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Year and race	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 (3)
ALL RACES										
Registered Births										
2002.....	48.4	17.4	75.6	105.0	99.1	57.7	22.6	7.4	2.4	0.3
2001.....	49.0	18.5	78.5	105.8	99.6	57.0	22.3	7.3	2.4	0.3
2000.....	50.0	19.8	82.1	106.5	99.5	56.3	22.2	7.3	2.5	0.3
1999.....	49.2	20.6	81.1	105.3	95.9	53.9	21.1	7.0	2.4	0.3
1998.....	49.6	21.3	82.3	104.4	94.4	53.1	21.0	7.1	2.5	0.3
1997.....	49.4	21.9	82.1	102.6	92.0	51.5	20.7	7.0	2.5	0.3
1996.....	50.2	22.7	83.4	102.8	91.3	51.1	20.5	6.9	2.5	0.3
1995.....	51.0	23.9	83.9	103.2	90.7	50.4	20.3	7.0	2.5	0.3
1994.....	52.4	24.6	85.6	105.3	91.1	50.5	20.3	7.2	2.6	0.3
1993.....	53.7	24.4	86.0	108.1	91.7	50.7	20.2	7.3	2.7	0.4
1992.....	55.3	24.4	87.1	111.1	93.0	51.1	20.4	7.3	2.7	0.4
1991.....	56.8	24.7	87.9	113.5	94.3	51.6	20.2	7.4	2.7	0.4
1990.....	58.4	23.5	88.0	116.4	97.8	53.0	21.0	7.5	2.8	0.4
1989.....	57.2	21.9	85.4	114.3	94.8	51.3	20.4	7.4	2.7	0.6
1988.....	55.8	19.6	82.4	111.6	93.1	49.9	19.9	7.1	2.7	0.4
1987.....	55.0	18.3	80.5	109.9	91.2	48.6	19.0	6.9	2.6	0.4
1986.....	54.8	17.9	80.3	109.6	90.3	46.8	18.3	6.7	2.6	0.4
1985.....	55.6	18.0	81.2	112.3	91.1	47.3	18.1	6.6	2.5	0.4
1984(4).....	55.0	17.8	80.7	111.4	89.9	46.0	17.8	6.3	2.4	0.4
1983(4).....	55.1	18.2	82.7	113.0	89.0	45.2	17.4	6.4	2.3	0.4
1982(4).....	56.4	18.6	86.5	117.3	90.2	44.5	17.5	6.4	2.3	0.4
1981(4).....	56.3	18.4	88.4	119.1	88.7	43.3	17.0	6.2	2.3	0.4
1980(4).....	57.0	18.8	92.0	123.0	91.0	42.8	17.1	6.1	2.2	0.3
1979(4).....	55.8	18.5	90.6	122.4	89.3	42.2	16.7	6.0	2.3	0.3
1978(4).....	54.1	18.1	89.7	120.0	86.7	40.8	16.3	5.8	2.2	0.3
1977(4).....	54.9	19.1	92.8	124.2	85.9	41.1	16.5	6.0	2.2	0.3
1976(4).....	53.2	19.4	92.1	120.3	82.6	39.8	16.2	6.0	2.1	0.3
1975(4).....	53.8	20.8	96.2	123.9	81.5	39.9	16.5	6.1	2.2	0.4
1974(4).....	55.0	21.7	101.2	128.2	83.9	40.8	16.8	6.2	2.2	0.4
1973(4).....	55.7	22.4	104.3	129.7	86.0	42.5	18.0	6.7	2.3	0.4

