8
New Hampshire	8.6	47.7	1,407.0	*	6.6	2.2	12.5	35.6	78.2	101.4	49.7	9.4	*
New Jersey	11.0	58.6	1,736.0	0.1	9.2	3.6	18.4	44.7	81.2	121.5	72.0	17.1	1.4
New Mexico	10.4	54.6	1,611.0	*	21.9	9.3	41.2	78.8	95.4	77.9	38.6	8.9	0.5
New York	10.8	54.6	1,567.5	0.1	10.0	4.1	18.3	48.9	72.4	97.1	65.7	17.6	1.7
North Carolina	11.0	56.2	1,660.0	0.2	17.3	6.9	31.7	69.9	94.0	92.2	47.2	10.5	0.7
North Dakota	13.1	67.4	1,925.5	*	13.7	5.7	24.7	61.1	126.3	121.7	51.5	9.7	*
Ohio	11.0	58.3	1,712.5	0.3	17.6	6.8	33.7	71.8	101.0	97.4	45.2	8.7	0.5
Oklahoma	12.0	61.0	1,793.5	0.3	25.0	10.1	48.1	92.1	109.6	86.0	37.4	7.9	0.4
Oregon	9.4	47.8	1,385.0	*	10.1	3.6	20.0	52.2	74.9	81.0	47.4	10.6	0.7
Pennsylvania	10.2	54.9	1,607.0	0.2	12.6	5.7	21.9	55.5	89.8	99.3	52.5	10.8	0.7
Rhode Island	9.6	48.7	1,425.0	*	9.4	4.6	14.4	40.1	74.7	93.3	53.9	12.7	0.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2020—Con.

[By place of residence. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 women aged 15–44; total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5; birth rates by age are births per 1,000 women in specified age group estimated in each area. Populations estimated as of July 1]

Area	Birth rate	Fertility rate	Total fertility rate	Age of mother (years)									
				10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
					Total	15–17	18–19						
South Carolina	10.7	55.9	1,643.0	0.2	19.3	8.0	35.5	73.9	96.4	86.4	42.8	9.0	0.6
South Dakota	12.3	66.7	1,981.5	*	18.7	8.6	33.9	72.0	134.2	114.7	47.1	9.1	*
Tennessee	11.4	58.5	1,703.5	0.2	23.3	9.0	45.9	83.0	97.4	85.9	42.1	8.3	0.5
Texas	12.5	60.2	1,781.5	0.2	22.4	9.8	42.2	80.4	100.4	93.4	48.0	10.8	0.7
Utah	14.1	64.1	1,916.5	*	10.8	4.1	21.5	69.0	128.7	111.7	51.1	11.1	0.8
Vermont	8.2	44.7	1,358.5	*	7.0	2.8	11.3	34.9	73.7	91.0	52.7	11.6	*
Virginia	11.0	55.8	1,641.0	0.1	13.1	5.2	24.2	56.6	88.0	100.5	55.7	13.1	1.1
Washington	10.8	54.0	1,542.5	0.1	11.3	4.3	22.3	55.3	81.8	91.8	54.5	12.6	1.1
West Virginia	9.7	55.3	1,654.0	*	22.5	9.2	42.7	87.9	104.5	77.0	32.1	5.9	0.6
Wisconsin	10.4	55.4	1,662.0	0.2	11.5	4.2	21.9	51.2	100.3	111.9	47.7	9.1	0.5
Wyoming	10.5	56.4	1,685.0	*	18.1	5.3	39.0	80.5	105.0	87.4	37.6	7.8	*
Puerto Rico	6.0	31.2	922.0	*	15.5	6.6	27.9	55.9	51.3	36.7	20.3	4.4	*
U.S. Virgin Islands	8.2	46.5	1,394.0	*	15.1	*	33.6	71.5	87.1	60.6	32.7	11.8	*
Guam	17.4	89.6	2,635.0	*	33.0	8.6	67.8	115.9	143.7	132.6	80.7	18.1	*
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	12.1	69.7	2,414.5	*	17.9	*	29.7	68.2	135.5	156.0	86.0	16.3	*

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

--- Data not available.

¹Birth rates computed by relating births to women aged 45 and over to women aged 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Excludes data for the territories.

NOTES: Population data for computing birth rates were provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. Rates by state may differ from rates computed on the basis of other population estimates.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 9. Births to unmarried women, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Age (years) of mother	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic ³
				Number			
All ages	1,464,121	523,347	373,130	18,659	26,777	5,007	457,978
Under 15	1,762	379	512	31	12	4	730
15–19	144,957	47,855	33,497	2,084	877	412	53,635
15–17	37,871	10,595	8,937	571	216	93	15,645
18–19	107,086	37,260	24,560	1,513	661	319	37,990
20–24	450,641	166,375	111,942	5,815	4,335	1,718	140,750
25–29	423,015	149,256	115,848	5,283	7,671	1,446	126,963
30–34	274,427	98,605	72,045	3,578	7,582	889	81,679
35–39	133,942	48,408	31,637	1,568	4,781	443	42,367
40 and over	35,377	12,469	7,649	300	1,519	95	11,854
				Percent			
All ages	40.5	28.4	70.4	69.6	12.2	52.0	52.8
Under 15	99.8	100	100.0	100.0	*	*	99.7
15–19	91.7	87.9	98.1	95.2	77.8	91.2	91.3
15–17	98.1	97.3	99.6	99.8	91.9	96.9	97.9
18–19	89.6	85.6	97.5	93.6	74.1	89.6	88.8
20–24	67.7	56.6	89.6	80.5	36.6	70.4	70.7
25–29	41.3	28.3	74.0	66.9	16.1	49.1	50.7
30–34	25.6	16.3	56.8	59.5	8.5	39.0	39.0
35–39	23.7	16.0	46.4	54.9	8.5	37.1	36.2
40 and over	27.3	20.5	41.1	49.6	11.7	30.4	37.8

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

NOTE: For New York, mother's marital status is inferred; see reference 10 in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 10. Birth rates for unmarried women: United States, 2010–2020, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

[Rates are births to unmarried women per 1,000 unmarried women. Populations estimated as of July 1 for all years]

Year and race and Hispanic origin	Fertility rate ¹	Age of mother (years)							
		15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44 ²
		Total	15–17	18–19					
All races and origins³									
2020.....	38.6	14.4	6.3	26.5	49.0	59.2	58.5	37.3	11.4
2019.....	39.9	15.4	6.6	28.3	51.6	61.5	60.6	36.0	11.1
2018.....	40.1	16.0	7.1	29.2	52.2	62.8	59.5	35.2	10.6
2017.....	41.0	17.1	7.7	31.4	54.2	64.4	57.9	36.0	10.1
2016.....	42.4	18.5	8.6	33.5	56.6	65.8	59.2	35.6	10.0
2015.....	43.4	20.2	9.6	36.5	59.7	66.9	60.3	34.1	9.0
2014.....	43.9	22.0	10.6	39.4	61.6	67.6	58.1	33.4	8.5
2013.....	44.3	24.0	11.9	42.1	63.1	66.7	56.6	31.8	8.3
2012.....	45.3	26.7	13.7	45.8	64.7	67.2	56.3	30.9	8.5
2011.....	46.0	28.4	14.9	48.2	66.7	67.8	56.2	29.9	8.2
2010.....	47.5	31.1	16.8	52.0	70.0	69.2	56.3	29.6	8.0
Non-Hispanic, single race⁴									
White:									
2020.....	27.6	9.3	3.4	17.9	35.0	42.3	45.3	28.1	8.3
2019.....	28.6	10.0	3.7	19.3	36.7	44.8	45.7	27.0	7.9
2018.....	28.8	10.6	4.0	20.3	37.6	45.7	43.9	25.9	7.5
2017.....	29.2	11.5	4.4	22.1	38.9	46.2	41.9	25.3	7.2
2016.....	30.3	12.4	5.0	23.5	40.9	47.3	43.0	25.2	6.8
Black:									
2020.....	54.9	24.3	10.9	44.1	80.4	87.2	65.3	37.4	10.5
2019.....	56.7	25.7	11.3	46.2	83.5	87.4	68.4	37.5	10.5
2018.....	56.4	26.1	12.0	46.1	85.0	85.9	68.2	35.6	9.7
2017.....	57.5	27.3	12.6	48.7	88.8	89.3	66.2	35.1	8.9
2016.....	57.9	29.0	13.9	51.2	90.0	89.6	64.4	33.8	8.9
Hispanic⁵									
2020.....	55.8	21.8	10.4	39.5	69.0	86.9	85.0	60.1	20.4
2019.....	57.9	23.2	11.3	41.5	73.8	90.6	91.5	55.8	20.0
2018.....	59.5	24.4	12.2	43.4	74.6	95.7	96.1	57.4	20.0
2017.....	62.5	26.3	13.3	47.0	78.6	102.3	98.7	64.2	18.7
2016.....	66.0	29.2	15.1	51.2	83.1	106.4	103.6	65.0	19.3

¹Rates computed by relating total births to unmarried mothers, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women aged 15–44.²Birth rates computed by relating births to unmarried women aged 40 and over to unmarried women aged 40–44; see Technical Notes in this report.³Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single–race White, Hispanic single–race Black, and non–Hispanic multiple–race women, and births with origin not stated.⁴Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non–Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁵Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

NOTE: For New York, mother's marital status is inferred; see reference 10 in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 11. Selected demographic characteristics of births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Birth rates are births per 1,000 population. Fertility rates are computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44. Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. Unmarried rates are births to unmarried women per 1,000 unmarried women. Populations estimated as of July 1. Mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother]

Characteristic	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹						
	All races and origins ²	White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic ³
				Number			
Births	3,613,647	1,843,432	529,811	26,813	219,068	9,626	866,713
				Rate			
Birth rate	11.0	9.5	12.9	11.2	11.6	16.2	14.1
Fertility rate	56.0	53.2	59.2	52.7	50.8	72.9	63.1
Total fertility rate	1,641.0	1,552.0	1,714.0	1,516.5	1,385.0	2,141.5	1,875.5
Unmarried rate	38.6	27.6	54.9	54.4	13.7	58.9	55.8
				Ratio			
Sex ratio ⁴	1,047	1,053	1,034	1,057	1,061	1,046	1,038
				Percent			
Births to mothers under age 20	4.4	3.0	6.5	8.3	0.5	4.7	6.9
4th- and higher-order births ⁵	13.0	10.9	18.0	24.5	5.6	26.8	15.6
Births to unmarried mothers	40.5	28.4	70.4	69.6	12.2	52.0	52.8
Mothers born in the 50 states or District of Columbia	78.1	93.5	83.9	98.6	21.5	35.7	54.8
Educational attainment of mother:							
High school diploma or higher	88.1	93.2	88.2	80.1	94.1	78.2	76.0
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.0	44.0	18.3	9.6	66.4	9.5	15.6
				Mean			
Age (years) of mother at first birth	27.1	27.9	25.3	23.8	30.9	25.0	25.3

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

⁴Male births per 1,000 female births.

