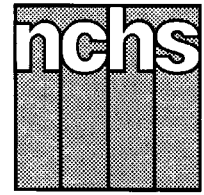


Monthly Vital Statistics Report



Provisional Data From the CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION/National Center for Health Statistics

Provisional Vital Statistics for August 1995

(Regular publication of the *Monthly Vital Statistics Report* will resume with data for October 1995.)

Provisional Vital Statistics for the United States

[Rates for infant deaths are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births; fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years; all other rates are per 1,000 total population. Data are subject to monthly variation]

Item	August				January–August				12 months ending with August				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1993
Live births	364,000	392,000	16.3	17.7	2,629,000	2,684,000	15.1	15.5	3,924,000	4,023,000	15.0	15.5	15.8
Fertility rate . . . . .	...	...	72.1	77.7	...	...	66.5	68.0	...	...	66.1	67.9	68.7
Deaths	184,000	190,000	8.2	8.6	1,557,000	1,546,000	8.9	8.9	2,296,000	2,290,000	8.8	8.8	8.7
Infant deaths	2,500	2,800	7.2	7.7	19,900	21,200	7.6	8.0	30,000	32,000	7.7	8.0	8.4
Natural increase	180,000	202,000	8.1	9.1	1,072,000	1,138,000	6.2	6.6	1,628,000	1,733,000	6.2	6.7	7.1
Marriages	251,000	262,000	11.2	11.8	1,549,000	1,562,000	9.0	9.1	2,349,000	2,346,000	9.0	9.0	9.2
Divorces	99,000	99,000	4.4	4.5	783,000	792,000	4.5	4.6	1,183,000	1,185,000	4.5	4.6	4.6
Population base (in millions) . . . . .	...	...	263.0	260.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	262.0	259.8	256.9

... Data not available.

NOTES: Figures include revisions received from the States. Twelve-month figures for the current year reflect revisions received for previous months, and figures for earlier years may differ from those previously published.

Table 1. Provisional number of live births, marriages, divorces, deaths, and infant deaths and rates, by month: United States, January 1994–August 1995

[Data are provisional and are subject to monthly reporting variation]

Period	Live births				Marriages		Divorces		Deaths		Infant deaths	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years			Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 population	Number	Rate per 1,000 live births
		Rate per 1,000 population	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted ¹								
1994:												
January	352,000	16.0	69.9	73.4	107,000	4.9	97,000	4.4	224,000	10.2	2,500	7.3
February	294,000	14.8	64.8	66.1	156,000	8.0	88,000	4.4	204,000	10.3	2,900	9.5
March	350,000	15.9	69.6	70.6	147,000	6.8	103,000	4.7	199,000	9.0	2,700	8.0
April	302,000	14.1	62.0	63.5	175,000	8.3	100,000	4.7	182,000	8.5	2,500	7.9
May	329,000	14.9	65.3	65.8	232,000	10.5	104,000	4.7	186,000	8.4	2,700	8.2
June	319,000	14.9	65.5	64.2	262,000	12.2	103,000	4.8	176,000	8.2	2,500	7.9
July	346,000	15.6	68.6	65.8	222,000	10.0	98,000	4.4	184,000	8.3	2,600	7.5
August	392,000	17.7	77.7	73.4	262,000	11.8	99,000	4.5	190,000	8.6	2,800	7.7
September	329,000	15.3	67.4	63.4	224,000	10.4	99,000	4.6	178,000	8.3	2,500	7.8
October	340,000	15.3	67.3	67.6	232,000	10.5	99,000	4.5	190,000	8.6	2,600	7.7
November	313,000	14.5	64.1	66.1	171,000	7.9	98,000	4.5	182,000	8.5	2,500	7.8
December	314,000	14.1	62.3	64.8	173,000	7.8	103,000	4.7	190,000	8.5	2,500	7.7
1995:												
January	353,000	15.9	70.0	73.5	113,000	5.2	96,000	4.3	220,000	9.9	2,700	7.9
February	288,000	14.4	63.3	64.6	146,000	7.5	89,000	4.4	194,000	9.7	2,400	8.0
March	339,000	15.2	67.1	68.1	150,000	6.9	98,000	4.4	208,000	9.4	2,700	8.0
April	313,000	14.5	64.1	65.7	164,000	7.8	98,000	4.6	200,000	9.3	2,400	7.5
May	322,000	14.5	63.8	64.3	237,000	10.6	103,000	4.6	184,000	8.2	2,500	7.6
June	321,000	14.9	65.7	64.4	263,000	12.2	104,000	4.8	180,000	8.3	2,400	7.5
July	329,000	14.7	65.1	62.5	224,000	10.0	97,000	4.4	188,000	8.4	2,400	7.3
August	364,000	16.3	72.1	68.0	251,000	11.2	99,000	4.4	184,000	8.2	2,500	7.2

¹The method of seasonal adjustment, developed by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, is described in *The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program*, Technical Paper No. 15 (1967 revision).

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Technical notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 States and the District of Columbia). Mortality data exclude fetal deaths. Delay in the receipt of certificates in a registration office may result in a low figure for a given month followed by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed records were received. Totals for births, deaths, and infant deaths are based on the State estimates by State of residence and, therefore, in effect, exclude events to nonresidents of the United States. Events to nonresidents of the United States are included in all marriage and divorce figures. The effect of excluding events to nonresidents from the U.S. totals is small. Provisional totals for

births and marriages for the entire United States include adjustments for observed differences between provisional and final monthly figures. Divorce figures include reported annulments. The monthly national divorce estimate is obtained by multiplying the total for the reporting areas by the ratio observed between the most recent final annual divorce total for the United States and the provisional total for the reporting areas combined. The populations used for computing rates are furnished by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Monthly rates are based on populations estimated for the specific month. Year-to-date rates are averages of monthly rates that have been weighted by the number of days in the corresponding

months. Rates for 12-month periods are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Births used for computing monthly and year-to-date infant mortality rates are adjusted for monthly variation in the number of births. Births used to compute 12-month rates do not contain this adjustment. Births used for computing infant mortality rates are not corrected for observed differences between provisional and final monthly figures. Because monthly infant mortality rates are based on relatively few events, they are highly variable, and comparisons of monthly infant mortality rates should be interpreted cautiously.

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