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Registered Births

There were 3,258,411 live births registered in the United States in 1972, a decline of 8 percent from 1971. More recent provisional data indicate a continuation of the decline in the number of births to an estimated 3,141,000 births in 1973.

Fertility Rate

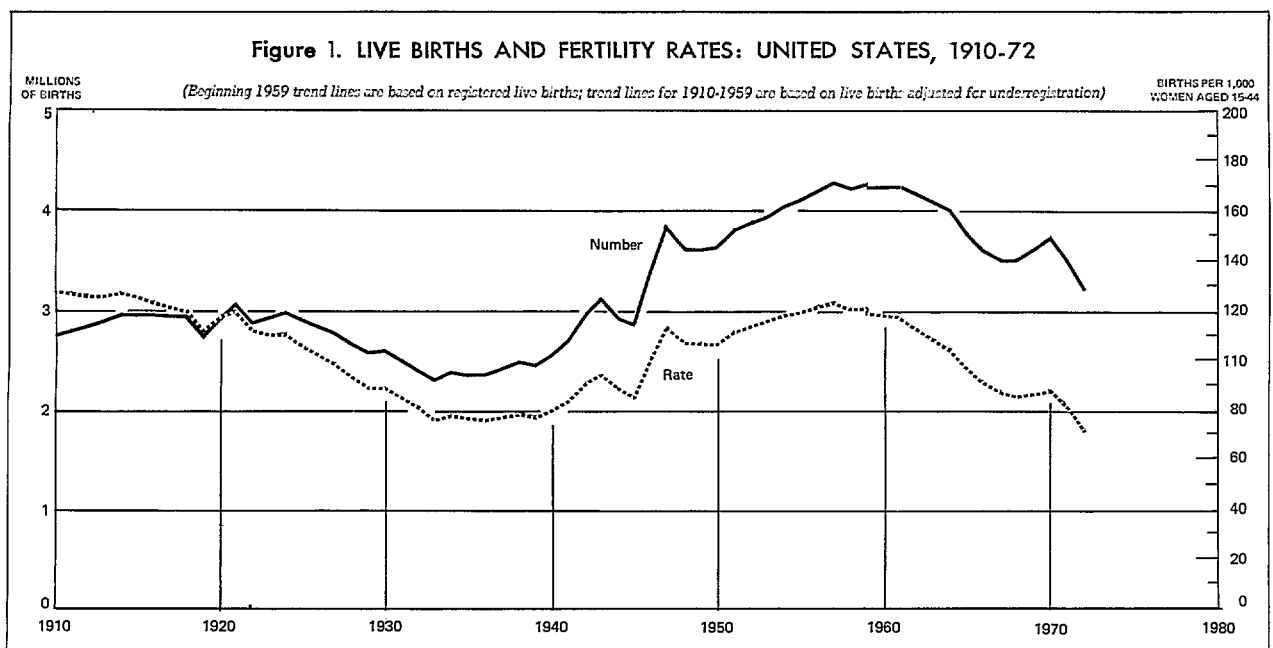
The fertility rate continued its decline through 1972 to 73.4 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, the lowest fertility rate ever observed in the United States. The previous lowest rates, 76 to 79, occurred during the 1933-39 period. The rate for 1972 declined 10 percent from the rate of 81.8 in 1971 and has declined 40 percent from the 1957 rate of 122.7 adjusted for underregistration. Provisional data show a further decline to 69.3 in 1973.

Birth Rate

The birth rate fell to 15.6 births per 1,000 population in 1972, a decline of 9 percent from the rate of 17.2 in 1971. It was the first year in which both the birth and fertility rates have dropped below those of the 1930's. Although the fertility rate has just dropped below the level of the 1930's, the birth rate has been at or below the low rates of the 1930's for 7 years. This is because the childbearing population (assumed to consist of women 15-44 years of age) comprises a smaller proportion of the total population now than in the prewar years. In 1936, the middle of the 1933-39 period, the childbearing population constituted 24 percent of the total population; in 1972 it was 21 percent.

Provisional data show a further decline in the birth rate for 1973. The rate of 15.0 is the lowest ever observed in the United States.

Figure 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND FERTILITY RATES: UNITED STATES, 1910-72



Age of Mother

Birth rates decreased from 1971 to 1972 for all women except those under 15 years of age, for whom a 9-percent increase occurred, and for those 45-49 years of age, for whom the rate remained the same. The smallest decrease in rates (4 percent) occurred for women 15-19 years, while decreases for other age groups ranged from 11 to 14 percent.

The number of births decreased for women of all age groups except for those under 15 years where it increased 4 percent. Decreases ranged from 2 to 14 percent with the smallest decrease for women 15-19 years and the largest decreases of 13-14 percent for women 20-24 years and for the age groups 35 years and over.

Live-Birth Order

The number of births and birth rates decreased for all birth orders between 1971 and 1972. The number of first and second order births declined by 6 percent; the decline in the number of births of higher orders ranged from 14 percent for third order births to 22 percent for births of eighth and higher orders. Declines in rates for the first two orders were 7 percent while declines for higher orders ranged from 14 to 21 percent.

Color and Race

In 1972, as in previous years, the fertility rate was higher for all other¹ and Negro women than for white women. The fertility rate was 100.3 for all other women, 100.5 for Negro women, and 69.2 for white women. The differential between the rates for white and Negro women decreased from 1965 to 1970. From 1965 to 1968 the rate for Negro women declined faster than the rate for white women. The rate for white women increased during 1969 and 1970 while the rate for Negro women decreased during 1969 but increased during 1970, although at a slower rate than for white women. The race differential increased during 1971 and 1972 as the fertility rate for white women decreased at a faster rate than for Negro women.

Geographic Division and State

Numbers of births and birth rates (shown in table 8) declined from 1971 to 1972 for all divisions and States.

¹As used throughout this report the term "all other" refers to the combined grouping of all races other than white.

Sex Ratio of Births

The sex ratio for births in 1972 was 1,051 males per 1,000 females. This ratio varies little from year to year and is consistently higher for white than for Negro births. In 1972 the sex ratio was 1,057 for white births and 1,024 for Negro births.

Month of Birth

The final numbers of births in 1972 by month of birth and race and the observed and seasonally adjusted birth and fertility rates are shown in table 7.

Attendant at Birth

Of all live births in 1972, 99.2 percent were classified as having been delivered by physicians in hospitals. Another 0.2 percent of live births were delivered by physicians outside of hospitals while 0.5 percent were delivered by midwives, other, and unspecified persons.

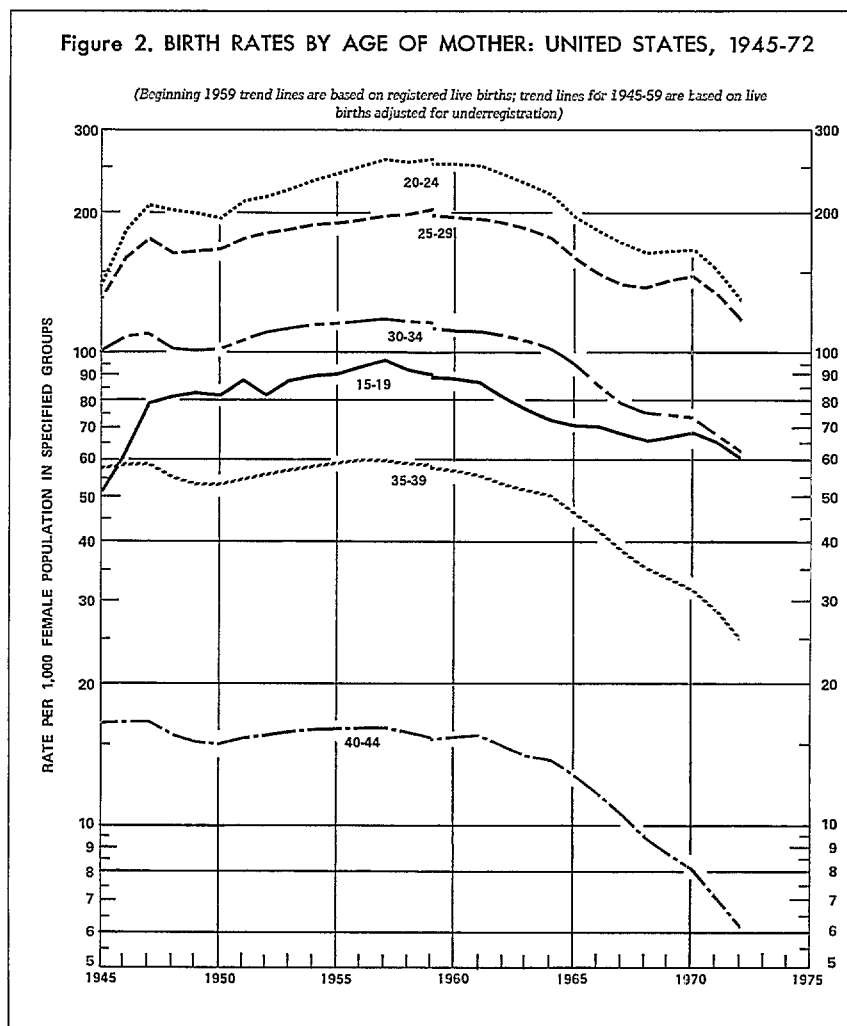
Age of Father

In 1972 the birth rate for men was 59.4 births per 1,000 men aged 15 to 54 years. This was a decrease of 10 percent from the rate of 66.3 in 1971. The birth rate for white men decreased 11 percent during 1972 to 54.9 from 61.6 in 1971. The rate for Negro men declined from 102.0 in 1971 to 93.0 in 1972, a decrease of 9 percent. White men had the highest birth rate at ages 25-29 years (134.4) followed by those at ages 20-24 years (102.7). Among Negro men the highest rate occurred at ages 20-24 years (203.1) followed by the rate at ages 25-29 years (175.8).