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		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 (3)
1972(4).....	59.1	23.4	113.2	137.6	91.8	46.7	19.9	7.4	2.5	0.4
1971(5).....	66.1	23.9	129.8	160.2	103.8	53.2	22.7	8.2	2.9	0.5
1970(5).....	71.5	25.6	146.6	175.0	112.3	57.6	24.9	9.1	3.1	0.6
1969(5).....	70.2	24.0	143.8	174.2	111.4	58.5	25.5	9.5	3.4	0.6
1967-68.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966(5).....	73.5	22.0	160.8	181.7	119.8	68.0	30.7	12.0	4.3	0.8
1965(5).....	77.5	20.0	162.7	194.1	130.5	73.9	34.0	13.3	4.7	0.8
1964(5).....	84.2	19.6	177.1	213.7	142.7	79.2	37.0	14.1	5.2	0.9
1963(5).....	87.1	20.2	184.4	222.3	146.2	80.4	38.0	14.5	5.5	0.9
1962(5).....	90.0	21.0	195.1	227.7	149.6	82.0	40.0	15.1	5.6	0.9
1961(5).....	93.9	22.3	199.6	233.2	154.9	85.9	42.1	16.3	6.1	1.0
1960(5).....	94.8	21.5	202.2	232.6	154.2	87.4	42.6	16.7	6.2	1.0
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(6)										
1950.....	87.0	14.2	142.0	186.7	141.9	87.2	45.1	19.6	7.5	1.4
1940.....	64.7	7.5	91.2	138.2	113.2	74.4	40.9	19.7	8.2	1.9
WHITE Registered Births Race of father										
2002.....	46.4	14.8	70.8	104.8	99.4	56.4	21.0	6.6	2.0	0.3
2001.....	46.9	15.5	73.1	105.4	99.9	55.7	20.8	6.5	2.0	0.3
2000.....	47.6	16.6	75.8	105.4	99.5	54.7	20.7	6.5	2.1	0.3
1999.....	46.9	17.3	74.7	104.1	96.2	52.7	19.8	6.3	2.1	0.3
1998.....	47.1	17.7	75.6	102.7	94.3	51.9	19.6	6.3	2.1	0.3
1997.....	46.8	18.0	75.3	100.9	91.7	50.2	19.3	6.2	2.1	0.3
1996.....	47.7	18.7	76.7	101.4	91.1	49.9	19.2	6.1	2.1	0.2
1995.....	48.4	19.4	77.0	101.7	90.4	49.1	19.1	6.2	2.1	0.2
1994.....	49.3	19.5	77.4	103.1	90.4	48.9	18.9	6.3	2.2	0.3
1993.....	50.3	18.9	77.2	105.5	90.7	48.9	18.7	6.4	2.2	0.2
1992.....	51.8	18.8	77.8	108.2	91.9	49.1	18.8	6.4	2.2	0.3
1991.....	53.1	19.0	78.4	110.2	92.8	49.6	18.5	6.5	2.2	0.3
1990.....	54.6	18.1	78.3	113.2	96.1	50.9	19.2	6.5	2.2	0.3

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		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 (3)
1989.....	53.3	16.7	75.9	110.8	93.0	49.1	18.7	6.3	2.1	0.4
1988.....	52.2	14.8	73.7	108.3	91.2	47.6	18.1	6.1	2.1	0.3
1987.....	51.6	13.9	72.8	107.0	89.5	46.2	17.3	5.9	2.0	0.3
1986.....	51.7	13.8	73.3	107.0	88.7	44.4	16.6	5.7	2.0	0.3
1985.....	52.6	14.0	74.7	109.9	89.5	44.8	16.3	5.6	1.9	0.3
1984(4).....	51.8	14.0	74.3	108.8	87.9	43.5	16.0	5.3	1.9	0.3
1983(4).....	52.0	14.4	76.3	110.2	86.8	42.6	15.5	5.3	1.8	0.3
1982(4).....	53.1	14.9	80.1	114.2	87.5	41.7	15.6	5.3	1.9	0.3
1981(4).....	52.9	15.0	81.7	115.8	85.8	40.3	15.0	5.2	1.8	0.3
1980(4).....	53.4	15.4	84.9	119.4	87.8	39.7	15.0	5.1	1.8	0.3
Race of child										
1980(4).....	52.9	15.2	84.0	118.4	86.9	39.2	14.7	5.0	1.8	0.3
1979(4).....	51.6	14.9	82.2	117.4	85.3	38.7	14.6	5.0	1.8	0.2
1978(4).....	50.0	14.7	81.0	115.0	82.9	37.4	14.2	4.9	1.7	0.2
1977(4).....	50.9	15.5	84.0	119.4	82.7	37.8	14.5	5.1	1.7	0.2
1976(4).....	49.3	15.8	83.2	115.6	79.7	36.7	14.4	5.1	1.7	0.2
1975(4).....	49.8	17.1	86.6	119.5	78.6	36.8	14.8	5.2	1.7	0.3
1974(4).....	51.1	17.7	91.0	124.3	81.1	37.9	15.2	5.4	1.8	0.3
1973(4).....	51.5	18.1	93.3	125.4	83.2	39.5	16.4	5.7	1.8	0.3
1972(4).....	54.7	18.8	101.8	133.2	88.7	43.4	18.1	6.3	2.0	0.3
1971(5).....	61.5	19.3	118.3	155.6	100.1	49.6	20.6	7.0	2.3	0.3
1970(5).....	67.1	21.0	135.3	170.9	109.3	54.5	22.9	7.9	2.6	0.4
1969(5).....	65.9	19.4	132.6	170.5	108.3	55.4	23.4	8.2	2.7	0.4
1967-68.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966(5).....	68.6	18.5	149.1	175.3	115.4	64.4	27.8	10.3	3.4	0.5
1965(5).....	72.4	16.7	150.7	186.6	126.1	69.9	30.9	11.4	3.7	0.6
1964(5).....	79.1	16.4	165.7	206.5	138.6	75.1	33.6	12.1	4.1	0.6
1963(5,7).....	82.2	17.6	174.0	214.7	141.4	75.9	34.8	12.7	4.4	0.7
1962(5,7).....	85.2	18.6	185.4	220.5	144.8	77.2	36.7	13.3	4.5	0.7
1961(5).....	88.8	19.4	189.1	226.2	150.5	81.1	38.6	14.1	4.8	0.7
1960(5).....	89.8	18.7	191.1	226.7	149.6	82.8	39.1	14.4	5.0	0.7

