

Table 1-3. Birth Rates By Live-Birth Order and Race: United States, Specified Years 1940-55 and Each Year 1960-96

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ALL RACES								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1996.....	65.3	26.8	21.1	10.5	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1995.....	65.6	27.3	21.1	10.5	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3
1994.....	66.7	27.5	21.5	10.7	4.2	1.6	1.0	0.3
1993.....	67.6	27.5	21.9	11.0	4.3	1.6	1.0	0.3
1992.....	68.9	27.8	22.3	11.3	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3
1991.....	69.6	28.3	22.4	11.4	4.5	1.7	1.0	0.3
1990.....	70.9	29.0	22.8	11.7	4.5	1.7	1.0	0.3
1989.....	69.2	28.4	22.4	11.3	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3
1988.....	67.3	27.6	22.0	10.9	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1987.....	65.8	27.2	21.6	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.3
1986.....	65.4	27.2	21.6	10.3	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3
1985.....	66.3	27.6	22.0	10.4	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3
1984 (1).....	65.5	27.4	21.7	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3
1983 (1).....	65.7	27.8	21.5	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3
1982 (1).....	67.3	28.6	22.0	10.2	3.8	1.4	0.9	0.3
1981 (1).....	67.3	29.0	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.4
1980 (1).....	68.4	29.5	21.8	10.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	0.4
1979 (1).....	67.2	28.6	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1978 (1).....	65.5	27.8	21.1	9.8	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1977 (1).....	66.8	28.2	21.6	10.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	0.5
1976 (1).....	65.0	27.5	20.8	9.5	3.8	1.6	1.2	0.6
1975 (1).....	66.0	28.1	20.9	9.4	3.9	1.7	1.3	0.7
1974 (1).....	67.8	28.7	21.4	9.5	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.8
1973 (1).....	68.8	28.6	21.0	9.8	4.5	2.2	1.8	0.9
1972 (1).....	73.1	29.8	21.4	10.6	5.3	2.6	2.2	1.2
1971 (2).....	81.6	32.0	23.1	12.5	6.4	3.3	2.8	1.5
1970 (2).....	87.9	34.2	24.2	13.6	7.2	3.8	3.2	1.8
1969 (2).....	86.1	32.6	23.3	13.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	2.0
1968 (2).....	85.2	31.9	22.4	13.1	7.5	4.2	3.9	2.3
1967 (3).....	87.2	30.7	22.5	13.9	8.3	4.8	4.5	2.7
1966 (2).....	90.8	30.9	22.4	14.7	9.1	5.4	5.2	3.1