The birth rate for men decreased for all age-race groups except white males 55 years and over where it remained the same. For white men the greatest declines occurred in the age groups 20-24 years and 25-29 years (14 percent). Other declines ranged from 3 to 13 percent. The greatest decrease for Negro males occurred for those 55 years or over (17 percent). Other decreases ranged from 1 to 14 percent.

Weight at Birth

During 1972, 7.7 percent of all live births were classified as low-birth-weight infants, weighing 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces) or less, the same percent as in 1971. The percent of Negro infants of low birth weight was more than twice the percent of white infants of low birth weight (13.6 and 6.5 percent, respectively).



The median birth weight for all live born infants in 1972 was 3,310 grams, or about 7 pounds 5 ounces. White infants had a higher median weight (3,350 grams) than Negro infants (3,130 grams), a difference of about 8 ounces.

Multiple Births

In 1972 there were 60,029 live births in multiple deliveries. The multiple birth ratio was 18.4 live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 total live births. The multiple birth ratios for white and Negro births were 17.7 and 22.3, respectively.

Illegitimate Births

There were an estimated 403,200 illegitimate births in 1972, an increase of less than 1 percent over 1971. Of these illegitimate infants, 160,500 were

white and 233,300 were Negro. Illegitimate white births decreased 2 percent from 1971 to 1972 while Negro births increased nearly 2 percent. National estimates of the incidence of illegitimacy are based on information reported on the birth certificates of 38 States and the District of Columbia.

The number of illegitimate births increased 4 percent for women in the age groups under 15 years and 15-19 years, while decreasing for every age group 20 years and over except 25-29 years, where there was an increase of less than 1 percent. The decrease was greatest for women aged 40 years and over. The 4-percent increase for women 15-19 years followed a 4-percent decrease for these women the previous year.

The illegitimacy rate, which is a measure of "risk" of having an illegitimate birth, decreased 3 percent, from 25.6 illegitimate births per 1,000 un-

married women in 1971 to 24.9 in 1972. This was the second consecutive year of decline in the illegitimacy rate, following a period of almost uninterrupted increase in this measure since 1962. The rate decreased for all age groups except 15-19 years. The decline in this rate was due largely to the increase in the rate for white women in this age group. The illegitimacy rate for both white and Negro women declined 4 percent between 1971 and 1972.

The illegitimacy ratio increased nearly 10 percent in 1972 to 123.7 illegitimate births per 1,000 live births. This was due primarily to the decline in the number of legitimate births in 1972.

Interval Since Last Live Birth

The interval since last live birth for second and higher order births is computed using the date of last live birth, reported by 39 States in 1972.

The mean interval since last live birth increased slightly from 41.8 months in 1971 to 42.6 months in 1972. It increased during 1972 for both white and Negro births with a larger increase for Negro births (39.8 to 41.0 months) than for white births (42.2 to 43.0 months).

The mean interval since last live birth was shortest for second order births (38.1 months) and increased as birth order increased through the fifth order births (49.8 months). It declined for the sixth through eighth and higher order births.

Of all second and higher order births, 29.6 percent were born within 24 months of a previous live birth. The percent was 28.1 for white births and 37.2 for Negro births. The comparable figures for 1971 were 31.7 for all births, 30.2 for white births, and 39.6 for Negro births.

The percent of live births occurring less than 24 months after a previous live birth declined from 30.4 for second births to 28.1 for fifth births and then increased to a high of 35.2 for births of eighth and higher order.

Educational Attainment of Mother and Father

In 1972, 39 States reported educational attainment of the parents on the birth certificate. For live births in these areas 69.0 percent of all mothers and 74.9 percent of all fathers had completed at least 12 years of formal education in public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. The percent of parents completing no more than 8 years of education has decreased steadily since 1969, the first year that educational attainment data were available.

In 1972, 7.0 percent of mothers and 8.1 percent of fathers had 8 years of schooling or less.

As in previous years a large race differential was observed for years of schooling completed by parents. Of white mothers, 72.8 percent had completed at least 12 years of formal schooling compared with 50.6 percent of Negro mothers. This difference has been narrowing since 1969 when 72.3 percent of white mothers and 46.9 percent of Negro mothers had completed at least 12 years of education. The race differential has not been as great for fathers as for mothers. In 1972, 76.5 percent of white fathers compared with 61.9 percent of Negro fathers completed at least 12 years of school. The difference in the proportion of these two groups has also narrowed since 1969 when the levels were 74.2 percent for white fathers and 54.2 percent for Negro fathers.

The median years of school completed was 12.4 for all mothers: 12.5 years for white mothers and 12.0 years for Negro mothers. The median years of school completed by fathers was 12.6 for all fathers: 12.6 for white fathers and 12.3 for Negro fathers. The median increased from 1971 for Negro fathers (12.2 years in 1971) but remained the same for the other groups.

By age of mother, the median years of school completed rose from 11.3 for mothers aged 15-19 years to 12.7 for mothers 25-29 years, then declined to 12.2 for mothers 40 years and over.

Median years of school completed decreased with increasing birth order after the second birth. Mothers having a first or second order birth had completed a median of 12.5 years of school while the median for eighth or higher order births was 10.6 years. Similar patterns were observed for both white and Negro mothers.

Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began

In 1972 a total of 40 States and the District of Columbia reported month of pregnancy prenatal care began. Mothers who received prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy increased slightly to 69.5 percent in 1972 from 68.6 percent in 1971. The percent of mothers who received no prenatal care during pregnancy remained at 1.6.

Nearly three-quarters of the white mothers compared with less than half of Negro mothers began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. The proportion of Negro mothers beginning care in the second and third trimesters was approximately twice that of white mothers. While only 1.1 percent of white mothers received no prenatal care, 3.6 percent of Negro mothers received no care.

Of those infants born to mothers who had no prenatal care, 20.7 percent weighed 2,500 grams or less while of those born to mothers having had some care, only 7.3 percent were in this low-birth-weight category. The proportion of infants weighing 2,500 grams or less born to white mothers having had some care was 6.3 percent and to those having no care, 16.8 percent. For Negro mothers these proportions were 12.8 and 27.9, respectively. There is little variation in the proportion of low-birth-weight infants for mothers beginning prenatal care in the first, second, or third trimester of pregnancy.

Number of Prenatal Visits

In 1972, 36 States and the District of Columbia reported the number of prenatal visits on the birth certificate. It was the first year data on this subject were available nationally.

The median number of prenatal visits was 10.4 for all mothers receiving prenatal care: 10.8 for white mothers and 8.3 for Negro mothers.

The number of prenatal visits is correlated with the trimester of pregnancy in which prenatal care began in the 35 States and the District of Columbia in which both items were reported. The median number

of visits for mothers beginning care in the first trimester was 11.4, in the second trimester, 8.1, and in the third trimester, 4.4. Much of the difference in the median number of prenatal visits between white and Negro mothers is accounted for by the trimester in which prenatal care began.

Period of Gestation

The length of gestation is used to define prematurity. An infant born before 37 weeks of gestation is considered premature. In 1972, 39 States and the District of Columbia measured the length of gestation from the first day of the mother's last normal menstrual period (LMP). In 1972, 9.6 percent of live births occurring in the LMP areas were considered premature, an increase of 3.2 percent from the proportion observed in 1971 (9.3 percent).

Although the proportion of Negro infants (17.7 percent) born prematurely in 1972 was over twice that for white infants (8.1 percent), the proportions for both groups were close to the levels observed in 1971 (17.5 percent and 7.9 percent, respectively). Of all births occurring in LMP areas, 37.6 percent were born at 37-39 weeks of gestation, 22.3 percent at 40 weeks, and 22.8 percent at 41-42 weeks.

SOURCES OF DATA

Data shown in this report are based on copies of all birth certificates in Florida, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, and on

50 percent of the birth certificates received from all other States.

This report presents summary tabulations from the final natality statistics for 1972. More detailed tabulations for 1972 will be published in *Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I - Natality*. Prior to the publication of that volume, the National Center for Health Statistics will respond to requests for unpublished data whenever possible.

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Table 1. LIVE BIRTHS, BIRTH RATES, AND FERTILITY RATES, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1950, 1955, 1960 AND 1965-72

[Birth rates per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in specified group]

| Year | Number | | | | Birth rate | | | | Fertility rate | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro |
| REGISTERED BIRTHS ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1972 ² | 3,258,411 | 2,655,558 | 602,853 | 531,329 | 15.8 | 14.6 | 22.9 | 22.6 | 73.4 | 69.2 | 100.3 | 100.5 |
| 1971 ³ | 3,555,370 | 2,919,746 | 636,224 | 564,960 | 17.2 | 16.2 | 24.7 | 24.5 | 81.8 | 77.5 | 109.5 | 110.1 |
| 1970 ³ | 3,731,388 | 3,091,264 | 640,122 | 572,362 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 25.1 | 25.3 | 87.8 | 84.1 | 113.0 | 115.4 |
| 1969 ³ | 3,600,206 | 2,993,614 | 606,592 | 543,132 | 17.8 | 16.9 | 24.4 | 24.0 | 86.5 | 82.4 | 114.8 | 113.6 |
| 1968 ³ | 3,501,564 | 2,912,224 | 589,340 | 531,152 | 17.5 | 16.6 | 24.2 | 23.9 | 85.7 | 81.5 | 114.9 | 114.0 |
| 1967 ³ | 3,520,959 | 2,922,502 | 598,457 | 543,976 | 17.8 | 16.8 | 25.0 | 24.9 | 87.6 | 83.1 | 119.8 | 119.7 |
| 1966 ³ | 3,606,274 | 2,993,230 | 613,044 | 558,244 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 91.3 | 86.4 | 125.9 | 125.7 |
| 1965 ³ | 3,760,358 | 3,123,860 | 636,498 | 581,125 | 19.4 | 18.3 | 27.6 | 27.5 | 96.6 | 91.4 | 133.9 | 133.9 |
| 1960 ³ | 4,257,850 | 3,600,744 | 657,106 | 602,264 | 23.7 | 22.7 | 32.1 | 31.9 | 118.0 | 113.2 | 153.6 | 153.5 |
| BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR UNDERREGISTRATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1955 | 4,097,000 | 3,465,000 | 613,000 | 558,251 | 25.0 | 23.6 | 34.5 | --- | 118.3 | 113.7 | 154.3 | --- |
| 1950 | 3,632,000 | 3,108,000 | 524,000 | 466,718 | 24.1 | 23.0 | 33.3 | 31.0 | 106.2 | 102.3 | 137.3 | 126.9 |

