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Year, race, and Hispanic origin	Total	Live-birth order								Unknown or not stated
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over		
ALL RACES										
Registered births										
1996.....	27.0	24.6	27.6	29.1	30.2	31.2	32.6	35.5	27.5	
1995.....	26.9	24.5	27.5	29.1	30.2	31.2	32.6	35.4	27.1	
1994.....	26.8	24.4	27.4	28.9	29.9	30.9	32.4	35.3	26.7	
1993.....	26.7	24.4	27.2	28.7	29.7	30.7	32.1	35.1	27.4	
1992.....	26.6	24.4	27.1	28.5	29.5	30.6	32.1	35.1	27.1	
1991.....	26.4	24.2	27.0	28.4	29.5	30.5	32.1	35.2	27.0	
1990.....	26.4	24.2	26.9	28.3	29.4	30.6	32.1	35.1	27.4	
1989.....	26.3	24.2	26.8	28.3	29.4	30.5	32.2	35.2	27.2	
1988.....	26.3	24.1	26.7	28.2	29.4	30.6	32.3	35.3	27.0	
1987.....	26.1	24.0	26.6	28.1	29.4	30.6	32.4	35.5	26.3	
1986.....	26.0	23.8	26.4	28.0	29.3	30.6	32.4	35.6	26.2	
1985.....	25.8	23.7	26.3	27.9	29.3	30.6	32.5	35.7	26.1	
1984 (1).....	25.7	23.5	26.1	27.8	29.2	30.6	32.5	35.6	26.0	
1983 (1).....	25.5	23.3	25.9	27.6	29.2	30.6	32.5	35.7	25.0	
1982 (1).....	25.3	23.1	25.7	27.5	29.1	30.6	32.6	35.8	24.4	
1981 (1).....	25.2	22.9	25.5	27.4	29.0	30.6	32.6	35.8	24.4	
1980 (1).....	25.0	22.7	25.4	27.3	29.0	30.6	32.7	36.0	23.9	
1979 (1).....	24.9	22.6	25.3	27.2	29.0	30.7	32.8	36.0	24.1	
1978 (1).....	24.8	22.4	25.1	27.2	28.9	30.7	32.8	36.0	24.2	
1977 (1).....	24.7	22.2	25.0	27.1	29.0	30.8	32.8	36.1	23.4	
1976 (1).....	24.6	22.0	24.9	27.0	28.9	30.7	32.8	36.1	23.4	
1975 (1).....	24.5	21.8	24.7	26.9	28.9	30.8	32.8	36.0	23.2	
1974 (1).....	24.4	21.7	24.6	26.8	28.9	30.6	32.7	35.9	23.3	
1973 (1).....	24.4	21.5	24.5	26.8	28.9	30.6	32.6	35.9	23.4	
1972 (1).....	24.5	21.4	24.4	26.7	28.8	30.6	32.5	35.7	23.4	
1971 (2).....	24.6	21.4	24.2	26.6	28.7	30.4	32.3	35.4	23.4	
1970 (2).....	24.6	21.4	24.1	26.6	28.7	30.4	32.2	35.3	23.1	
1969 (2).....	24.7	21.4	24.1	26.6	28.7	30.4	32.1	35.2	23.1	
1968 (2).....	24.9	21.4	24.0	26.6	28.7	30.4	32.1	35.2	25.1	
WHITE, TOTAL										
1996.....	27.3	24.9	27.8	29.5	30.7	31.9	33.4	36.4	27.8	
1995.....	27.2	24.8	27.8	29.4	30.7	31.9	33.5	36.3	27.3	
1994.....	27.1	24.8	27.7	29.3	30.5	31.6	33.2	36.1	26.9	

