

Births: Final Data for 2024

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Abstract

Objectives—This report presents 2024 data on U.S. births by selected characteristics. Trends in fertility patterns and maternal and infant characteristics are described.

Methods—Descriptive tabulations based on birth certificates of the 3.63 million births registered in 2024 are shown for various maternal demographic and health characteristics; medical and healthcare utilization, including source of payment for the delivery; and infant health characteristics. Selected data by mother's state of residence and birth rates also are shown. Trends for 2010 to 2024 are presented for selected items and by race and Hispanic origin for 2016–2024.

Results—A total of 3,628,934 births occurred in the United States in 2024, an increase of 1% from the record low reported for 2023. The general fertility rate declined 1% from 2023 to 53.8 births per 1,000 females ages 15–44 in 2024. Birth rates declined for females ages 15–34 from 2023 to 2024, rose for women ages 40–44, and were unchanged for females ages 10–14 and women ages 35–39 and 45–49. The total fertility rate declined 1% to 1,599.5 births per 1,000 women in 2024, a record low. Birth rates declined for both unmarried and married women from 2023 to 2024. Prenatal care beginning in the first trimester declined to 75.5% in 2024. The percentage of women who smoked during pregnancy declined to 2.4%. The cesarean delivery rate increased by less than 1% to 32.4%. Private insurance as the source of payment for the delivery increased to 51.8% of births, while Medicaid deliveries declined to 40.2%. The preterm birth rate (10.41%) was unchanged from 2023; low birthweight births declined 1% (8.52%). The twin birth rate declined 2% in 2024 to 30.1 per 1,000 births; the triplet and higher-order multiple birth rate was 71.3 per 100,000 births compared with 73.8 for 2023.

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Introduction

This report presents detailed data on numbers and characteristics of births in 2024; birth and fertility rates; maternal demographic and health characteristics; medical and healthcare utilization, including source of payment for the delivery; and infant health characteristics. A report on provisional birth statistics for 2024 that presented data on selected topics is based on nearly all 2024 births (99.92%) (1); a National Center for Health Statistics *Data Brief* presented selected characteristics based on final data for 2024 births (2).

In addition to the tabulations included in this report, more detailed analysis is possible using the annual natality public-use file. The data file may be downloaded from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/Vitalstatsonline.htm (3). The public-use file does not include geographic detail, but a file with this information may be available by request (4). Birth data may also be accessed through CDC WONDER, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) user-friendly web-based data query system that makes several CDC information resources available to public health professionals and the public (5).

Detailed tables on selected topics are included in this report. Several additional topics previously included as supplemental tables (see “Births: Final Data for 2022” [6]) or in the Technical Notes (see “Births: Final Data for 2023” [7]) can be found in [Tables A–D](#) and in the “User Guide to the 2024 Natality Public Use File” (8). Such topics include births by attendant and place of delivery, mean age of mother by live-birth order, maternal prepregnancy body mass index, infections during pregnancy, and maternal morbidity. For information on data quality, see reports that assess the quality of selected medical and health data from the 2003 revised birth certificate and the 2024 User Guide (8–10).

Methods

Data shown in this report are based on 100% of the birth certificates registered in all states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) to U.S. residents. More than 99% of births occurring in the United States are registered (8). Tables showing data by state also provide separate information for Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands (Northern Marianas). These areas, however, are not included in totals for the United States.

The 2024 User Guide provides information on levels of incomplete reporting by state and measurement of data items included in this report (such as marital status, cigarette smoking before and during pregnancy, use and timing of prenatal care, source of payment for the delivery, method of delivery, gestational age, birthweight, plurality, and additional items in [Tables A–D](#) not otherwise discussed), as well as imputation techniques used, computation of derived statistics, population denominators, standards of reliability, significance testing, and definition of terms (8).

In this report, data for 2016–2024 are based on the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (11); data for 2010–2015 are based on both the 1989 and 2003 birth certificate revisions. The 2003 revision is described in detail elsewhere (12). Longer-term trends previously shown in this report series can be found in earlier reports (see “Births: Final Data for 2015” [13]).