¹Beginning 1970, excludes birth to nonresidents of the United States.²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States.³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 2. BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Live-birth order and race | Total | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Under 15 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| Total | 3,258,411 | 12,082 | 616,280 | 1,174,183 | 900,392 | 375,001 | 141,328 | 36,861 | 2,284 |
| First child | 1,288,257 | 11,179 | 473,260 | 531,945 | 217,992 | 42,863 | 9,954 | 1,998 | 66 |
| Second child | 930,293 | 291 | 101,974 | 411,099 | 313,216 | 63,224 | 17,281 | 3,078 | 130 |
| Third child | 461,363 | 15 | 16,024 | 139,056 | 192,376 | 86,512 | 23,067 | 4,083 | 230 |
| Fourth child | 228,459 | 2 | 2,194 | 42,655 | 89,777 | 64,985 | 23,681 | 4,765 | 222 |
| Fifth child | 114,922 | - | 294 | 12,145 | 38,316 | 39,369 | 19,858 | 4,700 | 240 |
| Sixth child | 61,088 | - | 42 | 3,218 | 16,321 | 22,615 | 14,472 | 4,191 | 229 |
| Seventh child | 34,267 | - | 22 | 796 | 6,921 | 12,784 | 10,061 | 3,465 | 218 |
| Eighth child and over | 50,722 | - | 29 | 454 | 4,392 | 14,929 | 20,022 | 9,985 | 911 |
| Not stated | 88,040 | 595 | 22,441 | 32,815 | 21,081 | 7,740 | 2,732 | 598 | 38 |
| White | 2,655,558 | 4,573 | 433,986 | 970,205 | 784,715 | 316,128 | 114,765 | 29,411 | 1,775 |
| First child | 1,055,442 | 4,312 | 347,954 | 460,291 | 195,748 | 36,798 | 8,523 | 1,763 | 53 |
| Second child | 785,917 | 88 | 64,290 | 347,000 | 284,245 | 72,694 | 14,616 | 2,566 | 118 |
| Third child | 382,132 | 6 | 7,740 | 104,098 | 169,939 | 76,748 | 19,693 | 3,510 | 198 |
| Fourth child | 183,691 | - | 779 | 27,025 | 73,905 | 56,934 | 20,731 | 4,117 | 200 |
| Fifth child | 88,280 | - | 120 | 6,338 | 28,174 | 32,522 | 16,876 | 4,045 | 205 |
| Sixth child | 44,576 | - | 14 | 1,454 | 10,345 | 17,245 | 11,827 | 3,496 | 195 |
| Seventh child | 23,893 | - | 14 | 322 | 3,903 | 8,952 | 7,773 | 2,761 | 169 |
| Eighth child and over | 30,744 | - | 14 | 235 | 2,033 | 8,375 | 12,694 | 6,774 | 619 |
| Not stated | 60,983 | 167 | 13,061 | 23,442 | 16,423 | 5,660 | 1,832 | 379 | 19 |
| All Other | 602,853 | 7,509 | 182,294 | 203,978 | 115,677 | 58,873 | 26,563 | 7,450 | 509 |
| First child | 233,815 | 6,867 | 125,306 | 71,654 | 22,244 | 6,065 | 1,431 | 235 | 13 |
| Second child | 144,476 | 203 | 37,684 | 84,099 | 28,971 | 10,330 | 2,665 | 512 | 12 |
| Third child | 79,231 | 9 | 6,294 | 34,958 | 22,437 | 9,764 | 3,174 | 573 | 32 |
| Fourth child | 44,768 | 2 | 1,415 | 15,630 | 15,872 | 8,031 | 3,150 | 646 | 22 |
| Fifth child | 26,642 | - | 174 | 5,807 | 10,142 | 6,847 | 2,982 | 655 | 35 |
| Sixth child | 16,512 | - | 26 | 1,764 | 5,976 | 5,370 | 2,645 | 695 | 34 |
| Seventh child | 10,374 | - | 8 | 474 | 3,018 | 3,832 | 2,298 | 704 | 50 |
| Eighth child and over | 19,978 | - | 15 | 219 | 2,359 | 6,554 | 7,328 | 3,211 | 292 |
| Not stated | 27,057 | 428 | 9,380 | 9,373 | 4,658 | 2,080 | 900 | 219 | 19 |
| Negro | 531,329 | 7,363 | 172,349 | 181,337 | 93,957 | 47,316 | 22,196 | 6,380 | 431 |
| First child | 205,090 | 6,723 | 117,629 | 61,085 | 14,844 | 3,755 | 893 | 154 | 7 |
| Second child | 124,455 | 203 | 35,878 | 56,890 | 22,185 | 7,014 | 1,900 | 387 | 8 |
| Third child | 69,207 | 9 | 8,010 | 31,937 | 18,959 | 7,470 | 2,368 | 432 | 22 |
| Fourth child | 39,920 | 2 | 1,387 | 14,656 | 14,007 | 6,790 | 2,545 | 517 | 16 |
| Fifth child | 24,050 | - | 188 | 5,500 | 9,217 | 8,028 | 2,556 | 552 | 29 |
| Sixth child | 15,037 | - | 26 | 1,699 | 5,462 | 4,860 | 2,354 | 604 | 32 |
| Seventh child | 9,437 | - | 8 | 458 | 2,821 | 3,431 | 2,039 | 633 | 49 |
| Eighth child and over | 18,303 | - | 9 | 187 | 2,209 | 6,052 | 6,707 | 2,887 | 252 |
| Not stated | 25,830 | 428 | 9,234 | 8,935 | 4,253 | 1,916 | 835 | 214 | 17 |

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Table 3. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and color groups. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother and live-birth order not stated are distributed.]

| Live-birth order and race | 15-44 years ¹ | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| Total----- | 72.1 | 1.2 | 62.0 | 131.0 | 118.7 | 60.2 | 24.8 | 6.2 | 0.4 |
| First child----- | 29.9 | 1.1 | 49.4 | 61.0 | 29.4 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child----- | 21.5 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 47.2 | 42.3 | 13.6 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Third child----- | 10.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 16.0 | 26.0 | 14.2 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child----- | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 12.1 | 10.6 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child----- | 3.7 | - | 0.0 | 1.4 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child----- | 2.2 | - | 0.0 | 0.5 | 3.2 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 1.2 | - | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| White----- | 69.2 | 0.5 | 51.2 | 125.6 | 119.4 | 59.8 | 23.3 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| First child----- | 29.2 | 0.5 | 42.3 | 61.1 | 30.2 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child----- | 21.0 | 0.0 | 7.8 | 46.0 | 43.8 | 13.8 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Third child----- | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 13.8 | 26.2 | 14.5 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child----- | 4.9 | - | 0.1 | 3.6 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child----- | 2.3 | - | 0.0 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child----- | 1.8 | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 0.8 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| All other----- | 100.3 | 4.7 | 125.0 | 164.5 | 120.9 | 69.4 | 34.9 | 10.0 | 0.7 |
| First child----- | 40.9 | 4.6 | 90.6 | 60.6 | 24.2 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Second child----- | 25.2 | 0.1 | 27.2 | 54.2 | 31.5 | 12.6 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Third child----- | 13.8 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 29.6 | 24.4 | 11.9 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child----- | 7.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 13.2 | 17.3 | 9.8 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child----- | 4.6 | - | 0.1 | 4.9 | 11.0 | 8.4 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Sixth and seventh child----- | 4.6 | - | 0.0 | 1.9 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 6.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 3.4 | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 0.4 |
| Negro----- | 100.5 | 5.1 | 120.8 | 166.2 | 113.9 | 64.5 | 33.2 | 9.8 | 0.7 |
| First child----- | 40.9 | 5.0 | 94.2 | 58.9 | 18.8 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Second child----- | 24.3 | 0.1 | 28.8 | 54.8 | 28.2 | 10.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Third child----- | 13.7 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 30.8 | 24.1 | 10.6 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Fourth child----- | 7.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 14.1 | 17.9 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Fifth child----- | 4.3 | - | 0.1 | 5.3 | 11.7 | 8.6 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Sixth and seventh child----- | 4.3 | - | 0.0 | 2.1 | 10.5 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 3.6 | - | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 4.6 | 0.4 |

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

Table 4. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES AND BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-72

[Total fertility rates are the sum of birth rates by age of mother multiplied by 5. Birth rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed.]

| Year | Total fertility rate | Age of mother | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Under 15 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years |
| 1972 ^{1,2} | 2,021.9 | 1.2 | 62.0 | 121.0 | 118.7 | 60.2 | 24.8 | 6.2 | 0.4 |
| 1971 ^{1,2,3} | 2,274.8 | 1.1 | 64.7 | 150.2 | 134.8 | 67.6 | 28.7 | 7.1 | 0.4 |
| 1970 ^{1,2,3} | 2,480.0 | 1.2 | 69.2 | 167.8 | 143.1 | 73.3 | 31.7 | 8.1 | 0.5 |
| 1968 ² | 2,485.0 | 1.0 | 66.1 | 166.0 | 142.0 | 74.1 | 33.4 | 8.8 | 0.5 |
| 1966 ² | 2,476.8 | 1.0 | 66.1 | 167.4 | 140.2 | 74.9 | 35.6 | 9.6 | 0.6 |
| 1967 ⁴ | 2,572.6 | 0.9 | 67.5 | 174.0 | 142.6 | 73.3 | 38.5 | 10.6 | 0.7 |
| 1965 ² | 2,726.1 | 0.9 | 70.8 | 185.2 | 149.4 | 82.9 | 42.2 | 11.7 | 0.7 |
| 1965 ² | 2,328.0 | 0.8 | 70.4 | 138.8 | 122.5 | 35.0 | 46.4 | 12.8 | 0.6 |
| 1960 ² | 3,652.6 | 0.8 | 83.1 | 268.1 | 197.4 | 112.7 | 56.2 | 15.5 | 0.9 |