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1965 (2)	96.3	29.7	23.3	16.6	10.7	6.4	6.0	3.7
1964 (2)	104.7	30.3	25.1	18.7	12.2	7.3	6.9	4.1
1963 (2)	108.3	29.9	26.1	19.9	13.1	7.8	7.3	4.3
1962 (2)	112.0	29.9	26.9	21.0	13.8	8.2	7.6	4.5
1961 (2)	117.1	30.9	28.3	22.4	14.6	8.5	7.9	4.5
1960 (2)	118.0	31.1	29.2	22.8	14.6	8.3	7.6	4.3
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955.....	118.3	32.8	31.8	23.1	13.3	7.2	6.4	3.8
1950.....	106.2	33.3	32.1	18.4	9.2	4.8	4.7	3.6
1945.....	85.9	28.9	22.9	13.4	7.5	4.5	4.8	4.0
1940.....	79.9	29.3	20.0	10.9	6.4	4.1	4.8	4.3
WHITE								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1996.....	64.3	26.6	21.2	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2
1995.....	64.4	26.9	21.1	10.3	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1994.....	64.9	27.0	21.4	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2
1993.....	65.4	27.0	21.7	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.2
1992.....	66.5	27.3	22.0	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1991.....	67.0	27.8	22.0	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1990.....	68.3	28.4	22.4	11.1	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1989.....	66.4	27.6	21.9	10.7	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1988.....	64.5	26.8	21.6	10.4	3.6	1.2	0.7	0.2
1987.....	63.3	26.5	21.3	10.0	3.5	1.2	0.7	0.2
1986.....	63.1	26.6	21.3	9.8	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1985.....	64.1	27.0	21.8	9.9	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1984 (1)	63.2	26.8	21.4	9.6	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1983 (1)	63.4	27.2	21.2	9.5	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1982 (1)	64.8	28.0	21.6	9.6	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.3
1981 (1)	64.8	28.4	21.1	9.5	3.4	1.2	0.8	0.3
1980 (1)	65.6	28.8	21.3	9.6	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
Race of child								
1980 (1)	64.7	28.4	21.0	9.5	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1979 (1)	63.4	27.4	20.8	9.4	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1978 (1)	61.7	26.6	20.2	9.2	3.3	1.3	0.8	0.3
1977 (1)	63.2	26.9	20.9	9.4	3.4	1.4	0.9	0.4
1976 (1)	61.5	26.3	20.2	8.9	3.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1975 (1)	62.5	26.7	20.3	8.8	3.5	1.5	1.1	0.5
1974 (1)	64.2	27.2	20.8	9.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1973 (1)	64.9	27.0	20.4	9.2	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.7
1972 (1)	68.9	28.1	20.9	10.1	4.9	2.3	1.8	0.8
1971 (2)	77.3	30.5	22.5	12.0	6.0	3.0	2.3	1.0
1970 (2)	84.1	32.9	23.7	13.3	6.8	3.4	2.7	1.2
1969 (2)	82.2	31.4	22.9	13.1	7.0	3.6	2.9	1.4
1968 (2)	81.3	30.8	22.0	12.8	7.1	3.8	3.2	1.6
1967 (3)	82.8	29.6	22.1	13.5	7.8	4.3	3.7	1.8
1966 (2)	86.2	30.0	21.9	14.3	8.6	4.9	4.3	2.1
1965 (2)	91.3	28.9	22.9	16.2	10.1	5.8	5.0	2.4
1964 (2)	99.8	29.8	24.8	18.4	11.7	6.7	5.7	2.7
1963 (2,5)	103.6	29.4	25.9	19.6	12.6	7.1	6.1	2.9
1962 (2,5)	107.5	29.6	26.8	20.8	13.3	7.5	6.3	3.0
1961 (2)	112.3	30.6	28.3	22.2	14.0	7.7	6.4	3.0
1960 (2)	113.2	30.8	29.2	22.7	14.1	7.5	6.1	2.8
Births Adjusted for Underregistration (4)								
1955	113.7	32.6	32.0	22.9	12.6	6.2	4.9	2.5
1950	102.3	33.3	32.3	17.9	8.4	4.1	3.7	2.5
1945	83.4	29.0	23.3	13.2	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.0
1940	77.1	29.4	20.0	10.5	5.9	3.6	4.1	3.5

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ALL OTHER								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1996.....	69.5	27.9	20.8	11.2	5.1	2.3	1.6	0.6
1995.....	70.8	28.8	20.9	11.3	5.2	2.4	1.7	0.6
1994.....	74.5	29.6	22.0	12.1	5.7	2.6	1.9	0.6
1993.....	77.3	29.7	22.9	13.0	6.2	2.8	2.0	0.7
1992.....	79.5	30.1	23.6	13.7	6.5	3.0	2.0	0.7
1991.....	81.5	30.9	24.2	14.1	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7
1990.....	83.2	31.7	24.7	14.4	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7
1989.....	82.7	32.0	24.6	14.2	6.5	2.9	1.9	0.6
1988.....	80.3	31.3	24.1	13.6	6.2	2.7	1.8	0.6
1987.....	77.8	30.6	23.3	13.1	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6
1986.....	76.8	30.3	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6
1985.....	77.3	30.5	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6
1984(1).....	77.0	30.5	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6
1983(1).....	77.9	30.9	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.8	0.6
1982(1).....	80.3	31.5	24.0	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.7
1981(1).....	81.1	32.0	24.2	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.9	0.8
1980(1).....	83.9	33.5	24.8	13.7	6.3	2.8	2.0	0.9
Race of child								
1980(1).....	88.6	35.6	26.2	14.4	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9
1979(1).....	88.5	35.7	26.2	14.2	6.4	2.9	2.1	1.0
1978(1).....	87.0	35.0	25.8	13.8	6.3	2.9	2.2	1.1
1977(1).....	87.7	35.6	25.7	13.5	6.2	3.0	2.4	1.3
1976(1).....	85.8	35.2	24.7	12.8	6.0	3.0	2.5	1.5
1975(1).....	87.7	36.7	24.6	12.6	6.1	3.1	2.8	1.8
1974(1).....	89.8	37.7	24.7	12.5	6.3	3.3	3.1	2.1
1973(1).....	93.4	38.8	24.4	13.0	6.9	3.9	3.7	2.6
1972(1).....	99.5	40.6	25.0	13.7	7.7	4.6	4.6	3.4
1971(2).....	109.1	41.6	26.8	15.5	9.0	5.6	5.9	4.6
1970(2).....	113.0	42.4	26.9	15.9	9.7	6.1	6.7	5.3
1969(2).....	111.6	41.0	25.6	15.4	9.8	6.5	7.2	6.1

