

**Data Brief 240: Short Interpregnancy Intervals in 2014: Differences by Maternal Demographic Characteristics**

**Data table for Figure 1. Percent distribution of second or higher-order births, by interpregnancy intervals: 47 reporting states and District of Columbia, 2014**

Interpregnancy interval (months)	<i>N</i>	Percent
Total	2,092,155	100
1–5. . . . .	100,543	4.8
6–11. . . . .	224,746	10.7
12–17. . . . .	280,303	13.4
18–23. . . . .	243,228	11.6
24–29. . . . .	199,967	9.6
30–35. . . . .	158,779	7.6
36–41. . . . .	132,749	6.4
42–47. . . . .	109,874	5.3
48–53. . . . .	95,277	4.6
54–59. . . . .	80,686	3.9
60–65. . . . .	71,778	3.4
66–71. . . . .	61,308	2.9
72–77. . . . .	51,693	2.5
78–83. . . . .	42,216	2.0
84–89. . . . .	35,640	1.7
90–95. . . . .	29,064	1.4
96–101. . . . .	24,413	1.2
102–107. . . . .	20,796	1.0
108–113. . . . .	17,604	0.8
114–119. . . . .	15,086	0.7
120 or more. . . . .	96,405	4.6

NOTES: Interpregnancy interval is the number of months between a live birth and the conception of the next live birth. Total percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.  
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**Data table for Figure 2. Short interpregnancy intervals, by maternal age at previous birth: 47 reporting states and District of Columbia, 2014**

Maternal age (years) at previous birth	Total	Less than 6 months <sup>1</sup>		6–11 months <sup>2</sup>		12–17 months <sup>2</sup>	
		<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent
Under 20	360,802	18,433	5.1	31,781	8.8	30,469	8.4
20–24	670,173	37,222	5.6	69,475	10.4	74,813	11.2
25–29	628,428	25,769	4.1	66,527	10.6	92,067	14.7
30–34	346,948	14,244	4.1	42,982	12.4	64,005	18.5
35 and over	85,804	4,875	5.7	13,981	16.3	18,949	22.1

<sup>1</sup>Age groups 35 and over, 20–24, and under 20 are significantly different from age groups 25–29 and 30–34. Age group 35 and over is significantly different from age group under 20.

<sup>2</sup>Differences are significant with each increasing age group.

NOTE: Interpregnancy interval is the number of months between a live birth and the conception of the next live birth.

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**Data table for Figure 3. Short interpregnancy intervals, by race and Hispanic origin: 47 reporting states and District of Columbia, 2014**

Race and Hispanic origin	Total	Less than 6 months <sup>1</sup>		6–11 months <sup>1</sup>		12–17 months <sup>1</sup>	
		<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent	<i>N</i>	Percent
Non-Hispanic white	1,078,386	44,559	4.1	120,928	11.2	168,544	15.6
Non-Hispanic black	296,947	20,997	7.1	34,858	11.7	32,630	11.0
Hispanic	527,221	26,171	5.0	48,990	9.3	54,051	10.3

<sup>1</sup>Each race and Hispanic origin group is significantly different from one another.

NOTES: Interpregnancy interval is the number of months between a live birth and the conception of the next live birth. Findings are presented for the largest single-race and Hispanic-origin groups.

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**Data table for Figure 4. Short interpregnancy intervals among mothers aged 25 and over, by level of education: 47 reporting states and District of Columbia, 2014**

Maternal education	Total	Less than 6 months <sup>1</sup>		6–11 months <sup>2</sup>		12–17 months <sup>2</sup>	
		N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
No high school diploma	238,771	10,323	4.3	19,759	8.3	22,163	9.3
High school diploma	362,161	14,927	4.1	30,336	8.4	34,669	9.6
Some college/Associate's degree	506,319	17,262	3.4	44,062	8.7	55,763	11
Bachelor's degree	349,606	7,967	2.3	36,069	10.3	60,152	17.2
Master's degree	152,519	2,912	1.9	15,039	9.9	27,847	18.3
Doctorate or professional degree	41,755	754	1.8	4,305	10.3	8,394	20.1

<sup>1</sup>Differences are significant with increasing education level except that master's degree is not significantly different from doctorate or professional degree.

<sup>2</sup>Differences are significant between bachelor's, master's, and doctorate or professional degrees compared with some college/associate's degree, high school diploma, and no high school diploma.

NOTES: Interpregnancy interval is the number of months between a live birth and the conception of the next live birth. Analysis is restricted to maternal age at recent birth of 25 and over to account for the minimum years of schooling needed to obtain a doctorate or other professional degree.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System.