¹Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 5. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-72

[Rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, enumerated as of April 1 for 1960 and 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

| Year | Total | Live-birth order | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|------|------|------|-----|---------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 and 7 | 8 and over |
| 1972 ^{1,2} | 73.4 | 29.9 | 21.5 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| 1971 ^{1,3} | 81.9 | 32.1 | 23.2 | 12.5 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| 1970 ^{1,3} | 87.9 | 34.2 | 24.2 | 13.6 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| 1968 ³ | 86.5 | 32.8 | 23.4 | 13.4 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| 1966 ³ | 85.7 | 32.1 | 22.5 | 13.2 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 2.3 |
| 1967 ⁴ | 87.6 | 30.6 | 22.6 | 13.9 | 8.3 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 2.7 |
| 1966 ³ | 91.3 | 31.0 | 22.5 | 14.8 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.2 |
| 1965 ³ | 96.6 | 29.6 | 23.4 | 16.6 | 10.7 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| 1960 ³ | 118.0 | 31.1 | 29.2 | 22.8 | 14.6 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 4.3 |

¹Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

Table 6. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-72

| Year | Total | | | White | | | All other | | | Negro | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females | Male | Female | Males per 1,000 females |
| 1972 ^{1,2} | 1,669,927 | 1,588,484 | 1,051 | 1,364,578 | 1,290,980 | 1,057 | 305,349 | 297,504 | 1,026 | 268,842 | 262,487 | 1,024 |
| 1971 ^{1,3} | 1,822,910 | 1,735,060 | 1,052 | 1,499,958 | 1,419,788 | 1,056 | 322,952 | 313,272 | 1,031 | 286,430 | 278,530 | 1,028 |
| 1970 ^{1,3} | 1,915,378 | 1,816,008 | 1,055 | 1,590,140 | 1,501,124 | 1,059 | 325,238 | 314,884 | 1,033 | 290,508 | 281,854 | 1,031 |
| 1968 ³ | 1,846,572 | 1,753,634 | 1,053 | 1,539,420 | 1,454,194 | 1,059 | 307,152 | 299,440 | 1,026 | 274,508 | 268,624 | 1,022 |
| 1966 ³ | 1,786,326 | 1,705,238 | 1,053 | 1,497,612 | 1,414,612 | 1,059 | 298,714 | 290,626 | 1,028 | 268,964 | 262,188 | 1,026 |
| 1967 ⁴ | 1,803,388 | 1,717,571 | 1,050 | 1,501,228 | 1,421,274 | 1,056 | 302,160 | 296,297 | 1,020 | 274,324 | 269,652 | 1,017 |
| 1966 ³ | 1,845,862 | 1,760,412 | 1,049 | 1,535,466 | 1,457,744 | 1,053 | 310,376 | 302,668 | 1,025 | 282,274 | 275,970 | 1,023 |
| 1965 ³ | 1,927,054 | 1,833,304 | 1,051 | 1,604,422 | 1,519,438 | 1,056 | 322,632 | 313,866 | 1,028 | 294,272 | 286,854 | 1,026 |
| 1960 ³ | 2,178,708 | 2,078,142 | 1,049 | 1,848,192 | 1,752,552 | 1,055 | 331,516 | 325,590 | 1,018 | 303,566 | 298,698 | 1,016 |

¹Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States.

²Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States.

³Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

⁴Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH AND RACE, AND BIRTH AND FERTILITY RATES BY MONTH: UNITED STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 population for specified month. Birth rates based on total population. Fertility rates based on women aged 15-44 years]

| Month | Total | Number | | | Observed | | Seasonally adjusted | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | White | All other | | Birth rate | Fertility rate | Birth rate | Fertility rate |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | | |
| Total----- | 3,258,411 | 2,655,558 | 602,853 | 531,329 | 15.6 | 73.4 | ... | ... |
| January----- | 275,912 | 223,357 | 52,555 | 46,849 | 15.7 | 74.1 | 16.1 | 76.3 |
| February----- | 262,305 | 213,826 | 48,419 | 42,740 | 16.0 | 75.2 | 16.1 | 75.8 |
| March----- | 273,054 | 224,430 | 48,624 | 42,674 | 15.5 | 73.1 | 15.9 | 74.8 |
| April----- | 254,538 | 203,914 | 44,624 | 38,828 | 14.9 | 70.3 | 15.8 | 74.3 |
| May----- | 269,698 | 222,207 | 47,491 | 41,615 | 15.3 | 72.0 | 16.2 | 76.2 |
| June----- | 259,620 | 213,318 | 46,302 | 40,454 | 15.2 | 71.5 | 15.6 | 73.2 |
| July----- | 277,654 | 225,128 | 52,526 | 46,313 | 15.7 | 73.9 | 15.3 | 71.5 |
| August----- | 267,834 | 233,259 | 54,575 | 48,316 | 16.3 | 76.5 | 15.6 | 73.2 |
| September----- | 262,333 | 226,975 | 53,359 | 47,227 | 16.5 | 77.4 | 15.4 | 72.0 |
| October----- | 275,120 | 223,885 | 51,245 | 45,056 | 15.6 | 72.8 | 15.4 | 72.0 |
| November----- | 263,987 | 213,651 | 50,336 | 44,389 | 15.4 | 72.1 | 15.4 | 72.1 |
| December----- | 276,346 | 223,548 | 52,798 | 46,838 | 15.6 | 72.9 | 15.3 | 71.4 |

Table 8. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND BIRTH RATES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, 1972

[By place of residence. Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Rates per 1,000 estimated midyear population in each area]

| Division and State | Number | | | Birth rate | Division and State | Number | | | Birth rate |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
| | Total | White | Negro | | | Total | White | Negro | |
| United States----- | 3,258,411 | 2,655,558 | 531,329 | 15.6 | South Atlantic—Con. | | | | |
| New England----- | 165,482 | 134,215 | 3,237 | 13.7 | Virginia----- | 75,202 | 57,699 | 16,617 | 15.8 |
| Maine----- | 16,732 | 16,020 | 71 | 15.8 | West Virginia----- | 28,264 | 27,267 | 1,196 | 16.3 |
| New Hampshire----- | 12,127 | 12,002 | 125 | 15.7 | North Carolina----- | 82,343 | 61,753 | 20,181 | 17.0 |
| Vermont----- | 7,247 | 7,237 | 10 | 16.0 | South Carolina----- | 43,375 | 30,637 | 12,638 | 18.6 |
| Massachusetts----- | 76,889 | 71,529 | 4,497 | 12.3 | Georgia----- | 87,244 | 57,432 | 29,503 | 18.5 |
| Rhode Island----- | 12,217 | 12,122 | 95 | 13.7 | Florida----- | 103,529 | 81,128 | 27,944 | 15.0 |
| Connecticut----- | 33,580 | 34,584 | 4,222 | 12.3 | East South Central----- | 223,212 | 152,053 | 62,318 | 17.4 |
| Middle Atlantic----- | 317,424 | 426,755 | 85,204 | 12.8 | Kentucky----- | 55,475 | 50,424 | 4,822 | 16.9 |
| New York----- | 223,527 | 303,117 | 46,246 | 12.8 | Tennessee----- | 28,525 | 21,720 | 14,058 | 16.2 |
| New Jersey----- | 109,572 | 80,559 | 18,757 | 12.7 | Alabama----- | 21,723 | 40,121 | 21,327 | 17.5 |
| Pennsylvania----- | 152,225 | 142,090 | 20,211 | 12.7 | Mississippi----- | 45,003 | 22,744 | 22,021 | 20.4 |
| East North Central----- | 646,872 | 640,227 | 100,523 | 15.3 | West South Central----- | 359,208 | 281,674 | 72,531 | 18.0 |
| Ohio----- | 159,712 | 146,559 | 22,072 | 15.8 | Arkansas----- | 22,773 | 25,311 | 6,320 | 16.8 |
| Indiana----- | 57,225 | 77,372 | 3,002 | 16.1 | Louisiana----- | 69,422 | 41,720 | 26,407 | 18.3 |
| Illinois----- | 176,222 | 126,546 | 33,178 | 15.3 | Oklahoma----- | 42,393 | 35,112 | 3,939 | 16.1 |
| Michigan----- | 146,324 | 113,488 | 26,232 | 16.3 | Texas----- | 214,605 | 173,431 | 33,825 | 18.5 |
| Wisconsin----- | 64,662 | 59,832 | 3,984 | 14.3 | Mountain----- | 164,412 | 149,057 | 4,366 | 18.5 |
| West North Central----- | 247,663 | 225,540 | 17,322 | 14.9 | Montana----- | 11,438 | 10,354 | 34 | 16.0 |
| Minnesota----- | 56,334 | 54,185 | 1,093 | 14.5 | Idaho----- | 14,218 | 13,842 | 54 | 18.8 |
| Iowa----- | 40,680 | 39,725 | 848 | 14.2 | Wyoming----- | 5,996 | 5,698 | 84 | 17.3 |
| Missouri----- | 72,757 | 60,479 | 11,716 | 15.3 | Colorado----- | 38,539 | 36,276 | 1,578 | 16.3 |
| North Dakota----- | 10,105 | 9,522 | 84 | 15.9 | New Mexico----- | 20,749 | 17,547 | 504 | 19.3 |
| South Dakota----- | 10,692 | 9,557 | 32 | 16.6 | Arizona----- | 37,493 | 31,567 | 1,556 | 19.1 |
| Nebraska----- | 23,476 | 22,022 | 1,094 | 15.4 | Utah----- | 26,947 | 26,131 | 144 | 23.9 |
| Kansas----- | 33,218 | 30,248 | 2,455 | 14.6 | Nevada----- | 9,033 | 7,642 | 1,012 | 16.9 |
| South Atlantic----- | 519,683 | 368,478 | 145,807 | 16.3 | Pacific----- | 408,353 | 344,522 | 35,105 | 15.0 |
| Delaware----- | 6,814 | 6,219 | 1,823 | 15.4 | Washington----- | 45,240 | 44,354 | 1,585 | 14.1 |
| Maryland----- | 58,187 | 43,275 | 15,946 | 14.4 | Oregon----- | 31,303 | 29,761 | 665 | 14.3 |
| District of Columbia----- | 12,080 | 1,459 | 10,441 | 16.0 | California----- | 306,470 | 261,057 | 30,409 | 15.0 |
| | | | | | Alaska----- | 6,932 | 4,990 | 242 | 21.3 |
| | | | | | Hawaii----- | 15,403 | 4,350 | 202 | 18.9 |