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Births Adjusted for Underregistration(6)										
1950.....	82.9	11.1	131.2	181.8	139.3	84.3	42.3	17.5	6.4	1.1
1940.....	61.7	5.5	81.9	135.0	112.4	72.8	39.2	18.2	7.3	1.5
BLACK Registered Births Race of father										
2002.....	61.2	33.3	116.2	123.6	94.0	57.8	28.5	12.0	4.7	0.9
2001.....	63.3	36.5	124.5	125.9	95.6	57.1	28.2	11.8	4.7	1.0
2000.....	66.2	39.6	135.5	131.0	95.2	56.9	28.4	11.7	5.0	1.0
1999.....	65.4	41.0	133.8	129.6	91.6	54.3	26.5	11.2	4.9	1.0
1998.....	66.8	42.8	137.0	130.3	90.9	54.0	26.7	11.6	5.0	1.0
1997.....	66.7	45.1	136.3	126.3	88.8	52.6	26.1	11.4	5.2	1.0
1996.....	67.2	46.7	137.6	123.9	87.0	51.8	25.7	11.3	5.3	1.1
1995.....	69.1	49.9	139.2	123.9	87.7	52.0	25.7	11.9	5.4	1.1
1994.....	74.0	54.1	149.1	129.6	91.4	53.8	26.4	12.8	5.8	1.1
1993.....	77.6	56.2	152.7	134.2	94.0	56.3	27.7	13.4	6.3	1.3
1992.....	80.4	57.0	157.1	138.6	95.8	56.7	28.4	13.7	6.1	1.4
1991.....	83.0	57.8	158.5	142.0	99.2	58.5	29.4	14.1	6.7	1.4
1990.....	84.9	55.2	158.2	144.9	103.2	60.4	31.1	15.0	7.1	1.4
1989.....	84.1	52.9	153.4	143.5	101.4	59.9	31.1	14.9	6.9	2.7
1988.....	80.7	48.1	144.1	137.9	100.0	58.0	30.6	14.3	6.9	1.4
1987.....	78.3	44.6	136.1	133.9	97.4	58.0	30.0	13.8	6.6	1.3
1986.....	77.2	42.6	131.4	131.6	97.4	58.0	29.1	13.5	6.7	1.3
1985.....	77.2	41.8	129.5	132.7	97.3	59.4	29.5	13.3	6.5	1.2
1984(4).....	76.7	40.9	128.0	132.2	98.3	58.4	29.3	13.3	6.1	1.2
1983(4).....	77.2	40.7	129.1	134.4	99.0	59.6	29.6	13.5	6.0	1.2
1982(4).....	79.5	40.3	133.4	141.2	103.6	61.1	29.6	13.9	6.0	1.2
1981(4).....	80.4	38.9	138.4	145.6	104.3	61.3	29.7	13.3	5.7	1.2
1980(4).....	83.0	40.1	145.3	152.8	109.6	62.0	31.2	13.6	5.9	1.1