The race and Hispanic-origin groups shown in this report follow 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards and differ from the bridged-race categories shown in most previous reports that are based on data from 2015 and earlier (13,14). The categories are Hispanic; American Indian and Alaska Native; non-Hispanic single race (subsequently, American Indian and Alaska Native); Asian, non-Hispanic single race (subsequently, Asian); Black or African American, non-Hispanic single race (subsequently, Black); Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic single race (subsequently, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander); and White, non-Hispanic single race (subsequently, White). Because single-race data are not available for the entire United States before 2016, race data for only 2016–2024 are shown. For more information on differences between single- and bridged-race groups, see “Births: Final Data for 2016” (15).

Race and Hispanic origin are reported independently on the birth certificate. Tables in this report show data for the categories Hispanic and all non-Hispanic race groups listed above. Data are also presented in some tables for specific Hispanic groups: Central and South American, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and other and unknown Hispanic, which includes Hispanic origins not categorized including Spaniard. Before 2018, data for the Dominican subgroup had been included in the category other and unknown Hispanic. American Samoa does not collect information on Hispanic origin.

In this report, the total number of births includes births to women up to age 64. In tables that include age of mother, the oldest age groups shown (40–54, 45–49, 45–54, or 50–54) include births to mothers up to age 64.

Birth and fertility rates for 2020 shown in this report have been revised and may differ from those published in “Births: Final Data for 2020” and elsewhere (16). Previously published birth and fertility rates for 2020 were based on postcensal population estimates derived from the 2010 census. The revised rates shown in this report are based on the blended base population estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau instead of the April 1, 2020, decennial population counts (Technical Notes).

Demographic Characteristics

Births and birth rates

Number of births

In 2024, 3,628,934 births were registered in the United States, up 1% from the record low reported for 2023 (3,596,017). The number of births declined 2% from 2022 to 2023, were essentially unchanged from 2021 to 2022, increased 1% from 2020 to 2021, and declined 4% from 2019 to 2020 and 6% from 2014 to 2019 ([Table 1](#), [Figure 1](#)) (13).

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, the number of births declined 4% for Black, 2% for American Indian and Alaska Native, and less than 1% for White women from 2023 to 2024, and rose 4% for Hispanic and 5% for Asian women ([Tables A, 1, 3, and 5](#)). The change in the number of births for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women was not significant. Among specified Hispanic groups, births rose 2% for Dominican, 3% for Mexican, 8% for Cuban, and 11% for Central and South American women ([Table B](#); see also [Tables 3 and 5](#) in the 2024 User Guide [8]) (7). The change in the number of births for Puerto Rican women was not significant.

Fertility rate

The **general fertility rate** (GFR) for the United States in 2024 was a record low, 53.8 births per 1,000 women ages 15–44, down 1% from 2023 (54.5) ([Table 1](#)). The GFR has declined 21% since 2008 (13).

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, the GFR declined less than 1% for White (51.5), 1% for Hispanic (64.3), 3% for both American Indian and Alaska Native (46.8) and Asian (46.3), and 5% for Black (50.9) women from 2023 to 2024 ([Tables A and 1](#)). The rate for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women was essentially unchanged (72.4).

Age of mother

Birth rates declined for females ages 15–34, rose for those ages 40–44, and were unchanged for those ages 10–14, 35–39, and 45–49 from 2023 to 2024.

Teenagers—The birth rate for those ages 15–19 in the United States in 2024 was a record low, 12.6 births per 1,000, down 4% from 2023 (13.1) ([Table 2](#), [Figure 2](#)) (7,13,17). Since 2009, the teen birth rate has fallen to a new low each year. The teen birth rate has declined 70% since 2007 (41.5), the most recent high, and 80% since the 1991 high (61.8). The number