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Table 9. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF FATHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Total | Age of father | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | Under 15 years | 15-19 years | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years | 50-54 years | 55 years and over | Not stated |
| Total----- | 3,258,411 | 210 | 176,135 | 861,198 | 964,945 | 528,878 | 239,882 | 107,369 | 40,062 | 13,100 | 7,304 | 319,328 |
| Under 15 years----- | 12,082 | 70 | 2,910 | 922 | 121 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8,013 |
| 15-19 years----- | 616,290 | 88 | 152,512 | 254,074 | 39,833 | 7,383 | 2,040 | 752 | 374 | 154 | 111 | 158,959 |
| 20-24 years----- | 1,174,183 | 14 | 19,767 | 550,940 | 410,553 | 71,434 | 17,102 | 5,823 | 2,355 | 871 | 630 | 94,684 |
| 25-29 years----- | 900,392 | 12 | 790 | 50,113 | 472,265 | 262,532 | 56,120 | 16,131 | 6,145 | 2,008 | 1,268 | 33,008 |
| 30-34 years----- | 375,001 | 10 | 122 | 4,292 | 37,503 | 171,406 | 103,193 | 29,333 | 9,081 | 3,214 | 1,731 | 15,116 |
| 35-39 years----- | 141,328 | 12 | 26 | 734 | 4,168 | 14,743 | 57,079 | 39,858 | 11,896 | 3,589 | 2,071 | 7,152 |
| 40-44 years----- | 36,861 | 4 | 4 | 117 | 494 | 1,316 | 4,248 | 15,175 | 9,149 | 2,810 | 1,293 | 2,251 |
| 45-49 years----- | 2,284 | - | 4 | 6 | 8 | 42 | 93 | 292 | 1,055 | 453 | 196 | 135 |
| White----- | 2,658,558 | 100 | 140,813 | 726,135 | 854,826 | 460,538 | 202,583 | 89,395 | 32,036 | 9,881 | 4,779 | 134,472 |
| Under 15 years----- | 4,573 | 26 | 1,509 | 655 | 98 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2,258 |
| 15-19 years----- | 433,986 | 54 | 121,483 | 206,067 | 32,550 | 5,802 | 1,523 | 571 | 296 | 104 | 68 | 65,468 |
| 20-24 years----- | 970,205 | 6 | 17,009 | 472,521 | 359,257 | 59,195 | 13,334 | 4,587 | 1,806 | 640 | 396 | 41,454 |
| 25-29 years----- | 784,715 | 4 | 677 | 42,781 | 427,162 | 232,072 | 47,050 | 13,164 | 4,809 | 1,515 | 804 | 14,677 |
| 30-34 years----- | 316,128 | 4 | 106 | 3,406 | 31,953 | 150,262 | 88,780 | 24,215 | 7,250 | 2,408 | 1,143 | 6,601 |
| 35-39 years----- | 114,765 | 4 | 26 | 610 | 3,371 | 12,110 | 48,323 | 35,821 | 9,470 | 2,672 | 1,357 | 3,001 |
| 40-44 years----- | 29,411 | 2 | 2 | 91 | 427 | 1,055 | 3,497 | 12,785 | 7,533 | 2,183 | 880 | 956 |
| 45-49 years----- | 1,775 | - | 2 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 73 | 249 | 867 | 358 | 129 | 57 |
| Negro----- | 531,329 | 82 | 32,857 | 120,445 | 91,140 | 53,082 | 29,611 | 14,741 | 6,791 | 2,708 | 1,754 | 178,118 |
| Under 15 years----- | 7,363 | 44 | 1,375 | 251 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 5,656 |
| 15-19 years----- | 172,549 | 28 | 29,028 | 44,192 | 6,330 | 1,328 | 456 | 158 | 66 | 44 | 27 | 90,692 |
| 20-24 years----- | 181,537 | 2 | 2,352 | 69,808 | 43,797 | 9,716 | 3,063 | 1,026 | 445 | 194 | 122 | 52,012 |
| 25-29 years----- | 93,957 | 2 | 86 | 5,669 | 36,308 | 23,388 | 6,904 | 2,354 | 1,128 | 403 | 277 | 17,438 |
| 30-34 years----- | 47,516 | 2 | 12 | 618 | 4,104 | 16,424 | 11,393 | 4,091 | 1,528 | 652 | 413 | 8,079 |
| 35-39 years----- | 22,196 | 4 | - | 85 | 533 | 2,015 | 7,160 | 5,070 | 2,082 | 798 | 515 | 3,954 |
| 40-44 years----- | 6,390 | - | 2 | 20 | 47 | 197 | 613 | 2,009 | 1,376 | 540 | 345 | 1,231 |
| 45-49 years----- | 431 | - | 2 | 2 | - | 6 | 18 | 31 | 164 | 77 | 55 | 76 |

Table 10. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF FATHER: UNITED STATES, 1960 AND 1965-72

[Rates are live births per 1,000 men residing in area for specified group. Figures for age of father not stated are distributed. Beginning 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

| Year | 15-54 years ¹ | Age of father | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | | 15-19 years ² | 20-24 years | 25-29 years | 30-34 years | 35-39 years | 40-44 years | 45-49 years | 50-54 years | 55 years and over |
| 1972 ³ | 59.4 | 23.3 | 114.3 | 139.6 | 92.4 | 46.6 | 19.9 | 7.3 | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| 1971 ⁴ | 66.3 | 23.7 | 130.7 | 161.5 | 104.1 | 53.1 | 22.7 | 8.1 | 2.8 | 0.5 |
| 1970 ⁴ | 71.5 | 25.6 | 146.6 | 175.0 | 112.3 | 57.6 | 24.9 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| 1969 ⁴ | 70.1 | 24.1 | 143.6 | 172.9 | 111.8 | 58.5 | 25.5 | 9.3 | 3.3 | 0.6 |
| 1967-68 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1966 ⁴ | 73.5 | 22.1 | 160.7 ¹ | 181.7 | 121.0 | 68.2 | 30.6 | 12.0 | 4.2 | 0.8 |
| 1965 ⁴ | 77.4 | 20.0 | 163.2 | 193.7 | 131.8 | 73.9 | 34.0 | 13.2 | 4.7 | 0.8 |
| 1960 ⁴ | 94.8 | 21.5 | 202.2 | 232.6 | 154.2 | 87.4 | 42.6 | 16.7 | 6.2 | 1.0 |

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.

²Rates computed by relating births to fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.

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

⁴Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMACY RATES, AND ILLEGITIMACY RATIOS, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1972

[National estimates based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other of the 38 States and the District of Columbia which require reporting of legitimacy status. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age | Number ¹ | | | | Rates per 1,000 unmarried women in specified group | | | | Ratio per 1,000 live births | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | | Total | White | All other | |
| | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro | | | Total | Negro |
| All ages----- | 402,200 | 160,500 | 242,700 | 233,300 | ² 24.9 | ² 12.0 | ³ 88.9 | ³ 92.2 | 123.7 | 60.4 | 402.6 | 439.1 |
| Under 15 years----- | 9,900 | 2,700 | 7,200 | 7,100 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 819.4 | 590.4 | 958.8 | 964.3 |
| 15-19 years----- | 202,300 | 78,600 | 123,600 | 119,300 | 22.9 | 10.5 | 92.7 | 98.8 | 328.3 | 181.1 | 678.0 | 695.7 |
| 15 years----- | 22,500 | 7,500 | 14,900 | 14,600 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 666.9 | 431.1 | 911.8 | 916.3 |
| 16 years----- | 28,400 | 13,800 | 24,600 | 23,900 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 500.6 | 293.4 | 829.1 | 839.0 |
| 17 years----- | 47,600 | 18,600 | 29,000 | 28,100 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 377.2 | 215.1 | 729.9 | 743.5 |
| 18 years----- | 49,200 | 19,600 | 29,600 | 28,700 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 284.7 | 156.2 | 624.6 | 644.2 |
| 19 years----- | 44,500 | 18,100 | 26,500 | 24,500 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 215.2 | 121.2 | 518.8 | 537.5 |
| 20-24 years----- | 119,600 | 49,500 | 70,000 | 67,000 | 33.4 | 16.7 | 113.1 | 122.0 | 101.9 | 51.0 | 343.2 | 369.5 |
| 25-29 years----- | 41,200 | 17,300 | 23,900 | 22,600 | 31.1 | 16.6 | 84.5 | 89.7 | 45.8 | 22.0 | 206.6 | 240.5 |
| 30-34 years----- | 19,000 | 7,700 | 11,200 | 10,500 | 22.8 | 12.1 | 56.3 | 57.7 | 50.7 | 24.4 | 190.2 | 221.9 |
| 35-39 years----- | 8,600 | 3,500 | 5,100 | 4,800 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 23.0 | 30.2 | 50.9 | 30.5 | 192.0 | 216.3 |
| 40 years and over----- | 2,700 | 1,100 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 33.1 | 31.6 | 88.2 | 88.5 | 69.0 | 35.3 | 188.5 | 220.2 |

¹Due to rounding estimates to the nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals.