⁵Based on live-birth order.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 12. Selected demographic characteristics of births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother]

Characteristic	Total ¹	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Dominican	Central and South American	Other and unknown Hispanic
				Number			
Births	866,713	480,531	69,763	23,188	31,596	169,811	91,824
				Ratio			
Sex ratio ²	1,038	1,035	1,050	1,059	1,029	1,035	1,045
				Percent			
Births to mothers under age 20	6.9	7.2	6.8	2.8	4.5	6.4	7.7
4th- and higher-order births ³	15.6	17.6	13.1	5.3	8.4	13.9	14.8
Mothers born in the 50 states or District of Columbia	54.8	62.5	71.2	43.9	31.1	21.2	75.5
Educational attainment of mother:							
High school diploma or higher	76.0	77.1	85.7	92.5	85.4	62.3	80.7
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.6	12.7	18.0	32.8	22.6	18.5	17.3
				Mean			
Age (years) of mother at first birth	25.3	24.7	25.2	28.1	26.1	26.3	25.2

¹Includes origin not stated.²Male births per 1,000 female births.³Based on live-birth order.

NOTES: In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniards. See Technical Notes in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 13. Selected medical and health characteristics of births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Characteristic	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					Hispanic ³
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
Mother							
Percent							
Prenatal care initiation:							
First trimester.....	77.7	82.8	68.4	64.0	82.4	51.9	72.3
Late or no care.....	6.2	4.5	9.1	13.1	4.3	19.6	7.9
Smoked during pregnancy.....	5.5	8.1	4.5	13.9	0.4	3.1	1.4
Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment.....	2.0	2.8	0.7	0.5	3.8	0.6	0.8
Mother received WIC food for herself during this pregnancy ⁴	32.0	20.9	49	48	17.1	34.7	48.6
Diabetes:							
Prepregnancy (diagnosis prior to this pregnancy).....	1.1	0.8	1.4	2.9	1.2	2.0	1.2
Gestational (diagnosis in this pregnancy).....	7.8	7.0	6.5	11.8	14.9	10.6	8.5
Overweight or obese (body mass index of 25.0 or over).....	57.2	53.2	67.0	69.5	36.1	75.8	64.6
Induction of labor.....	31.4	34.7	29.5	31.8	26.8	24.6	26.9
CNM delivery ⁵	10.3	10.9	8.9	19.6	8.7	10.0	9.9
Home birth.....	1.3	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.5
Cesarean delivery (total).....	31.8	30.8	36.3	28.8	32.6	32.3	31.4
Low-risk ⁶	25.9	24.9	30.6	23.6	27.7	29.2	25.1
Source of payment for the delivery:							
Medicaid.....	42.0	29.3	64.7	67.0	23.1	58.1	58.6
Private.....	50.6	63.9	30.1	21.9	71.0	28.7	31.3
Self-pay.....	3.9	3.4	2.2	2.0	3.0	6.6	6.7
Other ⁷	3.5	3.4	3.0	9.0	3.0	6.6	3.5
Infant was being breastfed at discharge ⁸	83.5	85.1	72.8	75.1	90.0	79.7	86.5
Infant							
Gestational age:							
Preterm ⁹	10.09	9.10	14.36	11.61	8.51	12.05	9.84
Early preterm ¹⁰	2.70	2.21	4.82	3.05	2.08	3.08	2.52
Late preterm ¹¹	7.40	6.90	9.54	8.56	6.43	8.97	7.32
Birthweight ¹² :							
Very low birthweight ¹³	1.34	0.99	2.86	1.27	1.03	1.49	1.19
Low birthweight ¹⁴	8.24	6.84	14.19	7.93	8.54	8.44	7.40
Twin births ¹⁵	31.1	32.6	40.7	23.1	23.5	26.3	23.9
Triplet or higher-order births ¹⁶	79.6	90.3	98.3	29.8	45.6	62.3	56.3

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

⁴WIC is Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

⁵Births delivered by certified nurse midwives.

⁶Low-risk cesarean rate is the number of singleton, term (37 or more weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic births.

⁷Other includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity.

⁸Excludes data for California, which did not report infant was being breastfed at discharge. Also excludes Michigan, for which item wording is not consistent with national standard.

⁹Born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹⁰Born prior to 34 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹¹Born between 34 and 36 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹²Equivalents of the gram weights in pounds are shown in the User Guide; see reference 10 in this report.

¹³Less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz).

¹⁴Less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz).

¹⁵Live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births.

¹⁶Live births in triplet and other higher-order multiple deliveries per 100,000 live births.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 14. Selected medical and health characteristics of births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Characteristic	Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Dominican	Central and South American	Other and unknown Hispanic
Mother							
				Percent			
Prenatal care initiation:							
First trimester	72.3	73.0	76.9	82.0	73.4	66.4	72.9
Late or no care	7.9	7.8	6	4.7	6.9	9.9	7.7
Smoked during pregnancy	1.4	1.2	4.5	1.7	0.7	0.4	2.1
Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.0
Mother received WIC food for herself during this pregnancy ¹	48.6	48.9	49.4	44.0	51.2	48.4	47.2
Diabetes:							
Prepregnancy (diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1
Gestational (diagnosis in this pregnancy)	8.5	8.9	8.4	7.9	8.5	7.5	8.0
Overweight or obese (body mass index of 25.0 or over)	64.6	67.1	63.6	54.2	60.8	60.0	64.6
Induction of labor	26.9	26.8	29.8	27.8	28.6	24.7	28.6
CNM delivery ²	9.9	9.2	12.8	6.5	9.5	11.3	9.5
Home births	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Cesarean delivery (total)	31.4	30.2	33.6	43.7	40.5	30.2	32.1
Low-risk ³	25.1	23.8	27.4	36.1	29.0	24.6	25.7
Source of payment for the delivery:							
Medicaid	58.6	59.3	58.9	52.0	63.5	55.9	59.3
Private	31.3	30.8	35.4	44.0	30.9	28.3	33.0
Self-pay	6.7	6.4	1.3	2.0	3.0	12.3	4.2
Other ⁴	3.5	3.5	4.4	2.0	2.6	3.4	3.5
Infant was being breastfed at discharge ⁵	86.5	86.8	81.7	91.1	87.7	87.7	85.4
Infant							
Gestational age:							
Preterm ⁶	9.84	9.72	11.37	9.00	9.81	9.38	10.36
Early preterm ⁷	2.52	2.44	3.37	2.24	2.83	2.28	2.65
Late preterm ⁸	7.32	7.28	7.99	6.75	6.97	7.09	7.71
Birthweight⁹:							
Very low birthweight ¹⁰	1.19	1.14	1.76	1.15	1.46	1.07	1.22
Low birthweight ¹¹	7.40	7.10	9.57	6.82	8.43	6.92	7.97
Twin births ¹²	23.9	23.2	30.0	26.8	28.0	21.2	25.4
Triplet or higher-order births ¹³	56.3	51.8	43.0	38.8	104.4	54.2	81.7

¹WIC is Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

²Births delivered by certified nurse midwives.

³Low-risk cesarean rate is the number of singleton, term (37 or more weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic births.

⁴Other includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity.

⁵Excludes data for California, which did not report infant was being breastfed at discharge. Also excludes Michigan, for which item wording is not consistent with national standard.

⁶Born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes in this report.

⁷Born prior to 34 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

⁸Born between 34 and 36 completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

⁹Equivalents of the gram weights in pounds are shown in the User Guide; see reference 10 in this report.

¹⁰Less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz).

¹¹Less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz).

¹²Live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births.

¹³Live births in triplet and other higher-order multiple deliveries per 100,000 live births.

