

Data Brief 318. Births in the United States, 2017

Data table for Figure 1. General fertility rates, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016 and 2017

Race and Hispanic origin	Number		Rate ¹	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
All races and origins ²	3,945,875	3,855,500	62.0	60.3
Non-Hispanic, single race ³				
White	2,056,332	1,992,461	58.8	57.2
Black	558,622	560,715	63.3	63.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	31,452	29,957	62.7	59.5
Asian	254,471	249,250	61.1	58.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9,342	9,426	72.9	72.8
Hispanic ⁴	918,447	898,764	70.6	67.6

¹General fertility rates are births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in specified group.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race white, Hispanic single-race black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race females, as well as births with origin not stated.

³Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

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Data table for Figure 2. Birth rates for females aged 15–19, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016 and 2017

Race and Hispanic origin	2016	2017
All races and origins ¹	20.3	18.8
Non-Hispanic, single race ²		
White	14.3	13.2
Black	29.3	27.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	35.1	32.9
Asian	3.9	3.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28.6	25.5
Hispanic ³	31.9	28.9

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³Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Birth rates are births per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified group.

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Data table for Figure 3. Medicaid as source of payment for the delivery, by age of mother: United States, 2016 and 2017

Age of mother	2016	2017
	Percent	
All ages	42.6	43.0
Under 20	76.7	77.5
20–24	63.5	63.7
25–29	44.0	45.0
30–34	28.7	29.5
35–39	27.0	27.8
40 and over	29.1	30.2

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Data table for Figure 4. Preterm birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2016 and 2017

Age of mother	Preterm ¹		Late preterm ²		Early preterm ³	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	Percent					
All ages	9.85	9.93	7.09	7.17	2.76	2.76
Under 20	10.40	10.32	7.20	7.13	3.20	3.19
20–24	9.48	9.55	6.77	6.88	2.71	2.67
25–29	9.13	9.28	6.62	6.73	2.51	2.55
30–34	9.51	9.59	6.89	6.98	2.62	2.61
35–39	11.28	11.28	8.14	8.14	3.15	3.14
40 and over	14.63	14.59	10.37	10.38	4.26	4.21

¹Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

²34 to 36 completed weeks of gestation.

³Less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.