²Rates computed by relating total illegitimate births, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women 15-44 years.

³Rates computed by relating illegitimate births to mothers aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years.

Table 12. LIVE BIRTHS BY INTERVAL SINCE LAST LIVE BIRTH, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to second and higher order births occurring within the areas reporting date of last live birth to residents of these areas. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

| Interval since last live birth and race | Total, second and higher order births ¹ | Live-birth order | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 and over |
| Total----- | 1,104,026 | 627,291 | 642,277 | 170,404 | 82,228 | 45,402 | 22,165 | 28,055 |
| 0 months----- | 18,574 | 8,523 | 4,220 | 3,229 | 1,534 | 791 | 459 | 728 |
| 1-11 months----- | 23,614 | 15,082 | 7,192 | 3,418 | 1,672 | 947 | 458 | 829 |
| 12-17 months----- | 187,289 | 80,842 | 39,227 | 13,622 | 3,821 | 3,422 | 2,143 | 3,266 |
| 18-23 months----- | 181,038 | 82,284 | 41,211 | 20,123 | 3,743 | 3,383 | 3,032 | 3,078 |
| 24-35 months----- | 326,211 | 182,329 | 70,627 | 22,222 | 12,202 | 8,221 | 4,725 | 7,409 |
| 36-47 months----- | 211,428 | 111,422 | 50,717 | 22,224 | 12,322 | 8,222 | 2,073 | 4,203 |
| 48-59 months----- | 127,222 | 60,124 | 24,722 | 12,222 | 7,222 | 4,200 | 2,176 | 2,253 |
| 60-71 months----- | 81,222 | 32,172 | 12,222 | 6,222 | 3,222 | 1,815 | 2,252 | 2,252 |
| 72 months and over----- | 152,722 | 62,224 | 22,722 | 12,222 | 6,222 | 3,222 | 4,222 | 4,941 |
| Not stated----- | 62,672 | 43,224 | 15,222 | 7,222 | 4,222 | 2,222 | 1,242 | 2,022 |
| White----- | 1,122,021 | 622,202 | 622,202 | 122,222 | 67,017 | 34,011 | 18,046 | 22,702 |
| 0 months----- | 12,222 | 4,222 | 4,022 | 2,222 | 1,219 | 576 | 343 | 438 |
| 1-11 months----- | 21,021 | 11,222 | 5,100 | 2,219 | 1,074 | 564 | 248 | 404 |
| 12-17 months----- | 122,322 | 64,427 | 20,703 | 6,343 | 3,716 | 2,103 | 3,116 | 3,116 |
| 18-23 months----- | 148,412 | 81,740 | 32,722 | 16,037 | 7,479 | 4,027 | 2,145 | 3,215 |
| 24-35 months----- | 278,227 | 164,221 | 59,219 | 27,322 | 12,318 | 6,339 | 3,441 | 4,694 |
| 36-47 months----- | 162,222 | 102,242 | 43,722 | 18,222 | 8,422 | 4,238 | 2,305 | 3,008 |
| 48-59 months----- | 102,730 | 52,043 | 20,070 | 12,427 | 6,445 | 3,128 | 1,649 | 1,968 |
| 60-71 months----- | 62,722 | 28,408 | 20,399 | 9,700 | 4,948 | 2,476 | 1,315 | 1,480 |
| 72 months and over----- | 152,222 | 42,722 | 12,222 | 6,222 | 3,222 | 1,815 | 3,620 | 3,195 |
| Not stated----- | 62,760 | 41,222 | 12,203 | 5,720 | 2,909 | 1,513 | 877 | 1,124 |
| Negro----- | 201,722 | 62,466 | 46,911 | 26,911 | 16,057 | 10,145 | 6,331 | 11,974 |
| 0 months----- | 2,675 | 795 | 710 | 482 | 300 | 198 | 121 | 269 |
| 1-11 months----- | 7,422 | 3,202 | 1,807 | 977 | 541 | 343 | 198 | 390 |
| 12-17 months----- | 31,277 | 12,203 | 7,264 | 4,161 | 2,543 | 1,474 | 930 | 2,002 |
| 18-23 months----- | 27,222 | 12,043 | 6,299 | 3,500 | 1,940 | 1,210 | 769 | 1,665 |
| 24-35 months----- | 39,222 | 17,609 | 8,904 | 4,269 | 2,722 | 1,800 | 1,158 | 2,441 |
| 36-47 months----- | 23,222 | 10,277 | 5,722 | 2,922 | 1,722 | 1,057 | 666 | 1,299 |
| 48-59 months----- | 16,160 | 6,714 | 3,822 | 2,200 | 1,270 | 763 | 472 | 878 |
| 60-71 months----- | 11,079 | 4,046 | 2,621 | 1,615 | 1,016 | 627 | 452 | 693 |
| 72 months and over----- | 22,202 | 8,222 | 6,320 | 4,242 | 2,722 | 1,916 | 1,124 | 1,602 |
| Not stated----- | 15,224 | 7,145 | 3,277 | 1,766 | 1,143 | 657 | 431 | 735 |

¹Excludes not stated birth order.

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.

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Table 13. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER AND FATHER, BY RACE OF CHILD: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

| Years of school completed | Mother | | | Father | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Total | White | Negro | Total | White | Negro |
| Total----- | 2,183,069 | 1,781,405 | 355,572 | 2,183,069 | 1,781,405 | 355,572 |
| 0-5 years----- | 19,917 | 15,018 | 3,459 | 23,922 | 18,138 | 4,540 |
| 6 years----- | 14,812 | 10,635 | 3,348 | 16,186 | 12,705 | 2,970 |
| 7 years----- | 23,768 | 15,864 | 7,287 | 19,867 | 15,505 | 3,969 |
| 8 years----- | 90,941 | 68,184 | 20,152 | 93,791 | 80,126 | 11,836 |
| 9 years----- | 117,451 | 84,849 | 29,801 | 73,054 | 60,973 | 10,728 |
| 10 years----- | 189,692 | 137,779 | 46,005 | 120,126 | 99,272 | 18,633 |
| 11 years----- | 203,253 | 140,608 | 58,697 | 127,977 | 98,929 | 26,899 |
| 12 years----- | 981,943 | 833,067 | 133,565 | 800,593 | 692,845 | 93,153 |
| 13 years----- | 132,914 | 116,542 | 14,164 | 106,852 | 95,708 | 9,228 |
| 14 years----- | 107,516 | 93,378 | 11,661 | 135,829 | 122,098 | 11,090 |
| 15 years----- | 51,734 | 46,292 | 4,276 | 53,264 | 47,888 | 4,341 |
| 16 years----- | 151,074 | 137,789 | 8,769 | 180,612 | 168,933 | 7,682 |
| 17 years and over----- | 44,962 | 39,582 | 2,342 | 139,675 | 130,027 | 3,915 |
| Not stated----- | 53,062 | 41,618 | 10,056 | 291,221 | 138,858 | 146,398 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and father, and Maryland which did not require reporting of these items in standard form.

Table 14. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

| Age of mother and race | Years of school completed by mother | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Total | 0-8 years | 9-11 years | 12 years | 13-15 years | 16 years and over | Not stated |
| Total----- | 2,183,069 | 149,469 | 510,396 | 981,943 | 292,164 | 196,036 | 53,062 |
| Under 15 years----- | 7,897 | 5,490 | 2,078 | 46 | 1 | - | 282 |
| 15-19 years----- | 407,838 | 34,585 | 215,125 | 135,846 | 12,226 | 173 | 9,883 |
| 20-24 years----- | 786,345 | 38,597 | 149,192 | 415,855 | 128,306 | 36,859 | 17,536 |
| 25-29 years----- | 605,752 | 31,114 | 79,710 | 271,725 | 103,436 | 104,434 | 15,333 |
| 30-34 years----- | 252,680 | 20,828 | 40,163 | 107,657 | 35,134 | 42,051 | 6,647 |
| 35-39 years----- | 95,814 | 13,445 | 18,718 | 40,241 | 10,397 | 10,451 | 2,572 |
| 40 years and over----- | 26,743 | 5,409 | 5,410 | 10,373 | 2,674 | 2,068 | 809 |
| White----- | 1,781,405 | 109,701 | 363,236 | 833,067 | 256,212 | 177,371 | 41,818 |
| Under 15 years----- | 2,850 | 2,040 | 667 | 29 | - | - | 114 |
| 15-19 years----- | 285,891 | 23,959 | 143,835 | 102,814 | 6,502 | 131 | 6,650 |
| 20-24 years----- | 651,374 | 30,292 | 111,534 | 352,285 | 110,461 | 32,754 | 14,048 |
| 25-29 years----- | 528,753 | 24,286 | 60,685 | 240,464 | 94,317 | 95,996 | 12,995 |
| 30-34 years----- | 213,368 | 15,695 | 29,438 | 93,650 | 31,416 | 37,578 | 5,391 |
| 35-39 years----- | 77,853 | 9,668 | 13,345 | 34,593 | 9,145 | 9,110 | 1,992 |
| 40 years and over----- | 21,316 | 3,761 | 3,722 | 9,032 | 2,371 | 1,802 | 628 |
| Negro----- | 355,572 | 34,246 | 136,493 | 133,565 | 30,101 | 11,111 | 10,056 |
| Under 15 years----- | 4,947 | 3,384 | 1,379 | 17 | 1 | - | 166 |
| 15-19 years----- | 114,970 | 9,921 | 67,414 | 31,004 | 3,482 | 38 | 3,111 |
| 20-24 years----- | 120,076 | 6,894 | 34,222 | 57,308 | 15,362 | 3,165 | 3,135 |
| 25-29 years----- | 63,272 | 5,389 | 17,136 | 27,030 | 7,103 | 4,641 | 1,973 |
| 30-34 years----- | 32,226 | 4,117 | 9,786 | 12,112 | 2,899 | 2,274 | 1,038 |
| 35-39 years----- | 15,324 | 3,166 | 4,974 | 4,896 | 1,000 | 803 | 485 |
| 40 years and over----- | 4,757 | 1,385 | 1,582 | 1,198 | 254 | 190 | 148 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother, and Maryland which did not require reporting of this item in standard form.