NOTES: In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniards. See Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 15. Mothers who smoked for the 3 months before pregnancy and anytime during pregnancy and those who quit before and during pregnancy, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Tobacco use and race and Hispanic origin	All ages (years)	Under 20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–54
All races and origins ¹				Percent			
3 months before	7.1	7.9	9.8	8.0	5.8	5.1	4.4
Anytime during pregnancy	5.5	5.9	7.4	6.3	4.6	4.1	3.6
First trimester	5.4	5.7	7.2	6.2	4.5	4.0	3.5
Second trimester	4.6	4.5	6.0	5.3	4.0	3.5	3.1
Third trimester	4.4	4.2	5.6	5.1	3.8	3.4	3.0
Quit before pregnancy ²	23.2	26.9	25.7	22.8	21.6	20.9	20.0
Quit during pregnancy ³	20.0	28.3	23.5	19.2	17.6	17.0	16.0
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁴							
White:							
3 months before	10.2	17.4	16.6	11.4	7.4	6.8	6.4
Anytime during pregnancy	8.1	13.4	13.0	9.2	6.0	5.6	5.3
First trimester	8.0	13.0	12.6	9.0	5.9	5.5	5.2
Second trimester	6.9	10.6	10.7	7.9	5.2	4.8	4.7
Third trimester	6.6	9.9	10.2	7.6	5.0	4.7	4.5
Quit before pregnancy ²	21.3	24.5	23.3	20.8	20.2	19.2	18.4
Quit during pregnancy ³	18.1	26.0	21.3	17.2	15.9	15.6	14.7
Black:							
3 months before	5.8	2.4	4.9	6.7	6.7	6.0	4.7
Anytime during pregnancy	4.5	1.7	3.6	5.1	5.4	4.8	4.0
First trimester	4.4	1.7	3.4	5.0	5.3	4.6	3.9
Second trimester	3.6	1.2	2.7	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.4
Third trimester	3.4	1.1	2.5	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.3
Quit before pregnancy ²	24.8	31.3	29.5	25.2	22.4	21.9	18.8
Quit during pregnancy ³	24.2	34.2	29.7	24.7	22.0	19.9	18.5
Hispanic ⁵							
3 months before	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.5
Anytime during pregnancy	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.0
First trimester	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.0
Second trimester	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8
Third trimester	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
Quit before pregnancy ²	37.4	42.4	42.1	37.8	33.5	31.8	32.5
Quit during pregnancy ³	30.4	41.6	36.1	29.7	26.4	24.7	23.6
All races and origins ¹				Number			
Total	3,613,647	159,808	665,595	1,024,402	1,069,984	564,059	129,799
Not stated 3 months before	14,306	768	3,023	4,101	3,812	2,038	564
Not stated during pregnancy	14,051	742	2,949	4,032	3,739	2,031	558
Quit before pregnancy ²							
Smoked before pregnancy	254,812	12,494	64,689	81,695	61,738	28,528	5,668
Unknown if quit	389	18	94	127	93	48	9
Quit during pregnancy ³							
Smoked during pregnancy	199,584	9,359	49,018	64,230	49,377	22,964	4,636
Unknown if quit	247	16	52	86	56	32	5
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁴							
White:							
Total	1,843,432	54,805	293,861	526,693	605,458	301,688	60,927
Not stated 3 months before	6,047	234	1,263	1,727	1,715	901	207
Not stated during pregnancy	5,897	222	1,222	1,689	1,662	899	203
Quit before pregnancy ²							
Smoked before pregnancy	186,933	9,490	48,655	59,743	44,748	20,400	3,897
Unknown if quit	191	10	51	60	43	24	3
Quit during pregnancy ³							
Smoked during pregnancy	149,538	7,305	37,932	48,087	36,269	16,711	3,234
Unknown if quit	114	8	29	33	27	16	1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 15. Mothers who smoked for the 3 months before pregnancy and anytime during pregnancy and those who quit before and during pregnancy, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

Tobacco use and race and Hispanic origin	All ages (years)	Under 20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–54
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁴ —Con.				Number			
Black:							
Total	529,811	34,659	124,88	156,654	126,860	68,134	18,622
Not stated 3 months before	2,635	166	616	828	627	318	80
Not stated during pregnancy	2,608	162	611	816	624	317	78
Quit before pregnancy ²							
Smoked before pregnancy	30,724	834	6,074	10,390	8,503	4,050	873
Unknown if quit	72	–	17	23	21	9	2
Quit during pregnancy ³							
Smoked during pregnancy	23,894	601	4,444	8,006	6,848	3,251	744
Unknown if quit	51	1	11	18	12	7	2
Hispanic⁵							
Total	866,713	59,484	199,151	250,518	209,243	116,929	31,388
Not stated 3 months before	2,532	198	609	742	584	311	88
Not stated during pregnancy	2,456	192	588	718	564	304	90
Quit before pregnancy ²							
Smoked before pregnancy	19,026	1,120	5,042	5,888	4,405	2,103	468
Unknown if quit	49	5	11	18	8	4	3
Quit during pregnancy ³							
Smoked during pregnancy	12,303	675	3,017	3,774	3,039	1,480	318
Unknown if quit	32	2	4	14	8	4	–

– Quantity zero.

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single–race White, Hispanic single–race Black, and non–Hispanic multiple–race women, and births with origin not stated.²Quit in the 3 months before pregnancy; births to women not reporting smoking during pregnancy per 100 women who smoked in the 3 months before pregnancy. See Technical Notes in this report.³Quit during pregnancy; births to women not reporting smoking in the third trimester of pregnancy per 100 women who smoked in either the first or second trimester. See Technical Notes.⁴Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non–Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁵Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 16. Trimester prenatal care began, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Month care began and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All ages (years)	Under 20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–54
All races and origins¹				Percent			
First trimester	77.7	61.5	71.4	77.9	82.0	81.4	77.6
Second trimester	16.1	26.5	20.5	16.0	13.1	13.6	16.6
Late or no care	6.2	12.0	8.1	6.1	4.9	5.0	5.8
Third trimester	4.3	8.4	5.6	4.2	3.3	3.4	4.1
No care	1.9	3.7	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8
				Number			
Total	3,613,647	159,808	665,595	1,024,402	1,069,984	564,059	129,799
Not stated	73,968	3,949	14,985	20,674	20,475	11,100	2,785
Non-Hispanic, single race²				Percent			
White:							
First trimester	82.8	69.2	76.5	82.8	86.0	85.2	81.7
Second trimester	12.7	22.4	17.4	12.7	10.3	10.8	13.4
Late or no care	4.5	8.5	6.1	4.6	3.7	3.9	4.9
Third trimester	3.2	6.3	4.5	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.5
No care	1.3	2.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.4
				Number			
Total	1,843,432	54,805	293,861	526,693	605,458	301,688	60,927
Not stated	29,811	995	4,967	8,084	9,491	5,160	1,114
Black:				Percent			
First trimester	68.4	56.6	65.2	68.8	71.6	72.6	70.4
Second trimester	22.6	29.8	24.5	22.4	20.5	19.8	21.6
Late or no care	9.1	13.6	10.2	8.8	8.0	7.5	8.0
Third trimester	5.8	9.1	6.5	5.6	5.0	4.8	5.4
No care	3.3	4.6	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.6
				Number			
Total	529,811	34,659	124,882	156,654	126,860	68,134	18,622
Not stated	14,544	1,065	3,564	4,354	3,388	1,716	457
Hispanic³				Percent			
First trimester	72.3	57.5	68.5	73.8	76.3	75.6	72.1
Second trimester	19.8	28.4	22.2	18.9	17.2	18.0	20.8
Late or no care	7.9	14.2	9.3	7.3	6.5	6.4	7.1
Third trimester	5.4	9.6	6.5	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.8
No care	2.5	4.5	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.3
				Number			
Total	866,713	59,484	199,151	250,518	209,243	116,929	31,388
Not stated	19,935	1,554	4,920	5,730	4,575	2,461	695

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

²Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 17. Births, by method of delivery: United States, 2010–2020, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

Year and race and Hispanic origin	Vaginal			Cesarean				Cesarean			Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery ⁷
	All births	Total ¹	After previous cesarean	Total ²	Primary	Low-risk ³	Not stated	Total ⁴	Primary ⁵	Low-risk ⁶	
All races and origins ⁸	Number							Percent			
2020.....	3,613,647	2,462,904	77,776	1,148,692	666,599	310,303	2,051	31.8	21.9	25.9	13.9
2019.....	3,747,540	2,558,882	80,140	1,186,397	683,900	314,016	2,261	31.7	21.6	25.6	13.8
2018.....	3,791,712	2,581,992	78,842	1,208,176	693,276	319,022	1,544	31.9	21.7	25.9	13.3
2017.....	3,855,500	2,621,010	76,301	1,232,339	710,963	325,086	2,151	32.0	21.9	26.0	12.8
2016.....	3,945,875	2,684,803	75,244	1,258,581	728,500	329,614	2,491	31.9	21.8	25.7	12.4
2015.....	3,978,497	2,703,504	---	1,272,503	---	331,982	2,490	32.0	---	25.8	---
2014.....	3,988,076	2,699,951	---	1,284,551	---	337,086	3,574	32.2	---	26.0	---
2013.....	3,932,181	2,642,892	---	1,284,339	---	344,405	4,950	32.7	---	26.8	---
2012.....	3,952,841	2,650,744	---	1,296,070	---	355,942	6,027	32.8	---	27.2	---
2011.....	3,953,590	2,651,428	---	1,293,267	---	359,669	8,895	32.8	---	27.2	---
2010.....	3,999,386	2,680,947	---	1,309,182	---	368,523	9,257	32.8	---	27.5	---
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁹											
White:											
2020.....	1,843,432	1,275,917	36,967	566,811	339,770	157,635	704	30.8	21.5	24.9	14.0
2019.....	1,915,912	1,327,934	38,442	587,111	348,616	160,622	867	30.7	21.3	24.7	13.9
2018.....	1,956,413	1,353,424	38,345	602,361	356,796	164,087	628	30.8	21.4	24.9	13.5
2017.....	1,992,461	1,375,702	37,295	615,830	366,505	167,434	929	30.9	21.5	24.9	13.0
2016.....	2,056,332	1,419,788	37,442	635,588	379,240	172,006	956	30.9	21.5	24.7	12.8
Black:											
2020.....	529,811	337,264	12,911	192,338	110,612	48,448	209	36.3	25.5	30.6	13.7
2019.....	548,075	351,191	13,159	196,672	113,001	48,481	212	35.9	25.1	30.0	13.6
2018.....	552,029	352,750	12,702	199,117	114,150	49,481	162	36.1	25.2	30.3	13.0
2017.....	560,715	358,467	12,457	201,991	117,054	50,217	257	36.0	25.3	30.4	12.8
2016.....	558,622	357,859	11,763	200,460	117,410	50,287	303	35.9	25.4	30.3	12.4
Hispanic ¹⁰											
2020.....	866,713	594,463	19,469	271,865	145,786	67,517	385	31.4	20.2	25.1	13.4
2019.....	886,467	608,445	19,612	277,578	147,597	66,705	444	31.3	20.1	24.8	13.1
2018.....	886,210	605,674	19,371	280,386	147,149	67,040	150	31.6	20.1	25.4	12.7
2017.....	898,764	613,101	18,423	285,379	150,592	67,860	284	31.8	20.2	25.6	12.0
2016.....	918,447	627,095	17,847	290,832	153,462	67,278	520	31.7	20.1	25.1	11.5

--- Comparable data are not available for the 50 states and the District of Columbia for 2010–2015 because not all reporting areas had adopted the 2003 U.S. Certificate of Live Birth.