Figure 1. Live births and general fertility rate: United States, 1970–2024

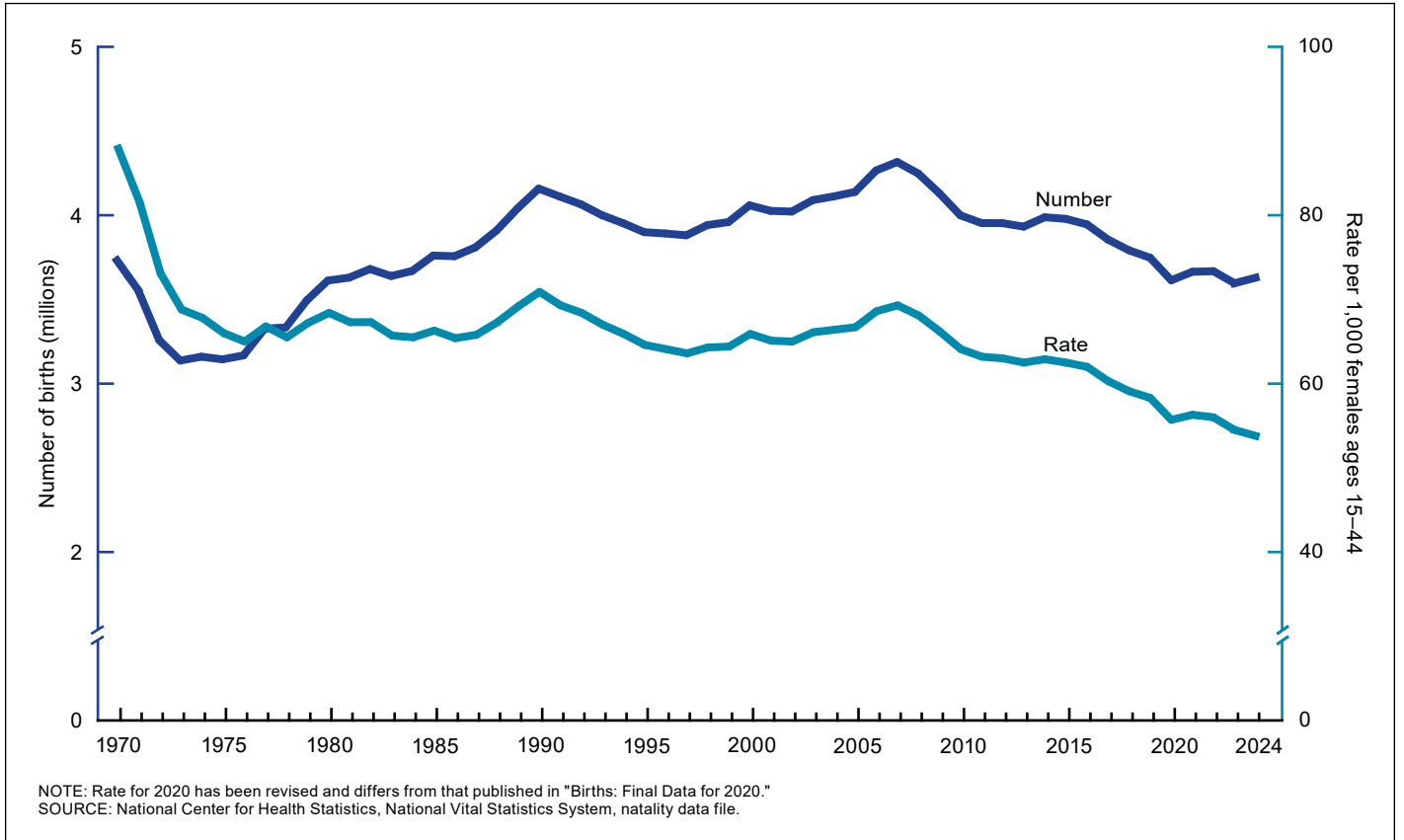


Figure 2. Birth rate, by selected age of mother: United States, 1990–2024

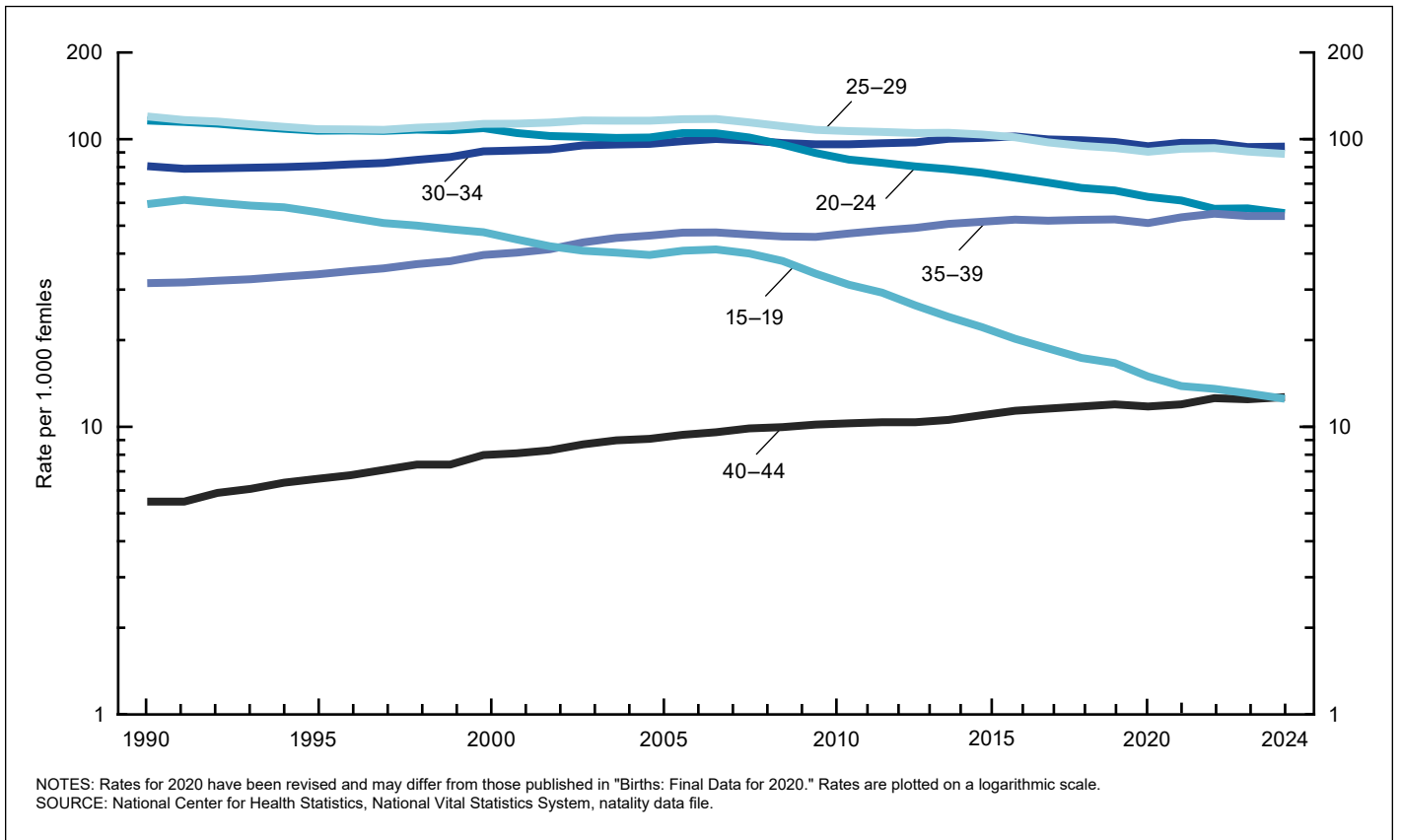


Table A. Selected demographic characteristics of births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024

[Birth rates are births per 1,000 population. Fertility rates are computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to females ages 15–44. Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. First-birth rates are computed by relating first births, regardless of age of mother, to females ages 15–44. Unmarried rates are births to unmarried females per 1,000 unmarried females ages 15–44. Populations are estimated as of July 1. Mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother]

Characteristic	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹						