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Race of child										
1980(4).....	83.8	40.4	146.6	154.2	110.8	62.8	31.5	13.8	6.0	1.2
1979(4).....	83.7	40.2	148.7	156.7	109.8	62.3	30.7	13.7	6.2	1.1
1978(4).....	81.9	39.0	150.7	154.1	106.3	61.0	30.1	12.7	5.7	1.1
1977(4).....	82.9	41.4	155.2	158.6	104.5	60.5	30.1	12.7	6.1	1.1
1976(4).....	80.4	41.7	156.6	154.3	97.7	57.2	28.0	12.7	5.7	1.1
1975(4).....	82.1	45.0	167.3	156.8	95.5	57.7	28.5	12.6	5.9	1.1
1974(4).....	83.4	47.9	176.8	156.8	96.5	57.5	28.5	12.8	6.2	1.1
1973(4).....	86.7	51.1	187.3	162.6	100.6	60.6	29.8	14.4	6.2	1.3
1972(4).....	92.5	54.0	201.5	172.9	109.2	67.4	33.5	16.1	6.9	1.5
1971(5).....	101.7	54.8	222.9	197.2	125.5	76.7	39.0	18.5	7.8	1.8
1970(5).....	107.4	58.7	243.7	209.6	132.6	80.9	41.9	20.6	8.8	2.1
1969(5).....	104.3	55.2	239.4	205.5	129.4	80.0	43.1	21.1	9.1	2.2
AMERICAN INDIAN(8)										
2002.....	45.1	24.6	86.5	93.2	69.7	38.0	16.7	7.2	3.0	0.5
2001.....	45.4	25.6	90.9	92.2	67.9	37.7	16.9	6.4	3.2	0.7
2000.....	46.5	26.4	93.2	95.6	67.0	37.3	16.9	7.2	3.4	0.8
1999.....	47.8	29.3	96.4	95.3	68.1	37.3	17.7	7.0	3.2	0.7
1998.....	50.3	30.4	102.8	96.6	72.2	39.2	17.7	7.6	3.9	0.7
1997.....	49.8	31.2	100.8	94.2	70.0	37.2	17.4	8.6	3.4	0.8
1996.....	51.5	32.4	103.3	94.2	72.1	38.8	18.1	8.6	3.7	0.8
1995.....	52.6	35.2	101.2	96.5	71.7	39.3	18.4	8.2	3.7	0.8
1994.....	55.4	36.3	103.6	103.4	75.2	39.1	18.4	9.6	4.0	0.9
1993.....	58.5	36.7	104.9	109.3	80.6	42.4	20.2	9.0	3.9	0.9
1992.....	61.2	36.5	110.7	114.6	78.5	45.1	21.6	10.4	4.9	0.9
1991.....	62.2	36.4	113.4	115.4	79.0	43.5	22.2	10.2	5.0	1.2
1990.....	64.4	35.0	116.5	116.8	82.3	48.9	24.0	11.0	5.3	1.0
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER										
2002.....	48.7	6.3	29.2	67.7	110.2	82.6	36.5	12.2	3.8	0.6

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2001.....	48.2	6.8	29.1	68.2	110.3	82.9	35.9	11.8	3.7	0.6
2000.....	50.1	7.7	30.0	68.0	117.1	87.6	36.9	12.3	3.9	0.6
1999.....	46.9	7.9	30.4	65.8	108.3	80.0	34.7	11.2	3.5	0.6
1998.....	47.2	8.4	30.9	66.6	110.4	78.0	34.2	11.3	3.5	0.7
1997.....	48.3	8.4	31.7	68.3	110.5	78.0	34.8	11.9	4.0	0.7
1996.....	49.1	9.0	32.1	69.6	112.3	76.9	34.9	11.7	4.1	0.8
1995.....	49.5	9.8	32.6	71.6	110.1	76.4	33.4	12.0	4.2	0.9
1994.....	50.7	9.7	33.0	75.0	109.8	77.9	33.7	12.5	4.7	1.0
1993.....	51.5	9.5	33.9	78.4	109.4	76.9	34.2	12.5	4.6	1.0
1992.....	53.0	8.8	34.4	81.3	111.4	79.4	35.1	12.6	4.9	1.0
1991.....	54.2	9.0	35.9	84.8	114.0	79.5	35.1	12.6	5.0	1.2
1990.....	56.4	8.2	38.8	87.8	121.0	83.0	35.7	13.0	5.3	1.2

--- Data not available.

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

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

3/ Rates computed by relating births to fathers 55 years and over to men aged 55 years and over.

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

5/ Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

6/ For method of adjustment, see Technical Appendix.

7/ Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see Technical Appendix.

8/ Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. For years prior to 1990, rates are available for the category "all other" which includes races other than white and black; see table 1-23 in Vital Statistics of the United States, 1999, Volume I, Natality. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards.

In this table all men (including Hispanic men) are classified only according to their race; see Technical Appendix.