¹Includes unknown type of vaginal delivery; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes unknown type of cesarean delivery; see Technical Notes.

³Low-risk cesarean is defined as singleton, term (37 or more completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth.

⁴Percentage of all live births delivered by cesarean.

⁵Primary cesarean rate is the number of births to women having a cesarean delivery per 100 births to women without a previous cesarean.

⁶Low-risk cesarean rate is the number of singleton, term (37 or more completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic, first births.

⁷Vaginal birth after cesarean delivery rate is the number of births to women having a vaginal delivery per 100 births to women with a previous cesarean delivery.

⁸Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

⁹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

¹⁰Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 18. Births, by method of delivery and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Race and Hispanic origin and age (years) of mother	All births	Vaginal		Cesarean				Cesarean			Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery ⁷
		Total ¹	After previous cesarean	Total ²	Primary	Low-risk ³	Not stated	Total ⁴	Primary ⁵	Low-risk ⁶	
All races and origins ⁸		Number						Percent			
All ages	3,613,647	2,462,904	77,776	1,148,692	666,599	310,303	2,051	31.8	21.9	25.9	13.9
Under 20	159,808	128,786	430	30,945	28,132	19,056	77	19.4	18.0	15.8	13.4
20–24	665,595	497,060	7,923	168,150	119,070	69,191	385	25.3	19.6	21.5	13.9
25–29	1,024,402	719,245	21,200	304,582	180,505	87,336	575	29.7	20.6	25.6	14.6
30–34	1,069,984	709,519	27,659	359,900	194,871	82,693	565	33.7	22.2	28.9	14.4
35–39	564,059	339,939	16,754	223,776	111,894	41,065	344	39.7	25.7	38.1	13.0
40–54	129,799	68,355	3,810	61,339	32,127	10,962	105	47.3	33.3	51.6	11.5
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁹											
White, all ages	1,843,432	1,275,917	36,967	566,811	339,770	157,635	704	30.8	21.5	24.9	14.0
Under 20	54,805	43,952	85	10,833	9,920	6,572	20	19.8	18.5	15.7	8.6
20–24	293,861	221,269	2,766	72,484	52,405	29,617	108	24.7	19.4	20.2	12.1
25–29	526,693	377,544	9,171	148,955	94,072	45,783	194	28.3	20.4	23.4	14.3
30–34	605,458	412,152	14,306	193,106	109,639	47,393	200	31.9	21.6	27.0	14.6
35–39	301,688	187,565	8,752	113,981	58,931	22,678	142	37.8	24.8	36.0	13.7
40–54	60,927	33,435	1,887	27,452	14,803	5,592	40	45.1	32.0	49.0	13.0
Black, all ages	529,811	337,264	12,911	192,338	110,612	48,448	209	36.3	25.5	30.6	13.7
Under 20	34,659	26,979	112	7,665	7,006	4,748	15	22.1	20.7	18.7	14.7
20–24	124,882	88,563	1,752	36,268	25,919	14,923	51	29.1	23.0	25.8	14.5
25–29	156,654	101,602	4,082	54,994	30,531	13,428	58	35.1	23.9	33.4	14.3
30–34	126,860	75,161	4,151	51,654	25,934	9,088	45	40.7	26.8	39.8	13.9
35–39	68,134	36,470	2,281	31,633	15,721	4,678	31	46.4	31.5	48.4	12.6
40–54	18,622	8,489	533	10,124	5,501	1,583	9	54.4	40.9	61.9	10.3
Hispanic ¹⁰											
All ages	866,713	594,463	19,469	271,865	145,786	67,517	385	31.4	20.2	25.1	13.4
Under 20	59,484	49,016	207	10,431	9,353	6,480	37	17.5	16.1	14.4	16.2
20–24	199,151	150,912	2,813	48,147	32,591	19,809	92	24.2	18.0	21.2	15.3
25–29	250,518	174,612	6,015	75,790	39,950	19,130	116	30.3	19.2	27.8	14.4
30–34	209,243	134,839	6,039	74,321	34,975	13,429	83	35.5	21.4	32.4	13.3
35–39	116,929	68,567	3,503	48,317	21,818	6,780	45	41.3	25.1	41.4	11.7
40–54	31,388	16,517	892	14,859	7,099	1,889	12	47.4	31.3	53.7	10.3

¹Includes unknown type of vaginal delivery; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes unknown type of cesarean delivery; see Technical Notes.

³Low-risk cesarean is defined as singleton, term (37 or more completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth.

⁴Percentage of all live births delivered by cesarean.

⁵Primary cesarean rate is the number of births to women having a cesarean delivery per 100 births to women without a previous cesarean.

⁶Low-risk cesarean rate is the number of singleton, term (37 or more completed weeks of gestation based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic, first births.

⁷Vaginal birth after cesarean delivery rate is the number of births to women having a vaginal delivery per 100 births to women with a previous cesarean delivery.

⁸Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

⁹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

¹⁰Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 19. Principal source of payment for the delivery, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

[Percentages are number of live births with specified source of payment per 100 live births in specified group]

Source of payment and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All ages	Under 20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–54
All races and origins¹				Percent			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Medicaid	42.0	78.4	63.1	44.7	29.9	27.6	30.6
Private insurance	50.6	14.9	28.7	47.6	63.3	65.4	61.4
Self-pay	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.2	5.2
Other ²	3.5	2.9	4.3	3.8	3.1	2.8	2.8
				Number			
Total	3,613,647	159,808	665,595	1,024,402	1,069,984	564,059	129,799
Not stated	25,802	1,126	5,757	7,591	6,911	3,568	849
Non-Hispanic, single race³				Percent			
White:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Medicaid	29.3	73.1	52.9	31.8	18.8	17.2	19.2
Private insurance	63.9	21.8	39.0	60.9	75.0	76.7	73.6
Self-pay	3.4	2.0	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.5	4.6
Other ²	3.4	3.1	4.6	3.8	3.0	2.6	2.7
				Number			
Total	1,843,432	54,805	293,861	526,693	605,458	301,688	60,927
Not stated	13,099	471	2,719	3,892	3,816	1,855	346
Black:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Medicaid	64.7	84.2	75.9	67.9	56.5	47.6	44.0
Private insurance	30.1	12.1	19.2	26.9	38.1	46.7	49.8
Self-pay	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.7	3.2
Other ²	3.0	2.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0
				Number			
Total	529,811	34,659	124,882	156,654	126,860	68,134	18,622
Not stated	3,597	165	908	1,002	873	505	144
Hispanic⁴				Percent			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Medicaid	58.6	80.0	70.0	58.3	49.2	47.8	50.3
Private insurance	31.3	10.1	19.8	31.8	40.8	41.5	38.1
Self-pay	6.7	6.9	6.1	6.2	6.8	7.7	8.8
Other ²	3.5	3.0	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9
				Number			
Total	866,713	59,484	199,151	250,518	209,243	116,929	31,388
Not stated	5,579	374	1,496	1,664	1,213	632	200

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.²Other includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity.³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 20. Births, by gestational age: United States, 2010–2020, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹				Post term ¹	
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early		Late	Total 37–41	Early 37–38	Full 39–40	Late 41	42 and over	Not stated	
				Under 28	28–31	32–33							34–36
All races and origins ²	Number	Percent										Number	
2020.....	3,613,647	10.09	2.70	0.64	0.90	1.15	7.40	89.66	27.78	57.00	4.88	0.25	2,478
2019.....	3,747,540	10.23	2.77	0.66	0.93	1.18	7.46	89.52	27.31	57.02	5.19	0.25	2,406
2018.....	3,791,712	10.02	2.75	0.66	0.91	1.18	7.28	89.68	26.53	57.24	5.90	0.30	2,507
2017.....	3,855,500	9.93	2.76	0.67	0.92	1.17	7.17	89.74	26.00	57.49	6.25	0.33	2,759
2016.....	3,945,875	9.85	2.76	0.68	0.92	1.17	7.09	89.80	25.47	57.94	6.38	0.35	3,454
2015.....	3,978,497	9.63	2.76	0.68	0.91	1.17	6.87	89.98	24.99	58.47	6.51	0.40	2,926
2014.....	3,988,076	9.57	2.75	0.69	0.91	1.15	6.82	90.43	24.76	58.72	6.53	0.42	3,246
2013.....	3,932,181	9.62	2.79	0.70	0.92	1.17	6.83	90.38	24.81	58.85	6.31	0.41	7,467
2012.....	3,952,841	9.76	2.80	0.71	0.92	1.17	6.96	90.24	25.47	58.30	6.06	0.40	8,380
2011.....	3,953,590	9.81	2.81	0.70	0.93	1.18	6.99	90.19	26.09	57.51	6.16	0.43	9,290
2010.....	3,999,386	9.98	2.84	0.71	0.94	1.18	7.15	90.01	27.29	56.08	6.19	0.46	10,538
Non-Hispanic, single race ³													
White:													
2020.....	1,843,432	9.10	2.21	0.44	0.74	1.03	6.90	90.58	25.98	59.08	5.53	0.32	1,001
2019.....	1,915,912	9.26	2.27	0.44	0.77	1.06	6.99	90.42	25.56	59.01	5.84	0.32	924
2018.....	1,956,413	9.09	2.26	0.44	0.76	1.07	6.83	90.53	24.68	59.16	6.70	0.37	924
2017.....	1,992,461	9.05	2.30	0.46	0.77	1.06	6.76	90.54	24.16	59.27	7.11	0.40	1,051
2016.....	2,056,332	9.04	2.33	0.48	0.78	1.07	6.72	90.53	23.64	59.61	7.28	0.43	1,409
Black:													
2020.....	529,811	14.36	4.82	1.47	1.58	1.77	9.54	85.43	31.22	50.47	3.74	0.21	300
2019.....	548,075	14.39	4.94	1.52	1.63	1.79	9.45	85.39	30.40	50.93	4.06	0.21	326
2018.....	552,029	14.13	4.90	1.51	1.60	1.79	9.23	85.62	29.64	51.34	4.64	0.25	384
2017.....	560,715	13.93	4.87	1.53	1.62	1.72	9.06	85.79	28.93	51.90	4.96	0.28	445
2016.....	558,622	13.77	4.93	1.56	1.61	1.75	8.84	85.94	28.48	52.42	5.04	0.30	506
Hispanic ⁴													
2020.....	866,713	9.84	2.52	0.60	0.84	1.07	7.32	90.01	29.00	56.61	4.41	0.15	348
2019.....	886,467	9.97	2.61	0.63	0.87	1.11	7.36	89.87	28.66	56.52	4.68	0.16	344
2018.....	886,210	9.73	2.56	0.62	0.84	1.09	7.17	90.07	28.05	56.83	5.19	0.20	382
2017.....	898,764	9.62	2.56	0.62	0.85	1.09	7.05	90.16	27.58	57.15	5.43	0.23	455
2016.....	918,447	9.45	2.98	0.62	0.84	1.08	6.92	90.30	27.02	57.85	5.43	0.25	676