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Table 15. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

| Live-birth order and race | Total | Years of school completed by mother | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | 0-8 years | 9-11 years | 12 years | 13-15 years | 16 years and over | Not stated |
| Total ----- | 2,183,069 | 149,468 | 510,336 | 991,943 | 232,164 | 196,036 | 53,062 |
| First child----- | 851,370 | 41,464 | 204,246 | 394,393 | 127,591 | 86,285 | 15,591 |
| Second child----- | 628,518 | 31,455 | 121,361 | 302,194 | 94,133 | 67,166 | 12,009 |
| Third child----- | 314,415 | 23,075 | 74,622 | 148,276 | 38,544 | 23,365 | 6,333 |
| Fourth child----- | 157,516 | 16,145 | 44,537 | 69,591 | 15,621 | 8,571 | 3,051 |
| Fifth child----- | 79,360 | 11,182 | 24,669 | 32,146 | 6,651 | 3,053 | 1,659 |
| Sixth child----- | 42,501 | 7,259 | 14,348 | 15,610 | 3,113 | 1,218 | 354 |
| Seventh child----- | 23,731 | 5,212 | 8,110 | 7,647 | 1,548 | 679 | 535 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 34,549 | 10,584 | 11,550 | 9,122 | 1,774 | 666 | 853 |
| Not stated----- | 41,309 | 3,093 | 6,753 | 12,964 | 3,189 | 3,033 | 12,277 |
| White ----- | 1,781,405 | 109,701 | 363,236 | 633,067 | 256,212 | 177,371 | 41,818 |
| First child----- | 705,829 | 29,685 | 146,460 | 327,854 | 110,442 | 79,257 | 12,131 |
| Second child----- | 531,049 | 24,935 | 90,531 | 260,390 | 84,133 | 61,375 | 9,684 |
| Third child----- | 260,241 | 18,443 | 55,006 | 126,246 | 34,273 | 21,246 | 5,027 |
| Fourth child----- | 126,327 | 12,511 | 31,620 | 59,099 | 13,726 | 7,824 | 2,347 |
| Fifth child----- | 60,551 | 8,234 | 16,471 | 26,050 | 5,839 | 2,778 | 1,179 |
| Sixth child----- | 30,487 | 5,015 | 8,833 | 12,264 | 2,613 | 1,132 | 610 |
| Seventh child----- | 16,230 | 3,390 | 4,661 | 5,877 | 1,316 | 632 | 364 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 19,982 | 5,518 | 5,201 | 6,688 | 1,506 | 620 | 449 |
| Not stated----- | 30,709 | 1,979 | 4,253 | 9,579 | 2,364 | 2,507 | 10,027 |
| Negro ----- | 355,572 | 34,246 | 136,493 | 133,565 | 30,101 | 11,111 | 10,056 |
| First child----- | 137,573 | 10,482 | 53,676 | 50,557 | 14,446 | 5,461 | 2,951 |
| Second child----- | 84,601 | 5,313 | 28,324 | 37,386 | 8,229 | 3,305 | 2,044 |
| Third child----- | 47,657 | 3,632 | 16,301 | 18,582 | 3,532 | 1,255 | 1,155 |
| Fourth child----- | 27,959 | 3,085 | 11,606 | 10,324 | 1,628 | 470 | 645 |
| Fifth child----- | 17,011 | 2,511 | 7,642 | 5,570 | 673 | 176 | 439 |
| Sixth child----- | 10,933 | 1,942 | 3,162 | 3,053 | 457 | 65 | 324 |
| Seventh child----- | 6,847 | 1,592 | 3,211 | 1,685 | 198 | 35 | 146 |
| Eighth child and over----- | 13,302 | 4,463 | 5,978 | 2,267 | 233 | 34 | 327 |
| Not stated----- | 9,639 | 1,025 | 2,393 | 3,161 | 725 | 310 | 2,025 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother, and Maryland which did not require reporting of this item in standard form.

Table 16. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, BIRTH WEIGHT, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 40 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

| Race and birth weight | Month of pregnancy prenatal care began | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| | Total | 1st or 2d month | 3d month | 4th month | 5th month | 6th month | 7th month | 8th month | 9th month | No prenatal care | Not stated |
| Total ----- | 2,664,504 | 1,087,256 | 692,130 | 307,391 | 182,103 | 114,633 | 76,231 | 44,382 | 17,166 | 40,065 | 103,147 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 202,117 | 71,010 | 48,528 | 24,950 | 16,593 | 10,407 | 6,930 | 3,572 | 1,484 | 8,243 | 10,400 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 2,456,084 | 1,014,528 | 642,404 | 281,922 | 165,206 | 104,031 | 69,164 | 40,710 | 15,680 | 31,538 | 90,921 |
| Not stated----- | 6,303 | 1,718 | 1,198 | 519 | 304 | 195 | 137 | 100 | 22 | 284 | 1,826 |
| White ----- | 2,177,530 | 959,380 | 585,913 | 232,558 | 126,477 | 76,987 | 51,271 | 30,312 | 11,781 | 23,916 | 78,935 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 139,942 | 56,124 | 35,861 | 15,536 | 9,508 | 5,678 | 3,818 | 2,059 | 886 | 3,979 | 6,493 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 2,032,596 | 901,788 | 549,062 | 216,637 | 116,767 | 71,183 | 47,368 | 28,183 | 10,882 | 19,756 | 70,970 |
| Not stated----- | 4,992 | 1,468 | 990 | 395 | 202 | 126 | 65 | 70 | 13 | 181 | 1,472 |
| Negro ----- | 424,433 | 106,201 | 90,805 | 67,299 | 50,396 | 34,033 | 22,224 | 12,209 | 4,474 | 14,525 | 22,267 |
| 2,500 grams or less----- | 57,383 | 13,278 | 11,548 | 8,833 | 6,671 | 4,419 | 2,941 | 1,400 | 560 | 4,025 | 3,688 |
| 2,501 grams or more----- | 365,901 | 92,715 | 79,073 | 59,321 | 43,629 | 29,553 | 19,239 | 10,781 | 3,907 | 10,405 | 18,278 |
| Not stated----- | 1,149 | 208 | 184 | 125 | 96 | 61 | 44 | 28 | 7 | 95 | 301 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

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Table 17. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS AND RACE: TOTAL OF 36 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the number of prenatal visits to residents of these areas]

| Race | Total | Number of prenatal visits | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | No visits | 1-2 visits | 3-4 visits | 5-6 visits | 7-8 visits | 9-10 visits | 11-12 visits | 13-14 visits | 15-16 visits | 17-18 visits | 19 visits or more | Not stated |
| Total----- | 1,733,287 | 21,948 | 45,817 | 91,958 | 164,563 | 242,025 | 375,137 | 396,522 | 167,575 | 96,297 | 19,447 | 22,513 | 69,495 |
| White----- | 1,397,968 | 10,967 | 24,564 | 54,231 | 110,684 | 186,324 | 315,967 | 351,925 | 151,896 | 85,713 | 17,185 | 19,250 | 69,252 |
| Negro----- | 294,471 | 9,643 | 18,626 | 34,050 | 48,746 | 49,260 | 51,433 | 37,287 | 12,759 | 9,159 | 1,949 | 2,921 | 18,638 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas which did not require reporting of number of prenatal visits.

Table 18. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS, MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 35 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

| Month of pregnancy prenatal care began and race | Total | Number of prenatal visits | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | No visits | 1-2 visits | 3-4 visits | 5-6 visits | 7-8 visits | 9-10 visits | 11-12 visits | 13-14 visits | 15-16 visits | 17-18 visits | 19 visits or more | Not stated |
| Total----- | 1,629,779 | 20,765 | 43,426 | 86,953 | 155,409 | 228,591 | 352,877 | 368,065 | 155,711 | 89,916 | 18,500 | 21,569 | 87,997 |
| 1st-2d month----- | 653,825 | - | 2,920 | 7,745 | 22,784 | 61,265 | 140,650 | 209,266 | 104,526 | 62,896 | 15,577 | 15,717 | 12,479 |
| 3d month----- | 420,474 | - | 3,043 | 10,028 | 33,933 | 66,343 | 120,900 | 113,903 | 38,192 | 20,186 | 3,532 | 4,016 | 6,398 |
| 4th-6th month----- | 372,919 | - | 12,966 | 42,318 | 78,439 | 89,599 | 84,096 | 40,409 | 11,504 | 5,987 | 1,183 | 1,552 | 4,867 |
| 7th-9th month----- | 83,582 | - | 23,267 | 25,353 | 18,411 | 9,305 | 3,927 | 1,258 | 353 | 159 | 37 | 63 | 1,449 |
| No prenatal care----- | 20,765 | 20,765 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not stated----- | 79,214 | - | 1,230 | 1,509 | 1,843 | 2,079 | 3,304 | 3,229 | 1,136 | 688 | 171 | 221 | 62,804 |
| White----- | 1,314,615 | 10,321 | 23,199 | 51,184 | 104,510 | 176,252 | 297,561 | 327,376 | 141,031 | 80,131 | 16,374 | 18,442 | 68,234 |
| 1st-2d month----- | 574,582 | - | 1,488 | 4,873 | 16,439 | 49,882 | 123,008 | 189,776 | 96,102 | 57,039 | 12,201 | 13,706 | 10,268 |
| 3d month----- | 354,462 | - | 1,513 | 6,000 | 24,156 | 53,489 | 104,276 | 101,361 | 34,320 | 17,676 | 3,062 | 3,381 | 5,228 |
| 4th-6th month----- | 282,091 | - | 6,162 | 23,809 | 50,460 | 64,689 | 64,970 | 32,411 | 9,363 | 4,705 | 936 | 1,136 | 3,450 |
| 7th-9th month----- | 53,525 | - | 13,369 | 15,861 | 12,360 | 6,687 | 2,876 | 944 | 267 | 118 | 33 | 46 | 944 |
| No prenatal care----- | 10,321 | 10,321 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not stated----- | 59,634 | - | 647 | 841 | 1,095 | 1,505 | 2,431 | 2,684 | 979 | 593 | 142 | 173 | 48,544 |
| Negro----- | 276,638 | 9,177 | 17,787 | 32,292 | 46,035 | 46,256 | 48,049 | 33,837 | 11,895 | 8,462 | 1,833 | 2,795 | 18,230 |
| 1st-2d month----- | 67,065 | - | 1,296 | 2,780 | 5,739 | 9,952 | 15,096 | 15,789 | 6,698 | 4,922 | 1,165 | 1,771 | 1,857 |
| 3d month----- | 57,128 | - | 1,403 | 3,642 | 8,809 | 11,235 | 14,089 | 10,463 | 3,157 | 2,243 | 425 | 579 | 1,063 |
| 4th-6th month----- | 100,098 | - | 6,183 | 16,963 | 25,568 | 22,313 | 17,127 | 7,016 | 1,833 | 1,169 | 222 | 395 | 1,299 |
| 7th-9th month----- | 26,073 | - | 8,466 | 8,337 | 5,243 | 2,238 | 938 | 271 | 78 | 35 | 4 | 15 | 448 |
| No prenatal care----- | 9,177 | 9,177 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not stated----- | 17,107 | - | 439 | 570 | 676 | 518 | 799 | 298 | 129 | 83 | 17 | 35 | 15,543 |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia which did not require reporting of both number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

