Table 1. Live births, birth rates, and fertility rates, by race: United States, specified years 1940-55 and each year, 1960-99

[Birth rates are live births per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in specified group. Population enumerated as of April 1 for census years and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Beginning with 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

Year	Number					Birth rate					Fertility rate				
	All races ¹	White	Black	American Indian ²	Asian or Pacific Islander	All races ¹	White	Black	American Indian ²	Asian or Pacific Islander	All races ¹	White	Black	American Indian ²	Asian or Pacific Islander
Registered births															
Race of mother:															
1999			605,970	40,170	180,776	14.5	13.9	17.4	16.8	16.7	65.9	65.1	70.1	69.7	65.6
1998 1997			609,902 599,913	40,272 38,572	172,652 169,769	14.6 14.5	14.0 13.9	17.7 17.7	17.1 16.6	16.4 16.9	65.6 65.0	64.6 63.9	71.0 70.7	70.7 69.1	64.0 66.3
1996		3.093.057	594,781	37,880	165,776	14.7	14.1	17.7	16.6	17.0	65.3	64.3	70.7	68.7	65.9
1995		3.098.885	603,139	37,278	160,287	14.8	14.2	18.2	16.6	17.3	65.6	64.4	72.3	69.1	66.4
1994			636,391	37,740	157,632	15.2	14.4	19.5	17.1	17.5	66.7	64.9	76.9	70.9	66.8
1993	4,000,240	3,149,833	658,875	38,732	152,800	15.5	14.7	20.5	17.8	17.7	67.6	65.4	80.5	73.4	66.7
1992			673,633	39,453	150,250	15.9	15.0	21.3	18.4	18.0	68.9	66.5	83.2	75.4	67.2
1991			682,602	38,841	145,372	16.3	15.4	21.9	18.3	18.2	69.6	67.0	85.2	75.1	67.6
1990			684,336	39,051	141,635	16.7	15.8	22.4	18.9	19.0	70.9	68.3	86.8	76.2	69.6
1989 1988		3,192,355	673,124 638,562	39,478 37,088	133,075 129,035	16.4 16.0	15.4 15.0	22.3 21.5	19.7 19.3	18.7 19.2	69.2 67.3	66.4 64.5	86.2 82.6	79.0 76.8	68.2 70.2
1987			611,173	35,322	116,560	15.7	14.9	20.8	19.3	18.4	65.8	63.3	80.1	75.6	67.1
1986			592,910	34,169	107,797	15.6	14.8	20.5	19.2	18.0	65.4	63.1	78.9	75.9	66.0
1985			581,824	34,037	104,606	15.8	15.0	20.4	19.8	18.7	66.3	64.1	78.8	78.6	68.4
1984 ³	3,669,141	2,967,100	568,138	33,256	98,926	15.6	14.8	20.1	20.1	18.8	65.5	63.2	78.2	79.8	69.2
1983 ³	3,638,933	2,946,468	562,624	32,881	95,713	15.6	14.8	20.2	20.6	19.5	65.7	63.4	78.7	81.8	71.7
1982 3	3,680,537	2,984,817	568,506	32,436	93,193	15.9	15.1	20.7	21.1	20.3	67.3	64.8	80.9	83.6	74.8
1981 3	3,629,238	2,947,679	564,955	29,688	84,553	15.8	15.0	20.8	20.0	20.1	67.3	64.8	82.0	79.6	73.7
1980 3	3,612,258	2,936,351	568,080	29,389	74,355	15.9	15.1	21.3	20.7	19.9	68.4	65.6	84.7	82.7	73.2
Race of child:															
1980 3			589,616	36,797		15.9	14.9	22.1			68.4	64.7	88.1		
1979 ³ 1978 ³	3,494,398	2,808,420	577,855 551,540	34,269 33,160		15.6 15.0	14.5 14.0	22.0 21.3			67.2 65.5	63.4 61.7	88.3 86.7		
1977 ³	3 326 632	2,001,110	544,221	30,500		15.0	14.1	21.3			66.8	63.2	88.1		
1976 ³	3.167.788	2.567.614	514,479	29,009		14.6	13.6	20.5			65.0	61.5	85.8		
1975 3	3,144,198	2,551,996	511,581	27,546		14.6	13.6	20.7			66.0	62.5	87.9		
1974 3	3,159,958	2,575,792	507,162	26,631		14.8	13.9	20.8			67.8	64.2	89.7		
1973 ³	3,136,965	2,551,030	512,597	26,464		14.8	13.8	21.4			68.8	64.9	93.6		
1972 3	3,258,411	2,655,558	531,329	27,368		15.6	14.5	22.5			73.1	68.9	99.9		
1971 4	3,555,970	2,919,746	564,960	27,148		17.2	16.1	24.4			81.6	77.3	109.7		
1970 4	3,731,386	3,091,264	572,362	25,864		18.4	17.4	25.3 24.4			87.9	84.1	115.4		
1969 ⁴ 1968 ⁴	3,000,200	2,993,614	543,132 531,152	24,008 24,156		17.9 17.6	16.9 16.6	24.4			86.1 85.2	82.2 81.3	112.1 112.7		
1967 5	3 520 959	2,922,502	543,976	22,665		17.8	16.8	25.1			87.2	82.8	118.5		
1966 4	3,606,274	2,993,230	558,244	23,014		18.4	17.4	26.2			90.8	86.2	124.7		
1965 4			581,126	24,066		19.4	18.3	27.7			96.3	91.3	133.2		
1964 ⁴	4,027,490	3,369,160	607,556	24,382		21.1	20.0	29.5			104.7	99.8	142.6		
1963 ^{4, 6}	4,098,020	3,326,344	580,658	22,358		21.7	20.7				108.3	103.6			
1962 4, 6	4,167,362	3,394,068	584,610	21,968		22.4	21.4				112.0	107.5			
1961 4			611,072	21,464		23.3	22.2	21.0			117.1	112.3 113.2	150 5		
1960 4	4,257,850	3,600,744	602,264	21,114		23.7	22.7	31.9			118.0	113.2	153.5		
Births adjusted for underregis- tration															
Race of child:															
1955						25.0	23.8				118.3	113.7			
1950						24.1	23.0				106.2	102.3			
1945						20.4	19.7				85.9	83.4			
1940	2,559,000	2,199,000				19.4	18.6				79.9	77.1			

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

⁻⁻⁻ Data not available.

1 For 1960-91 includes births to races not shown separately.

2 Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

3 Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical notes.

4 Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

5 Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

6 Figures by race exclude New Jersey.