

**Data Brief 287: Births in the United States, 2016**

**Data table for Figure 1. General fertility and age-specific birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2007–2016**

[General fertility rate is births per 1,000 women aged 15–44. Birth rates are births per 1,000 women in a specified age group. Populations are based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for census year and estimated as of July 1 for all other years.]

Age group	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	General fertility rate									
15–44	69.3	68.1	66.2	64.1	63.2	63.0	62.5	62.9	62.5	62.0
	Birth rate									
15–19	41.5	40.2	37.9	34.2	31.3	29.4	26.5	24.2	22.3	20.3
20–24	105.4	101.8	96.2	90.0	85.3	83.1	80.7	79.0	76.8	73.8
25–29	118.1	115.0	111.5	108.3	107.2	106.5	105.5	105.8	104.3	102.1
30–34	100.6	99.4	97.5	96.5	96.5	97.3	98.0	100.8	101.5	102.7
35–39	47.6	46.8	46.1	45.9	47.2	48.3	49.3	51.0	51.8	52.7
40–44	9.6	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.6	11.0	11.4

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

**Data table for Figure 2. Cesarean delivery rates, by age of mother:  
United States, 2009, 2015, and 2016**

Age group and year	Cesarean delivery	
	Number	Percent
All ages		
2009	1,353,572	32.9
2015	1,272,503	32.0
2016	1,258,581	31.9
Under 20		
2009	95,802	23.1
2015	47,255	20.4
2016	42,880	20.2
20–29		
2009	654,613	30.2
2015	574,812	28.7
2016	555,625	28.5
30–39		
2009	547,093	38.4
2015	592,052	36.5
2016	601,556	36.3
40 and over		
2009	56,064	49.5
2015	58,384	48.4
2016	58,520	47.9

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

**Data table for Figure 3. Preterm birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2014–2016**

Year	All ages	Under 20	20–29	30–39	40 and over
	Percent				
<b>All preterm<sup>1</sup></b>					
2014	9.57	9.86	9.02	9.88	14.18
2015	9.63	9.95	9.07	9.91	14.39
2016	9.85	10.40	9.28	10.10	14.63
<b>Early preterm<sup>2</sup></b>					
2014	2.75	3.02	2.56	2.82	4.40
2015	2.76	3.07	2.59	2.81	4.31
2016	2.76	3.20	2.59	2.79	4.26
<b>Late preterm<sup>3</sup></b>					
2014	6.82	6.84	6.45	7.07	9.78
2015	6.87	6.87	6.49	7.10	10.08
2016	7.09	7.20	6.68	7.30	10.37

<sup>1</sup>Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>2</sup>Less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>3</sup>Between 34–36 completed weeks of gestation.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

**Data table for Figure 4. Triplet and higher-order multiple birth rates, by age of mother:  
United States, 1998, 2015, and 2016**

Year	All ages	Under 20	20–29	30–39	40 and over
	Per 100,000 births				
1998	193.5	17.6	105.1	376.3	517.6
2015	103.6	17.7	69.0	146.4	269.1
2016	101.4	17.4	73.6	135.3	232.4

NOTE: Triplet and higher-order multiple births include triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, and other higher-order multiple births.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.