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Table 19. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1972

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the first day of last normal menstrual period (LNMP) to residents of these areas]

| Period of gestation and race | Total | Birth weight ¹ | | | | | | | | | | Not stated | |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | | 500 grams or less | 501-1,000 grams | 1,001-1,500 grams | 1,501-2,000 grams | 2,001-2,500 grams | 2,501-3,000 grams | 3,001-3,500 grams | 3,501-4,000 grams | 4,001-4,500 grams | 4,501-5,000 grams | | 5,001-grams or more |
| Total..... | 2,390,583 | 2,176 | 10,311 | 14,822 | 34,985 | 119,165 | 436,772 | 911,313 | 640,834 | 178,608 | 31,401 | 4,547 | 5,809 |
| Under 20 weeks..... | 773 | 147 | 137 | 56 | 46 | 41 | 79 | 115 | 70 | 34 | 3 | 4 | 41 |
| 20-27 weeks..... | 11,900 | 1,124 | 5,272 | 1,806 | 697 | 600 | 678 | 870 | 449 | 115 | 28 | 35 | 226 |
| 28-31 weeks..... | 20,673 | 49 | 1,125 | 5,400 | 5,294 | 2,518 | 2,385 | 2,435 | 986 | 222 | 28 | 1 | 250 |
| 32-35 weeks..... | 89,874 | 28 | 254 | 2,123 | 11,097 | 23,204 | 22,742 | 19,254 | 8,728 | 1,797 | 234 | 64 | 289 |
| 36 weeks..... | 60,423 | 6 | 33 | 281 | 1,903 | 10,196 | 21,157 | 17,464 | 7,270 | 1,604 | 302 | 64 | 143 |
| 37-39 weeks..... | 719,289 | 50 | 161 | 528 | 4,452 | 35,208 | 168,248 | 308,329 | 162,954 | 33,088 | 4,675 | 591 | 1,017 |
| 40 weeks..... | 427,109 | 31 | 51 | 120 | 855 | 8,422 | 60,104 | 174,591 | 133,042 | 37,651 | 5,950 | 673 | 589 |
| 41-42 weeks..... | 435,855 | 43 | 63 | 99 | 739 | 7,193 | 48,777 | 157,957 | 154,937 | 54,204 | 10,681 | 1,398 | 605 |
| 43 weeks and over..... | 147,037 | 14 | 28 | 94 | 458 | 3,285 | 19,503 | 53,049 | 48,449 | 17,458 | 3,843 | 630 | 226 |
| Not stated..... | 477,650 | 684 | 3,157 | 4,316 | 9,424 | 28,500 | 92,099 | 178,139 | 118,949 | 32,455 | 5,567 | 897 | 2,443 |
| White..... | 1,941,671 | 1,443 | 6,533 | 9,799 | 23,718 | 83,020 | 323,042 | 739,245 | 557,063 | 160,963 | 28,493 | 3,824 | 4,558 |
| Under 20 weeks..... | 454 | 60 | 59 | 32 | 25 | 27 | 40 | 71 | 60 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 32 |
| 20-27 weeks..... | 7,598 | 773 | 3,455 | 1,142 | 377 | 300 | 374 | 537 | 325 | 93 | 12 | 22 | 158 |
| 28-31 weeks..... | 13,502 | 37 | 696 | 3,659 | 3,656 | 1,412 | 1,332 | 1,457 | 669 | 166 | 18 | - | 180 |
| 32-35 weeks..... | 62,413 | 8 | 137 | 1,469 | 7,896 | 16,927 | 15,280 | 12,557 | 6,263 | 1,392 | 250 | 43 | 221 |
| 36 weeks..... | 44,541 | - | 22 | 189 | 1,351 | 7,308 | 15,477 | 12,918 | 5,582 | 1,292 | 250 | 45 | 107 |
| 37-39 weeks..... | 580,941 | 42 | 108 | 355 | 3,218 | 25,354 | 126,967 | 250,645 | 139,783 | 29,033 | 4,085 | 496 | 795 |
| 40 weeks..... | 385,170 | 24 | 38 | 69 | 564 | 6,200 | 47,249 | 147,487 | 122,558 | 34,424 | 5,462 | 593 | 503 |
| 41-42 weeks..... | 381,559 | 35 | 47 | 56 | 491 | 5,341 | 38,518 | 134,777 | 140,272 | 50,237 | 9,999 | 1,306 | 520 |
| 43 weeks and over..... | 124,834 | 14 | 14 | 54 | 336 | 2,313 | 14,601 | 43,900 | 42,930 | 16,035 | 3,581 | 575 | 181 |
| Not stated..... | 360,659 | 430 | 1,839 | 2,574 | 5,814 | 17,923 | 63,005 | 134,895 | 99,551 | 28,106 | 4,844 | 742 | 1,861 |
| Negro..... | 386,810 | 697 | 3,577 | 4,666 | 10,377 | 32,879 | 100,064 | 146,844 | 69,655 | 14,226 | 2,318 | 426 | 1,081 |
| Under 20 weeks..... | 307 | 62 | 75 | 24 | 21 | 14 | 39 | 42 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 20-27 weeks..... | 4,037 | 331 | 1,661 | 633 | 308 | 286 | 282 | 315 | 112 | 20 | 12 | 13 | 64 |
| 28-31 weeks..... | 6,621 | 12 | 403 | 1,405 | 1,502 | 1,019 | 934 | 923 | 263 | 45 | 8 | 1 | 46 |
| 32-35 weeks..... | 24,918 | 20 | 111 | 636 | 2,340 | 5,655 | 6,755 | 6,027 | 2,177 | 350 | 59 | 19 | 60 |
| 36 weeks..... | 14,235 | 6 | 11 | 88 | 511 | 2,870 | 5,043 | 4,043 | 1,466 | 273 | 49 | 13 | 32 |
| 37-39 weeks..... | 117,329 | 8 | 47 | 158 | 1,144 | 8,811 | 35,439 | 49,595 | 19,135 | 3,261 | 482 | 75 | 192 |
| 40 weeks..... | 51,572 | 7 | 13 | 45 | 271 | 2,015 | 11,129 | 22,441 | 12,567 | 2,522 | 413 | 68 | 71 |
| 41-42 weeks..... | 45,126 | 6 | 16 | 42 | 230 | 1,762 | 8,955 | 18,521 | 11,851 | 3,458 | 503 | 78 | 68 |
| 43 weeks and over..... | 18,927 | - | 14 | 40 | 111 | 876 | 4,178 | 7,822 | 4,518 | 1,452 | 193 | 38 | 40 |
| Not stated..... | 102,829 | 219 | 1,222 | 1,655 | 3,339 | 9,781 | 27,840 | 73,924 | 17,536 | 3,633 | 599 | 119 | 500 |

¹Equivalents of the gram weights in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:

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|---|---|
| 500 grams or less = 1 lb. 1 oz. or less | 3,001-3,500 grams = 6 lb. 10 oz. = 7 lb. 11 oz. |
| 501-1,000 grams = 1 lb. 2 oz. = 2 lb. 3 oz. | 3,501-4,000 grams = 7 lb. 12 oz. = 8 lb. 13 oz. |
| 1,001-1,500 grams = 2 lb. 4 oz. = 3 lb. 4 oz. | 4,001-4,500 grams = 8 lb. 14 oz. = 9 lb. 14 oz. |
| 1,501-2,000 grams = 3 lb. 5 oz. = 4 lb. 6 oz. | 4,501-5,000 grams = 9 lb. 15 oz. = 11 lb. 0 oz. |
| 2,001-2,500 grams = 4 lb. 7 oz. = 5 lb. 8 oz. | 5,001 grams or more = 11 lb. 1 oz. or more |
| 2,501-3,000 grams = 5 lb. 9 oz. = 6 lb. 9 oz. | |

NOTE: Excludes data for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin which did not require reporting of first day of last normal menstrual period.

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES

Data not available----- ---

Category not applicable----- ...

Quantity zero----- -

Quantity more than 0 but less than 0.5----- 0.0

Figures does not meet standards of reliability or precision----- *