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1968 (2)	111.9	39.5	24.6	15.3	10.1	6.8	8.3	7.2
1967 (3)	117.1	37.6	25.3	16.5	11.2	7.9	9.9	8.8
1966 (2)	123.5	36.6	25.5	17.7	12.6	9.2	11.4	10.5
1965 (2)	131.9	35.3	26.2	19.3	14.4	10.7	13.6	12.4
1964 (2)	140.0	34.4	27.1	20.9	15.8	12.0	15.6	14.3
1963 (2,5)	143.7	33.5	27.4	21.6	16.8	13.0	16.4	15.0
1962 (2,5)	147.8	32.9	27.8	22.7	17.7	13.6	17.5	15.6
1961 (2)	153.0	33.5	28.7	23.6	18.7	14.0	18.4	16.0
1960 (2)	153.6	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6
Births Adjusted for Underregistration (4)								
1955	154.3	34.8	30.5	24.2	19.0	14.5	17.3	14.0
1950	137.3	33.8	30.3	22.9	15.3	10.4	12.6	12.0
1945	106.0	27.9	20.1	14.7	11.3	8.7	11.3	11.9
1940	102.4	28.6	19.6	14.1	10.5	7.8	10.4	11.3
BLACK								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
1996	70.7	27.6	20.5	12.0	5.6	2.6	1.8	0.6
1995	72.3	28.7	20.7	12.0	5.7	2.6	1.8	0.6
1994	76.9	29.8	22.2	13.1	6.3	2.9	2.0	0.6
1993	80.5	30.2	23.4	14.1	6.9	3.1	2.2	0.7
1992	83.2	30.6	24.3	15.0	7.2	3.3	2.2	0.6
1991	85.2	31.5	25.0	15.4	7.4	3.3	2.1	0.6
1990	86.8	32.4	25.6	15.6	7.4	3.2	2.0	0.6
1989	86.2	32.9	25.4	15.3	7.1	3.0	1.9	0.6
1988	82.6	31.8	24.6	14.4	6.6	2.8	1.8	0.5
1987	80.1	31.2	23.8	13.9	6.3	2.7	1.7	0.5
1986	78.9	31.0	23.4	13.5	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1985	78.8	31.0	23.4	13.4	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1984 (1)	78.1	30.9	23.0	13.2	6.0	2.6	1.7	0.6
1983 (1)	78.7	31.1	23.1	13.2	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.6
1982 (1)	80.9	31.7	23.9	13.8	6.3	2.7	1.8	0.7
1981 (1)	82.0	32.3	24.2	13.7	6.3	2.8	1.9	0.8

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1980(1).....	84.9	33.7	24.7	14.0	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9
Race of child								
1980(1).....	88.1	35.2	25.7	14.5	6.7	3.0	2.1	0.9
1979(1).....	88.3	35.3	25.8	14.4	6.6	3.0	2.2	1.0
1978(1).....	86.7	34.6	25.4	13.9	6.5	3.0	2.3	1.1
1977(1).....	88.1	35.6	25.5	13.6	6.4	3.1	2.4	1.4
1976(1).....	85.8	35.2	24.4	12.9	6.2	3.1	2.6	1.5
1975(1).....	87.9	36.9	24.2	12.6	6.3	3.2	2.9	1.9
1974(1).....	89.7	37.7	24.2	12.6	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.2
1973(1).....	93.6	38.9	24.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	3.9	2.8
1972(1).....	99.9	40.7	24.6	13.7	7.9	4.7	4.8	3.6
1971(2).....	109.7	41.7	26.6	15.5	9.2	5.7	6.2	4.8
1970(2).....	115.4	43.3	27.1	16.1	10.0	6.4	7.0	5.6
1969(2).....	112.1	41.2	25.4	15.4	9.9	6.6	7.4	6.3
1968(2).....	112.7	39.8	24.4	15.3	10.2	7.0	8.5	7.5
1967(3).....	118.5	38.0	25.3	16.5	11.4	8.1	10.1	9.1
1966(2).....	124.7	36.9	25.5	17.7	12.7	9.4	11.7	10.8
1965(2).....	133.2	35.6	26.1	19.3	14.5	10.9	14.0	12.7
1964(2).....	142.6	35.0	27.3	21.1	16.1	12.3	16.1	14.7
1961-1963.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1960(2).....	153.5	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6

--- Data not available.

(1) Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.

(2) Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

(3) Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

(4) For method of adjustment, see Technical Appendix.

(5) Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see Technical Appendix.

NOTE: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race.