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 20. Births, by gestational age: United States, 2010–2020, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹				Post term ¹		
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early			Late	Total 37–41	Early 37–38	Full 39–40	Late 41	42 and over	Not stated	
				Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36							
All races and origins ²													Number	
2020.....	3,613,647	364,487	97,420	23,286	32,463	41,671	267,067	3,237,819	1,003,260	2,058,396	176,163	8,863	2,478	
2019.....	3,747,540	383,061	103,759	24,758	34,748	44,253	279,302	3,352,638	1,022,874	2,135,518	194,246	9,435	2,406	
2018.....	3,791,712	379,777	104,031	24,945	34,386	44,700	275,746	3,398,110	1,005,405	2,169,016	223,689	11,318	2,507	
2017.....	3,855,500	382,726	106,417	25,913	35,476	45,028	276,309	3,457,455	1,001,601	2,214,983	240,871	12,560	2,759	
2016.....	3,945,875	388,218	108,836	26,618	36,239	45,979	279,382	3,540,290	1,004,224	2,284,399	251,667	13,913	3,454	
2015.....	3,978,497	382,786	109,660	26,996	36,149	46,515	273,126	3,577,072	993,599	2,324,474	258,999	15,713	2,926	
2014.....	3,988,076	381,321	109,474	27,320	36,245	45,909	271,847	3,586,933	986,745	2,339,796	260,392	19,822	3,246	
2013.....	3,932,181	377,655	109,435	27,550	36,096	45,789	268,220	3,283,457	973,569	2,309,888	247,476	16,126	7,467	
2012.....	3,952,841	385,082	110,444	28,004	36,366	46,074	274,638	3,304,365	1,004,750	2,299,615	239,148	15,866	8,380	
2011.....	3,953,590	386,855	111,002	27,737	36,758	46,507	275,853	3,297,649	1,029,157	2,268,492	242,999	16,797	9,290	
2010.....	3,999,386	398,402	113,131	28,437	37,435	47,259	285,271	3,325,476	1,088,564	2,236,912	246,768	18,413	10,538	
Non-Hispanic, single race ³														
White:														
2020.....	1,843,432	167,679	40,638	8,043	13,681	18,914	127,041	1,668,915	478,611	1,088,456	101,848	5,837	1,001	
2019.....	1,915,912	177,339	43,532	8,487	14,735	20,310	133,807	1,731,535	489,542	1,130,124	111,869	6,114	924	
2018.....	1,956,413	177,842	44,287	8,665	14,764	20,858	133,555	1,770,366	482,550	1,156,775	131,041	7,281	924	
2017.....	1,992,461	180,322	45,761	9,200	15,429	21,132	134,561	1,803,063	481,048	1,180,394	141,621	8,025	1,051	
2016.....	2,056,332	185,854	47,823	9,766	16,101	21,956	138,031	1,860,243	485,846	1,224,872	149,525	8,826	1,409	
Black:														
2020.....	529,811	76,059	25,537	7,802	8,381	9,354	50,522	452,357	165,321	267,237	19,799	1,095	300	
2019.....	548,075	78,829	27,063	8,332	8,927	9,804	51,766	467,745	166,528	278,956	22,261	1,175	326	
2018.....	552,029	77,939	27,008	8,348	8,804	9,856	50,931	472,316	163,530	283,202	25,584	1,390	384	
2017.....	560,715	78,024	27,274	8,548	9,070	9,656	50,750	480,661	162,072	290,803	27,786	1,585	445	
2016.....	558,622	76,834	27,501	8,729	8,987	9,785	49,333	479,630	158,937	292,539	28,154	1,652	506	
Hispanic ⁴														
2020.....	866,713	85,224	21,790	5,241	7,273	9,276	63,434	779,828	251,210	490,413	38,205	1,313	348	
2019.....	886,467	88,354	23,116	5,620	7,699	9,797	65,238	796,333	253,964	500,856	41,513	1,436	344	
2018.....	886,210	86,186	22,637	5,490	7,467	9,680	63,549	797,905	248,463	503,429	46,013	1,737	382	
2017.....	898,764	86,393	23,025	5,605	7,635	9,785	63,368	809,882	247,788	513,342	48,752	2,034	455	
2016.....	918,447	86,691	23,195	5,649	7,665	9,881	63,496	828,783	247,999	530,951	49,833	2,297	676	

¹Expressed in completed weeks based on the obstetric estimate of gestation; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 21. Births, by gestational age, age, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Age (years) and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births	Preterm ¹					Term ¹				Post term ¹	Not stated
		Total under 37	Early			Late	Total 37–41	Early	Full	Late	42 and over	
			Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36		37–38	39–40	41		
All races and origins ²	Number	Percent										Number
All ages	3,613,647	10.09	0.64	0.90	1.15	7.40	89.66	27.78	57.00	4.88	0.25	2,478
Under 15	1,765	15.45	2.22	1.76	1.88	9.60	84.32	28.07	51.08	5.17	0.23	5
15–19	158,043	10.28	0.85	1.02	1.20	7.20	89.55	27.42	56.78	5.34	0.18	136
20–24	665,595	9.74	0.68	0.88	1.08	7.09	90.05	27.59	57.51	4.95	0.21	517
25–29	1,024,402	9.50	0.62	0.83	1.07	6.99	90.27	27.29	57.93	5.05	0.23	689
30–34	1,069,984	9.80	0.59	0.86	1.13	7.22	89.93	27.11	57.53	5.29	0.27	672
35–39	564,059	11.14	0.66	1.00	1.31	8.16	88.58	29.14	55.24	4.20	0.28	354
40–44	120,570	13.71	0.77	1.23	1.61	10.10	86.03	32.52	51.35	2.16	0.26	98
45–54	9,229	20.64	1.36	1.96	2.53	14.79	79.18	35.26	42.14	1.78	0.18	7
Non-Hispanic, single race ³												
White, all ages	1,843,432	9.10	0.44	0.74	1.03	6.90	90.58	25.98	59.08	5.53	0.32	1,001
Under 15	379	14.51	2.37	1.58	0.79	9.76	85.49	23.48	56.99	5.01	*	–
15–19	54,426	9.88	0.67	0.97	1.14	7.10	89.93	26.00	58.62	5.30	0.19	53
20–24	293,861	9.12	0.49	0.76	1.01	6.86	90.62	26.23	59.19	5.19	0.26	190
25–29	526,693	8.59	0.42	0.69	0.95	6.53	91.11	25.67	59.81	5.63	0.30	280
30–34	605,458	8.75	0.40	0.70	0.99	6.65	90.92	25.26	59.53	6.12	0.33	288
35–39	301,688	9.84	0.43	0.80	1.15	7.46	89.78	26.83	57.89	5.07	0.38	159
40–44	56,925	12.22	0.54	0.92	1.42	9.35	87.37	30.06	54.51	2.81	0.40	31
45–54	4,002	17.09	0.85	1.62	1.85	12.77	82.63	34.23	46.05	2.35	0.27	–
Black, all ages	529,811	14.36	1.47	1.58	1.77	9.54	85.43	31.22	50.47	3.74	0.21	300
Under 15	512	15.63	2.54	1.95	1.76	9.38	84.38	32.23	47.66	4.49	*	–
15–19	34,147	12.64	1.38	1.45	1.58	8.23	87.19	29.48	53.17	4.55	0.17	29
20–24	124,882	12.95	1.32	1.46	1.54	8.64	86.89	30.38	52.57	3.94	0.15	64
25–29	156,654	13.76	1.44	1.43	1.67	9.22	86.05	30.77	51.48	3.79	0.19	86
30–34	126,860	15.08	1.56	1.69	1.90	9.93	84.65	31.02	49.74	3.89	0.27	75
35–39	68,134	16.48	1.66	1.87	2.06	10.89	83.30	33.57	46.55	3.18	0.22	31
40–44	17,173	18.73	1.62	2.07	2.29	12.75	81.06	36.70	42.86	1.50	0.21	13
45–54	1,449	27.78	2.35	3.04	4.15	18.24	71.94	35.66	35.11	1.17	0.28	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 21. Births, by gestational age, age, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

Age (years) and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births	Preterm ¹					Term ¹			Post term ¹		Not stated
		Total under 37	Early		Late	Total 37–41	Early	Full	Late	42 and over		
			Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36		37–38	39–40	41		
All races and origins ²	Number	Percent										Number
Hispanic ⁴												
All ages	866,713	9.84	0.60	0.84	1.07	7.32	90.01	29.00	56.61	4.41	0.15	348
Under 15	732	15.27	1.38	1.51	2.61	9.77	84.32	28.06	50.89	5.36	0.41	5
15–19	58,752	9.29	0.68	0.81	0.98	6.81	90.56	27.59	57.20	5.76	0.16	38
20–24	199,151	8.68	0.56	0.71	0.93	6.49	91.16	27.75	58.24	5.17	0.16	105
25–29	250,518	9.03	0.54	0.75	0.95	6.80	90.82	28.27	57.90	4.66	0.15	94
30–34	209,243	10.18	0.60	0.86	1.12	7.60	89.66	29.17	56.29	4.19	0.16	56
35–39	116,929	11.89	0.72	1.07	1.37	8.73	87.98	31.56	53.35	3.07	0.13	39
40–44	29,471	14.00	0.80	1.34	1.57	10.29	85.86	34.45	49.86	1.55	0.14	10
45–54	1,917	22.44	1.57	2.35	2.77	15.76	77.51	37.63	38.78	1.10	0.05	1

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

– Quantity zero.

