

**Data Brief 204: Three Decades of Nonmarital First Births Among Fathers Aged 15–44 in the United States**

**Data table for Figure 1. Percentage of fathers whose first birth was nonmarital, and percentage whose first birth was within a cohabiting union**

Year of first birth	Unweighted <i>n</i>	First births that were nonmarital	First births within cohabiting union
		Percent (standard error)	
1980–1989	938	42 (2.6)	19 (1.9)
1990–1999	3,024	40 (1.3)	23 (1.2)
2000–2009	3,182	36 (1.5)	24 (1.2)

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002, 2006–2010, and 2011–2013.

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**Data table for Figure 2. Percentage of fathers whose first birth was nonmarital, and percentage whose first birth was within a cohabiting union, by Hispanic origin and race**

Hispanic origin and race, and year of first birth	Unweighted <i>n</i>	First births that were nonmarital	First births within cohabiting union
Percent (standard error)			
Hispanic			
1980–1989	242	52 (4.9)	29 (4.5)
1990–1999	890	52 (2.5)	36 (2.5)
2000–2009	922	54 (2.7)	38 (2.6)
Non-Hispanic white			
1980–1989	365	31 (3.8)	16 (2.7)
1990–1999	1,292	27 (1.8)	15 (1.4)
2000–2009	1,447	24 (1.9)	18 (1.5)
Non-Hispanic black			
1980–1989	260	77 (4.2)	23 (3.9)
1990–1999	607	71 (3.0)	32 (2.5)
2000–2009	565	66 (2.9)	30 (3.0)

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**Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of fathers whose first birth was nonmarital, and percentage whose first birth was within a cohabiting union, by age at first birth**

Father's age at, and year of, first birth	Unweighted <i>n</i>	First births that were nonmarital	First births within cohabiting union
Percent (standard error)			
Aged 15–19			
1980–1989	307	64 (5.7)	27 (3.9)
1990–1999	507	83 (2.3)	33 (2.8)
2000–2009	412	88 (2.1)	49 (3.6)
Aged 20–24			
1980–1989	485	42 (3.4)	21 (2.9)
1990–1999	1,203	51 (2.4)	32 (2.1)
2000–2009	990	60 (2.4)	38 (2.3)
Aged 25–44			
1980–1989	146	15 (3.5)	5 (1.8)
1990–1999	1,314	20 (1.6)	13 (1.3)
2000–2009	1,780	19 (1.4)	15 (1.3)

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002, 2006–2010, and 2011–2013.

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**Data table for Figure 4. Percent distribution by race and ethnicity among fathers with nonmarital first births**

Hispanic origin and race, and year of first birth	First births that were nonmarital
Fathers with first births in 1980s (Unweighted $n = 537$ )	Percent (SE)
Hispanic	24 (2.9)
Non-Hispanic white	38 (3.9)
Non-Hispanic black	29 (3.0)
Fathers with first births in 1990s (Unweighted $n = 1,482$ )	
Hispanic	31 (2.1)
Non-Hispanic white	38 (2.3)
Non-Hispanic black	22 (1.7)
Fathers with first births in 2000s (Unweighted $n = 1,453$ )	
Hispanic	33 (2.3)
Non-Hispanic white	39 (2.2)
Non-Hispanic black	21 (1.9)

NOTE: SE is standard error.

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**Data table for Figure 5. Percent distribution of father’s age at nonmarital first birth**

Father’s age at, and year of, first birth	First births that were nonmarital
Fathers with first births in 1980s (Unweighted <i>n</i> = 537)	
Age (years):	
15–19	42 (3.4)
20–24	51 (3.4)
25–44	8 (1.6)
Fathers with first births in 1990s (Unweighted <i>n</i> = 1,482)	
Age (years):	
15–19	29 (1.8)
20–24	48 (2.1)
25–44	24 (1.9)
Fathers with first births in 2000s (Unweighted <i>n</i> = 1,453)	
Age (years):	
15–19	23 (1.5)
20–24	42 (2.0)
25–44	33 (1.9)

NOTE: SE is standard error.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002, 2006–2010, and 2011–2013.