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Year, race, and Hispanic origin	Total	Live-birth order								Unknown or not stated
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over		
1993.....	27.0	24.8	27.6	29.1	30.3	31.5	33.0	36.1	27.8	
1992.....	26.9	24.7	27.4	28.9	30.2	31.4	33.0	36.0	27.6	
1991.....	26.8	24.6	27.3	28.8	30.1	31.2	32.9	35.9	27.5	
1990.....	26.7	24.6	27.2	28.8	30.0	31.2	32.9	35.8	27.8	
1989.....	26.7	24.6	27.2	28.7	29.9	31.2	32.9	35.9	27.6	
1988.....	26.6	24.5	27.1	28.6	29.9	31.3	32.9	36.0	27.4	
1987.....	26.4	24.4	26.9	28.5	29.9	31.2	33.0	36.1	26.4	
1986.....	26.3	24.2	26.7	28.3	29.8	31.2	33.0	36.1	26.3	
1985.....	26.1	24.0	26.5	28.2	29.7	31.2	33.1	36.2	26.0	
1984 (1).....	25.9	23.9	26.4	28.1	29.7	31.3	33.1	36.0	26.0	
1983 (1).....	25.7	23.7	26.1	28.0	29.6	31.3	33.1	36.1	25.2	
1982 (1).....	25.6	23.4	25.9	27.9	29.6	31.2	33.2	36.1	24.9	
1981 (1).....	25.4	23.2	25.8	27.8	29.5	31.2	33.3	36.2	24.9	
1980 (1).....	25.2	23.0	25.6	27.7	29.5	31.2	33.3	36.3	24.4	
1979 (1).....	25.2	22.9	25.5	27.6	29.5	31.3	33.4	36.3	24.9	
1978 (1).....	25.1	22.7	25.4	27.5	29.5	31.3	33.4	36.3	24.8	
1977 (1).....	25.0	22.6	25.2	27.5	29.5	31.4	33.4	36.4	24.0	
1976 (1).....	24.9	22.4	25.1	27.4	29.4	31.3	33.3	36.4	23.9	
1975 (1).....	24.7	22.2	25.0	27.3	29.4	31.4	33.3	36.4	23.6	
1974 (1).....	24.7	22.0	24.9	27.2	29.4	31.2	33.3	36.3	23.5	
1973 (1).....	24.7	21.9	24.8	27.2	29.4	31.2	33.2	36.3	23.8	
1972 (1).....	24.7	21.8	24.7	27.1	29.3	31.1	33.1	36.1	23.7	
1971 (2).....	24.8	21.8	24.5	27.0	29.1	30.9	32.9	35.9	23.6	
1970 (2).....	24.8	21.7	24.4	27.0	29.1	30.9	32.8	35.7	23.2	
1969 (2).....	25.0	21.7	24.4	27.0	29.2	31.0	32.7	35.7	22.9	
1968 (2).....	25.1	21.7	24.3	27.0	29.2	31.0	32.8	35.8	25.3	
WHITE, NON-HISPANIC										
1996.....	27.7	25.6	28.4	30.0	31.2	32.3	33.8	36.7	28.8	
1995.....	27.6	25.4	28.3	29.9	31.2	32.4	33.9	36.7	28.5	
1994.....	27.5	25.4	28.2	29.8	31.0	32.1	33.7	36.5	28.2	
1993.....	27.4	25.3	28.0	29.6	30.7	31.9	33.4	36.5	28.4	
1992 (3).....	27.3	25.2	27.9	29.3	30.5	31.7	33.3	36.3	28.0	
1991 (3).....	27.2	25.1	27.7	29.2	30.5	31.6	33.3	36.2	28.1	
1990 (4).....	27.1	25.0	27.6	29.1	30.3	31.6	33.2	36.2	28.5	
1989 (5).....	27.0	25.0	27.5	29.0	30.3	31.5	33.2	36.1	28.1	