¹Expressed in completed weeks based on the obstetric estimate of gestation; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 22. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2020, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

Year and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births	Birthweight (grams) ¹													Not stated
		Low birthweight											5,000 or more		
		Total under 2,500	Very low birthweight				1,500– 1,999	2,000– 2,499	2,500– 2,999	3,000– 3,499	3,500– 3,999	4,000– 4,499		4,500– 4,999	
Number	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500– 999	1,000– 1,499	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Number	
All races and origins ²															
2020.....	3,613,647	8.24	1.34	0.13	0.49	0.71	1.61	5.29	19.15	38.94	26.18	6.51	0.87	0.10	2,977
2019.....	3,747,540	8.31	1.38	0.14	0.50	0.74	1.63	5.30	19.07	39.07	26.09	6.49	0.87	0.10	3,668
2018.....	3,791,712	8.28	1.38	0.14	0.50	0.74	1.62	5.28	18.75	38.76	26.44	6.72	0.94	0.11	2,932
2017.....	3,855,500	8.28	1.41	0.14	0.52	0.74	1.63	5.25	18.72	38.76	26.44	6.75	0.95	0.11	3,002
2016.....	3,945,875	8.17	1.40	0.14	0.52	0.74	1.59	5.17	18.54	38.76	26.60	6.85	0.97	0.11	4,518
2015.....	3,978,497	8.07	1.40	0.15	0.52	0.73	1.58	5.09	18.36	38.84	26.73	6.90	0.98	0.12	3,621
2014.....	3,988,076	8.00	1.40	0.15	0.52	0.74	1.56	5.04	18.27	38.80	26.88	6.94	0.99	0.12	3,270
2013.....	3,932,181	8.02	1.41	0.15	0.53	0.73	1.56	5.05	18.22	38.93	26.85	6.86	0.99	0.11	4,452
2012.....	3,952,841	7.99	1.42	0.15	0.54	0.73	1.56	5.01	18.28	39.00	26.81	6.83	0.97	0.12	4,008
2011.....	3,953,590	8.10	1.44	0.15	0.54	0.75	1.58	5.08	18.44	39.13	26.56	6.71	0.95	0.11	4,570
2010.....	3,999,386	8.15	1.45	0.15	0.55	0.75	1.59	5.11	18.63	39.21	26.41	6.58	0.92	0.11	3,964
Non-Hispanic, single race ³															
White:															
2020.....	1,843,432	6.84	0.99	0.08	0.34	0.56	1.35	4.50	16.37	38.18	29.46	7.96	1.07	0.12	1,144
2019.....	1,915,912	6.89	1.02	0.08	0.35	0.59	1.39	4.49	16.35	38.24	29.37	7.96	1.08	0.11	1,550
2018.....	1,956,413	6.91	1.02	0.09	0.34	0.58	1.38	4.52	16.01	37.80	29.74	8.25	1.16	0.12	1,259
2017.....	1,992,461	7.00	1.05	0.09	0.36	0.60	1.40	4.54	16.05	37.68	29.70	8.28	1.17	0.12	1,211
2016.....	2,056,332	6.97	1.07	0.09	0.37	0.61	1.39	4.51	15.88	37.59	29.82	8.39	1.21	0.12	2,212
Black:															
2020.....	529,811	14.19	2.86	0.34	1.13	1.39	2.79	8.53	25.90	37.60	18.14	3.61	0.49	0.07	569
2019.....	548,075	14.15	2.94	0.36	1.15	1.43	2.79	8.43	25.75	37.96	18.01	3.59	0.47	0.06	688
2018.....	552,029	14.07	2.92	0.35	1.16	1.41	2.79	8.35	25.44	37.90	18.33	3.68	0.51	0.07	571
2017.....	560,715	13.89	2.95	0.36	1.18	1.41	2.72	8.22	25.44	37.96	18.37	3.76	0.51	0.07	642
2016.....	558,622	13.68	2.95	0.37	1.20	1.38	2.67	8.06	25.38	38.24	18.42	3.69	0.52	0.07	936
Hispanic ⁴															
2020.....	866,713	7.40	1.19	0.12	0.45	0.63	1.43	4.77	19.41	40.63	25.74	5.92	0.79	0.11	436
2019.....	886,467	7.55	1.27	0.12	0.47	0.68	1.45	4.83	19.23	40.83	25.62	5.89	0.78	0.10	575
2018.....	886,210	7.49	1.24	0.12	0.46	0.66	1.43	4.81	19.01	40.64	25.90	6.02	0.83	0.11	381
2017.....	898,764	7.43	1.26	0.13	0.47	0.66	1.42	4.76	18.86	40.76	25.95	6.02	0.85	0.11	428
2016.....	918,447	7.32	1.24	0.13	0.46	0.65	1.41	4.68	18.76	40.79	26.06	6.10	0.85	0.12	556

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 22. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2020, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020—Con.

Year and race and Hispanic origin of mother	Birthweight (grams) ¹														
	All births	Low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Very low birthweight					1,500– 1,999	2,000– 2,499	2,500– 2,999	3,000– 3,499	3,500– 3,999	4,000– 4,499	4,500– 4,999	5,000 or more
		Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500– 999	1,000– 1,499										
All races and origins²															
															Number
2020.....	3,613,647	297,604	48,326	4,790	17,805	25,731	58,162	191,116	691,557	1,405,907	945,295	235,023	31,500	3,784	2,977
2019.....	3,747,540	311,245	51,733	5,189	18,839	27,705	61,205	198,307	713,859	1,462,658	976,609	243,153	32,694	3,654	3,668
2018.....	3,791,712	313,752	52,171	5,303	18,970	27,898	61,509	200,072	710,444	1,468,639	1,001,803	254,704	35,435	4,003	2,932
2017.....	3,855,500	318,873	54,135	5,470	19,979	28,686	62,605	202,133	721,165	1,493,081	1,018,613	260,042	36,493	4,231	3,002
2016.....	3,945,875	321,839	55,110	5,710	20,323	29,077	62,863	203,866	730,710	1,527,707	1,048,476	269,865	38,264	4,496	4,518
2015.....	3,978,497	320,869	55,592	5,863	20,689	29,040	62,862	202,415	729,673	1,544,024	1,062,456	274,404	38,796	4,654	3,621
2014.....	3,988,076	318,847	55,947	5,936	20,721	29,290	61,992	200,908	727,987	1,546,274	1,071,007	276,592	39,353	4,746	3,270
2013.....	3,932,181	315,099	55,458	5,945	20,866	28,647	61,238	198,403	715,764	1,529,258	1,054,767	269,594	38,834	4,413	4,452
2012.....	3,952,841	315,709	56,252	5,947	21,432	28,873	61,499	197,958	721,840	1,540,161	1,058,604	269,581	38,288	4,650	4,008
2011.....	3,953,590	319,711	56,754	5,942	21,289	29,523	62,504	200,453	728,201	1,545,355	1,048,902	265,040	37,475	4,336	4,570
2010.....	3,999,386	325,563	57,841	5,980	22,015	29,846	63,427	204,295	744,181	1,566,755	1,055,004	262,997	36,706	4,216	3,964
Non-Hispanic, single race³															
White:															
2020.....	1,843,432	126,034	18,182	1,521	6,263	10,398	24,881	82,971	301,674	703,331	542,775	146,626	19,719	2,129	1,144
2019.....	1,915,912	131,959	19,443	1,587	6,643	11,213	26,572	85,944	312,909	732,022	562,273	152,340	20,720	2,139	1,550
2018.....	1,956,413	135,185	19,872	1,721	6,719	11,432	26,964	88,349	313,105	739,031	581,499	161,395	22,645	2,294	1,259
2017.....	1,992,461	139,358	20,981	1,752	7,233	11,996	27,968	90,409	319,523	750,331	591,376	164,898	23,299	2,465	1,211
2016.....	2,056,332	143,254	21,979	1,888	7,565	12,526	28,578	92,697	326,279	772,165	612,641	172,434	24,781	2,566	2,212
Black:															
2020.....	529,811	75,085	15,146	1,806	5,985	7,355	14,785	45,154	137,053	198,979	96,025	19,101	2,618	381	569
2019.....	548,075	77,475	16,089	1,954	6,315	7,820	15,261	46,125	140,963	207,795	98,585	19,641	2,593	335	688
2018.....	552,029	77,584	16,127	1,941	6,406	7,780	15,411	46,046	140,295	209,028	101,089	20,285	2,806	371	571
2017.....	560,715	77,815	16,544	2,024	6,597	7,923	15,228	46,043	142,459	212,599	102,878	21,065	2,854	403	642
2016.....	558,622	76,299	16,465	2,083	6,675	7,707	14,885	44,949	141,557	213,260	102,702	20,571	2,880	417	936
Hispanic⁴															
2020.....	866,713	64,092	10,344	998	3,890	5,456	12,394	41,354	168,111	351,994	223,005	51,290	6,857	928	436
2019.....	886,467	66,912	11,223	1,105	4,135	5,983	12,869	42,820	170,366	361,725	226,969	52,185	6,880	855	575
2018.....	886,210	66,310	11,006	1,084	4,040	5,882	12,706	42,598	168,418	359,966	229,450	53,359	7,358	968	381
2017.....	898,764	66,766	11,275	1,137	4,229	5,909	12,772	42,719	169,467	366,198	233,157	54,096	7,631	1,021	428
2016.....	918,447	67,210	11,378	1,175	4,237	5,966	12,910	42,922	172,171	374,434	239,210	55,983	7,770	1,113	556