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Year, race, and Hispanic origin	Total	Live-birth order								Unknown or not stated
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over		
BLACK, TOTAL										
1996.....	24.9	22.0	25.4	27.0	28.1	29.3	30.7	33.5	26.0	
1995.....	24.8	21.9	25.3	27.0	28.1	29.3	30.8	33.2	25.6	
1994.....	24.7	21.9	25.2	26.8	27.8	28.9	30.6	33.3	25.5	
1993.....	24.6	21.8	25.0	26.6	27.6	28.7	30.2	33.0	25.4	
1992.....	24.5	21.8	24.8	26.3	27.5	28.7	30.2	33.0	25.2	
1991.....	24.4	21.7	24.6	26.2	27.4	28.6	30.2	33.2	25.3	
1990.....	24.4	21.7	24.7	26.3	27.5	28.8	30.3	33.3	26.1	
1989.....	24.3	21.6	24.6	26.3	27.5	28.8	30.5	33.5	26.2	
1988.....	24.3	21.6	24.6	26.3	27.5	28.9	30.6	33.6	26.0	
1987.....	24.2	21.5	24.5	26.3	27.6	29.0	30.8	33.7	24.0	
1986.....	24.1	21.4	24.5	26.2	27.6	29.0	30.9	34.0	23.3	
1985.....	24.0	21.3	24.4	26.1	27.5	29.0	30.9	34.2	23.5	
1984 (1).....	23.9	21.1	24.2	26.0	27.4	28.9	31.0	34.2	23.4	
1983 (1).....	23.8	21.0	24.1	25.9	27.4	28.9	30.9	34.5	21.9	
1982 (1).....	23.7	20.9	23.9	25.8	27.4	28.9	31.1	34.8	21.3	
1981 (1).....	23.6	20.8	23.8	25.7	27.2	28.9	31.1	34.9	21.6	
1980 (1).....	23.5	20.6	23.6	25.6	27.2	28.8	31.1	35.1	21.0	
1979 (1).....	23.3	20.4	23.5	25.4	27.1	28.9	31.3	35.4	21.1	
1978 (1).....	23.2	20.2	23.3	25.2	27.0	28.9	31.3	35.3	21.6	
1977 (1).....	23.1	20.0	23.1	25.2	27.0	29.0	31.4	35.5	21.2	
1976 (1).....	23.0	19.9	22.9	25.0	26.9	28.8	31.4	35.4	21.4	
1975 (1).....	22.8	19.7	22.7	24.8	26.8	28.8	31.4	35.3	21.3	
1974 (1).....	22.7	19.6	22.5	24.6	26.7	28.6	31.1	35.3	21.5	
1973 (1).....	22.7	19.4	22.3	24.5	26.6	28.6	31.0	35.1	22.3	
1972 (1).....	22.9	19.4	22.3	24.5	26.5	28.5	30.8	34.9	22.3	
1971 (2).....	23.2	19.4	22.2	24.4	26.4	28.3	30.6	34.7	22.1	
1970 (2).....	23.3	19.5	22.1	24.3	26.4	28.2	30.4	34.5	21.7	
1969 (2).....	23.4	19.5	22.1	24.3	26.3	28.1	30.3	34.4	21.8	
1968 (2).....	23.6	19.5	21.9	24.2	26.2	28.0	30.3	34.3	23.7	
BLACK, NON-HISPANIC										
1996.....	24.9	22.0	25.4	27.0	28.1	29.2	30.7	33.5	25.8	
1995.....	24.8	21.9	25.3	27.0	28.0	29.3	30.8	33.2	25.4	
1994.....	24.7	21.8	25.1	26.7	27.8	28.9	30.6	33.3	25.4	
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1992(3).....	24.5	21.8	24.7	26.2	27.4	28.6	30.2	33.0	25.1	
1991(3).....	24.4	21.7	24.6	26.2	27.4	28.6	30.2	33.1	25.3	
1990(4).....	24.4	21.7	24.6	26.3	27.4	28.7	30.3	33.3	26.0	
1989(5).....	24.3	21.6	24.6	26.3	27.5	28.7	30.5	33.5	26.2	
HISPANIC (6)										
1996.....	25.5	22.5	25.6	27.9	29.6	31.1	32.7	35.8	24.8	
1995.....	25.4	22.4	25.5	27.8	29.6	31.1	32.8	35.5	24.2	
1994.....	25.4	22.4	25.5	27.7	29.5	30.8	32.5	35.3	23.6	
1993.....	25.4	22.4	25.4	27.6	29.3	30.8	32.5	35.4	24.9	
1992(3).....	25.3	22.4	25.2	27.5	29.2	30.6	32.4	35.5	25.4	
1991(3).....	25.3	22.4	25.2	27.4	29.1	30.5	32.4	35.5	25.4	
1990(4).....	25.3	22.4	25.2	27.4	29.1	30.6	32.3	35.3	26.1	
1989(5).....	25.3	22.4	25.2	27.4	29.0	30.5	32.3	35.5	26.1	

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

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

(3) Based on data for 49 States and the District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate.

(4) Based on data for 48 States and the District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate.

(5) Based on data for 47 States and the District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate.

(6) Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

NOTE: The median age in table 1-5 is the value that divides the birth rate distributions into two equal parts, one-half of the values being less and one-half being greater. It is computed from birth rates in 5-year age groups which eliminates the effects of changes in the age composition of the childbearing population over time. The mean age in table 1-6 is the numeric average. Thus, due to the different ways in which the median and mean ages are computed as well as the adjustment of the median, the numbers in tables 1-5 and 1-6 would be expected to differ.