¹Equivalents of gram weights in pounds and ounces are shown in the User Guide; see reference 10 in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 23. Births, by birthweight, age, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Age (years) and race and Hispanic origin of mother		Birthweight (grams) ¹													
		Low birthweight													Not stated
		Total under 2,500	Very low birthweight					2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more	
All births	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500–999	1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
All races and origins ²	Number														Number
All ages	3,613,647	8.24	1.34	0.13	0.49	0.71	1.61	5.29	19.15	38.94	26.18	6.51	0.87	0.10	2,977
Under 15	1,765	13.50	3.18	0.34	1.70	1.13	1.93	8.39	28.19	39.76	15.26	3.18	0.11	*	2
15–19	158,043	10.12	1.64	0.17	0.65	0.82	1.85	6.63	24.18	41.18	20.50	3.61	0.37	0.03	101
20–24	665,595	8.59	1.37	0.15	0.51	0.72	1.57	5.64	21.24	40.50	23.92	5.08	0.61	0.07	566
25–29	1,024,402	7.77	1.25	0.13	0.46	0.66	1.49	5.03	18.80	39.29	26.64	6.54	0.86	0.10	842
30–34	1,069,984	7.70	1.24	0.12	0.46	0.66	1.53	4.93	17.77	38.28	27.79	7.34	1.00	0.12	860
35–39	564,059	8.56	1.44	0.12	0.53	0.79	1.79	5.33	18.29	37.52	27.01	7.41	1.08	0.14	475
40–44	120,570	10.52	1.74	0.15	0.62	0.97	2.25	6.52	19.90	37.22	24.66	6.55	1.01	0.14	121
45–54	9,229	15.80	2.90	0.26	1.06	1.57	3.81	9.10	23.12	34.27	20.98	5.04	0.68	0.11	10
Non-Hispanic, single race ³															
White, all ages	1,843,432	6.84	0.99	0.08	0.34	0.56	1.35	4.50	16.37	38.18	29.46	7.96	1.07	0.12	1,144
Under 15	379	11.87	3.17	0.53	1.58	1.06	1.06	7.65	24.01	42.74	16.89	4.22	0.26	*	–
15–19	54,426	8.79	1.42	0.13	0.56	0.73	1.64	5.73	20.83	40.94	24.03	4.86	0.51	0.04	27
20–24	293,861	7.19	1.06	0.10	0.37	0.59	1.34	4.79	18.30	40.07	27.28	6.29	0.80	0.08	179
25–29	526,693	6.44	0.93	0.08	0.32	0.53	1.26	4.25	16.14	38.60	29.76	7.91	1.04	0.11	320
30–34	605,458	6.45	0.91	0.08	0.31	0.52	1.28	4.27	15.33	37.53	30.72	8.66	1.18	0.13	381
35–39	301,688	7.15	1.03	0.07	0.34	0.62	1.49	4.63	15.94	36.70	29.97	8.85	1.25	0.13	190
40–44	56,925	8.90	1.23	0.10	0.42	0.71	1.90	5.77	17.52	36.80	27.53	7.91	1.20	0.14	43
45–54	4,002	12.83	2.10	0.23	0.63	1.25	3.00	7.73	20.44	35.02	24.21	6.43	0.93	0.15	4
Black, all ages	529,811	14.19	2.86	0.34	1.13	1.39	2.79	8.53	25.90	37.60	18.14	3.61	0.49	0.07	569
Under 15	512	17.61	3.72	0.39	1.76	1.57	2.94	10.96	31.70	37.77	10.76	2.15	*	*	1
15–19	34,147	15.12	2.73	0.31	1.07	1.35	2.69	9.70	30.29	38.65	14.02	1.72	0.18	0.02	31
20–24	124,882	14.12	2.60	0.31	1.01	1.29	2.60	8.92	28.35	38.70	15.91	2.63	0.27	0.03	131
25–29	156,654	13.69	2.69	0.34	1.06	1.29	2.66	8.34	25.90	38.14	18.29	3.48	0.44	0.07	170
30–34	126,860	13.92	3.04	0.36	1.21	1.47	2.83	8.05	23.72	37.01	20.14	4.45	0.68	0.09	137
35–39	68,134	14.70	3.27	0.36	1.33	1.58	3.19	8.24	23.48	35.78	20.20	4.91	0.79	0.14	79
40–44	17,173	16.57	3.45	0.41	1.36	1.68	3.56	9.56	24.77	34.67	18.75	4.31	0.78	0.15	18
45–54	1,449	21.91	5.25	0.69	1.80	2.76	5.67	10.99	26.26	30.96	16.31	4.08	0.48	*	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 23. Births, by birthweight, age, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020—Con.

Age (years) and race and Hispanic origin of mother		Birthweight (grams) ¹													
		Low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Very low birthweight					1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more
Total under 1,500	Less than 500		500–999	1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999										
Hispanic ⁴	Number	Percent													Number
All ages	866,713	7.40	1.19	0.12	0.45	0.63	1.43	4.77	19.41	40.63	25.74	5.92	0.79	0.11	436
Under 15	732	11.08	2.05	0.14	1.23	0.68	1.64	7.39	29.41	39.53	17.10	2.74	0.14	*	1
15–19	58,752	8.39	1.21	0.12	0.50	0.59	1.49	5.70	23.99	43.11	20.67	3.46	0.36	0.03	33
20–24	199,151	7.16	1.07	0.13	0.39	0.56	1.30	4.79	20.92	42.23	24.22	4.84	0.55	0.07	105
25–29	250,518	6.74	1.08	0.11	0.40	0.57	1.24	4.42	18.66	40.96	26.64	6.10	0.80	0.10	116
30–34	209,243	7.18	1.19	0.11	0.46	0.62	1.47	4.53	18.00	39.58	27.28	6.87	0.96	0.13	92
35–39	116,929	8.26	1.46	0.11	0.55	0.79	1.75	5.05	18.42	38.56	26.69	6.84	1.06	0.17	71
40–44	29,471	10.07	1.82	0.13	0.62	1.06	2.17	6.08	19.78	38.27	24.44	6.34	0.95	0.16	18
45–54	1,917	16.33	3.39	0.21	1.41	1.77	3.60	9.34	23.89	34.95	20.03	4.17	0.52	0.10	–

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

– Quantity zero.

¹Equivalents of gram weights in pounds and ounces are shown in the User Guide; see reference 10 in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 24. Twin and triplet and higher-order multiple births: United States, 2010–2020, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2020

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Total	Twin births	Triplet and higher-order births ¹	Multiple birth rate	Twin birth rate	Triplet and higher-order birth rate ¹
All races and origins ²		Number		Per 1,000		Per 100,000
2020.....	3,613,647	112,437	2,875	31.9	31.1	79.6
2019.....	3,747,540	120,291	3,286	33.0	32.1	87.7
2018.....	3,791,712	123,536	3,525	33.5	32.6	93.0
2017.....	3,855,500	128,310	3,917	34.3	33.3	101.6
2016.....	3,945,875	131,723	4,003	34.4	33.4	101.4
2015.....	3,978,497	133,155	4,123	34.5	33.5	103.6
2014.....	3,988,076	135,336	4,526	35.1	33.9	113.5
2013.....	3,932,181	132,324	4,700	34.8	33.7	119.5
2012.....	3,952,841	131,024	4,919	34.4	33.1	124.4
2011.....	3,953,590	131,269	5,417	34.6	33.2	137.0
2010.....	3,999,386	132,562	5,503	34.5	33.1	137.6
Non-Hispanic, single race ³						
White:						
2020.....	1,843,432	60,082	1,664	33.5	32.6	90.3
2019.....	1,915,912	64,011	1,865	34.4	33.4	97.3
2018.....	1,956,413	67,203	1,996	35.4	34.4	102.0
2017.....	1,992,461	70,704	2,324	36.7	35.5	116.6
2016.....	2,056,332	73,425	2,502	36.9	35.7	121.7
Black:						
2020.....	529,811	21,554	521	41.7	40.7	98.3
2019.....	548,075	22,397	589	41.9	40.9	107.5
2018.....	552,029	22,502	658	42.0	40.8	119.2
2017.....	560,715	22,982	671	42.2	41.0	119.7
2016.....	558,622	22,267	628	41.0	39.9	112.4
Hispanic ⁴						
2020.....	866,713	20,709	488	24.5	23.9	56.3
2019.....	886,467	21,811	590	25.3	24.6	66.6
2018.....	886,210	21,654	573	25.1	24.4	64.7
2017.....	898,764	22,041	614	25.2	24.5	68.3
2016.....	918,447	22,625	538	25.2	24.6	58.6

¹Triplet, quadruplet, quintuplet, and higher-order multiple deliveries.²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Table 25. Births, by plurality, age, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2020

Race and Hispanic origin and age (years) of mother	Total	Singleton births	Twin births	Triplet and higher-order births ¹	Multiple birth rate	Twin birth rate	Triplet and higher-order birth rate ¹
All races and origins ²	Number			Per 1,000		Per 100,000	
All ages	3,613,647	3,498,335	112,437	2,875	31.9	31.1	79.6
Under 15	1,765	1,743	19	3	12.5	10.8	170.0
15–19	158,043	155,509	2,496	38	16.0	15.8	24.0
15–17	38,587	38,025	550	12	14.6	14.3	31.1
18–19	119,456	117,484	1,946	26	16.5	16.3	21.8
20–24	665,595	650,050	15,290	255	23.4	23.0	38.3
25–29	1,024,402	993,089	30,520	793	30.6	29.8	77.4
30–34	1,069,984	1,031,463	37,479	1,042	36.0	35.0	97.4
35–39	564,059	542,124	21,365	570	38.9	37.9	101.1
40–44	120,570	115,995	4,460	115	37.9	37.0	95.4
45–54	9,229	8,362	808	59	93.9	87.6	639.3
Non-Hispanic, single race ³							
White, all ages	1,843,432	1,781,686	60,082	1,664	33.5	32.6	90.3
Under 15	379	375	4	–	10.6	10.6	0.0
15–19	54,426	53,622	786	18	14.8	14.4	33.1
15–17	10,893	10,752	138	3	12.9	12.7	27.5
18–19	43,533	42,870	648	15	15.2	14.9	34.5
20–24	293,861	287,357	6,377	127	22.1	21.7	43.2
25–29	526,693	510,433	15,801	459	30.9	30.0	87.1
30–34	605,458	582,769	22,013	676	37.5	36.4	111.7
35–39	301,688	288,927	12,446	315	42.3	41.3	104.4
40–44	56,925	54,509	2,361	55	42.4	41.5	96.6
45–54	4,002	3,694	294	14	77.0	73.5	349.8
Black, all ages	529,811	507,736	21,554	521	41.7	40.7	98.3
Under 15	512	504	8	–	15.6	15.6	0.0
15–19	34,147	33,382	754	11	22.4	22.1	32.2
15–17	8,970	8,803	164	3	18.6	18.3	33.4
18–19	25,177	24,579	590	8	23.8	23.4	31.8
20–24	124,882	120,674	4,166	42	33.7	33.4	33.6
25–29	156,654	149,778	6,714	162	43.9	42.9	103.4
30–34	126,860	120,664	6,031	165	48.8	47.5	130.1
35–39	68,134	64,961	3,101	72	46.6	45.5	105.7
40–44	17,173	16,499	632	42	39.2	36.8	244.6
45–54	1,449	1,274	148	27	120.8	102.1	1,863.4
Hispanic ⁴							
All ages	866,713	845,516	20,709	488	24.5	23.9	56.3
Under 15	732	729	3	–	4.1	4.1	0.0
15–19	58,752	57,962	784	6	13.4	13.3	10.2
15–17	15,987	15,774	210	3	13.3	13.1	18.8
18–19	42,765	42,188	574	3	13.5	13.4	7.0
20–24	199,151	195,379	3,704	68	18.9	18.6	34.1
25–29	250,518	244,593	5,805	120	23.7	23.2	47.9
30–34	209,243	203,273	5,829	141	28.5	27.9	67.4
35–39	116,929	113,236	3,567	126	31.6	30.5	107.8
40–44	29,471	28,597	859	15	29.7	29.1	50.9
45–54	1,917	1,747	158	12	88.7	82.4	626.0

– Quantity zero.

0.0 Quantity equals zero events in the numerator or percentage of less than 0.05.

¹Triplet, quadruplet, quintuplet, and higher order multiple deliveries.²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race White, Hispanic single-race Black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, and births with origin not stated.³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; people of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

Technical Notes

Data source

Data shown in this report for 2020 are based on 100% of the birth certificates filed in all states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). The data are provided to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program (VSCP). Information on the percentage of records with missing information for maternal and infant characteristics included in this report is shown by state in the "User Guide to the 2020 Natality Public Use File" (10); methodological and measurement information for these characteristics is also available in the 2020 User Guide.

2003 revision of U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth

Data for 2016–2020 presented in this report are based on the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth; data for 2010–2015 are based on both the 1989 and the 2003 birth certificate revisions. The 2003 revision is described in detail elsewhere (21).

Age of mother

Age of mother is computed in most cases from the mother's and infant's dates of birth as reported on the birth certificate. Since 2007, age of mother has been imputed for ages 8 and under and 65 and over. Mothers aged 9 are recoded as aged 10. A review and verification of unedited data for several years including 2007 showed that most births reported as occurring to women aged 50 and over were to women aged 50–54. In this report, the final age group shown in the tables (45–49, 45–54, or 50–54) includes births to mothers up to age 64. For historical information on mother's age, see the 2020 User Guide (10).

Marital status

Due to state statutory restrictions, beginning in 2017, California no longer provides record-level data on the marital status of the mother for births occurring in, or to residents of, the state. Instead of record-level data, California provides counts of births by marital status category (married, unmarried, and unknown) by age and race and Hispanic origin of the mother according to the age and race and Hispanic-origin categories shown in this report to NCHS. For consistency with procedures for handling missing information for other jurisdictions, California's counts of birth by marital status were redistributed (proportionately) to the same maternal age, race, and marital status subgroups in the data set to obtain the national estimates by marital status. This approach is consistent with hot-deck procedures used for non-California records to impute for missing age, race, and marital status based on records for which these characteristics are known.

Hispanic origin and race

Hispanic origin

Hispanic origin and race are reported separately on the birth certificate. Data are shown in most cases for five specified Hispanic groups: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central and South American, and Other and unknown Hispanic (includes Hispanic origins not categorized, including Spaniards). Prior to 2018, data for the Dominican subgroup had been included in the category "Other and unknown Hispanic." In tabulations of birth data by race and Hispanic origin, data for people of Hispanic origin are not further classified by race because most births to Hispanic women are reported as White.

Items asking for the Hispanic origin of the mother (and the father) have been included on the birth certificates of all states, D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam since 1993, and on the birth certificates of Puerto Rico starting in 2005 and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas starting in 2010 (10,13). American Samoa does not collect information on Hispanic origin.

The Hispanic-origin question on the 2003 revision of the birth certificate asks respondents to select only one response. Occasionally, however, more than one Hispanic-origin response is given, that is, a specified Hispanic group (Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, or Central and South American) in combination with one or more other specified Hispanic groups. From 2003 to 2012, respondents who selected more than one Hispanic origin on the birth certificate were classified as "Other Hispanic." Beginning with the 2013 data year, respondents who select more than one Hispanic origin are randomly assigned to a single Hispanic origin. This change was implemented to be consistent with the coding methods of the American Community Survey (22), on which the rates for the specified Hispanic groups from 2010 are based (see "Population estimates for specific Hispanic groups").

Race

This report presents data on race and Hispanic origin based on the 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards (12). The 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth allows the reporting of the five race categories either alone (single race) or in combination (more than one race or multiple races) for each parent (11), according to the revised standards issued by OMB in 1997 (12). The five categories for race specified in the revised standards are: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White; see the 2020 User Guide (10).

Beginning in 2016, all states and D.C., in addition to Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Northern Marianas, were reporting race according to the 1997 revised OMB standards, with 2.8% of mothers in the United States reporting more than one race in 2020 (10). Data from American Samoa still follow the 1977 OMB standards (23). Prior to 2016, the multiple-race reporting states varied widely, increasing from 6 states in 2003, to the 50 states and D.C. and all territories except American Samoa in 2016.

Gestational age

Beginning with the 2014 data year, NCHS transitioned to a new standard for estimating the gestational age of the newborn. The new measure—the obstetric estimate of gestation at delivery (OE)—replaces the measure based on the date of the last normal menses (LMP) (20). National data based on the OE are available only from data year 2007 forward. Gestational age estimates differ somewhat between the OE- and LMP-based measures. Accordingly, gestational age data in this report are based on the OE. Information and discussion of the reasons for the change, and a detailed comparison of the two measures, are presented elsewhere (20).

Computations of percentages, percent distributions, and means

For information and discussion on computations of percentages, percent distributions, and means, see the 2020 User Guide (10).

Population denominators

The birth and fertility rates for 2020 shown in [Tables 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, and I-2](#) are based on populations estimated from the 2010 census as of July 1, 2020. These populations are shown in the 2020 User Guide (10). The population estimates have been provided by the U.S. Census Bureau (24) and are based on the 2010 census counts by age, sex, and race. The race categories are consistent with the revised 1997 OMB standards (12).

The birth and fertility rates by state shown in [Table 8](#) are based on state-level population counts, which are based on the 2010 census provided by the U.S. Census Bureau (24). Birth and fertility rates for the territories except Puerto Rico shown in [Table 8](#) are based on population estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's International Data Base (25). Rates for Puerto Rico are based on population estimates from the 2010 census as of July 1, 2020, and are provided by the U.S. Census Bureau (26).

Rates by state and territory shown in this report may differ from rates computed based on other population estimates; rates for smaller population subgroups, such as those for teen mothers, may be particularly affected by differences in population estimates. Birth and fertility rates by month shown in [Table I-2](#) are based on monthly population estimates for 2020, which are also based on 2010 census estimates. For 2020, rates for unmarried women shown in [Tables 10 and 11](#) are based on distributions of the population by marital status averaged over a 2-year period for 2019–2020. These distributions were reported by the U.S. Census Bureau in the March Current Population Survey for each year (27,28) and have been adjusted to July 1, 2020 (2010 census), population levels (24) by NCHS' Division of Vital Statistics (29).

The population distributions by marital status are based on a 2-year average (of the current and prior year) from 2014 to 2020 (13). For earlier years, rates for unmarried women are based on distributions of the population by marital status averaged over a 3-year period (29).

Population estimates for specific Hispanic groups

The 2020 population estimates for the specific Hispanic population groups were not available when this report was being prepared (30). Accordingly, birth and fertility rates for these groups for 2020 are not shown in this report. Once available, birth and fertility rates for the specific Hispanic population groups will be published.

Computation of rates and percentages

An asterisk (*) in the tables indicates that a rate or percentage does not meet NCHS standards of reliability. For population-based rates, an asterisk is shown in place of a rate based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator. For percentages, NCHS has adopted new standards and implemented them for natality data beginning with the 2017 data year. The new standard is based on denominator size and on the absolute or relative widths of the confidence interval of the proportion or percentage calculated using the Clopper–Pearson method. This compares with the previous standard for which, similar to the standard for populations-based rates, an asterisk was used for percentages based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator. For detailed information on the 2017 standard, see the 2020 User Guide and “National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions” (10,31).

Random variation and significance testing for natality data

For information and discussion on random variation and significance testing for natality data, see the 2010 User Guide (32).

For information and discussion on random variation and significance testing for birth and fertility rates for Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central and South American, and other Hispanic populations based on American Community Survey population estimates, see the 2020 User Guide (10).

Definitions of medical terms

For definitions and discussion of medical and health items presented in this report, see “Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death” (33).

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