	All races and origins ²	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic ³
				Number			
Births	3,628,934	24,021	226,860	473,377	10,375	1,783,156	984,092
				Rate			
Birth rate	10.7	10.0	10.6	11.1	15.9	9.2	14.5
Fertility rate	53.8	46.8	46.3	50.9	72.4	51.5	64.3
Total fertility rate	1,599.5	1,380.5	1,262.0	1,501.0	2,190.0	1,527.5	1,925.5
First birth rate ⁴	21.3	15.6	21.9	18.3	21.0	20.7	24.5
Unmarried rate	35.5	47.0	11.4	46.4	71.5	24.1	56.4
				Ratio			
Sex ratio ⁵	1,045	1,067	1,060	1,033	1,047	1,049	1,037
				Percent			
Births to mothers younger than age 20	3.8	7.5	0.4	5.7	4.4	2.5	5.9
Births to mothers age 40 and older	4.2	2.7	7.2	4.7	3.8	3.9	3.7
4th and higher-order births ⁵	12.8	22.7	5.7	18.6	28.6	11.2	14.0
Births to unmarried mothers	39.5	68.6	11.5	68.6	53.7	26.2	54.2
Mothers born in the 50 states or District of Columbia	75.5	98.4	23.7	79.6	37.1	93.0	52.3
Educational attainment of mother:							
High school diploma or higher	88.6	82.1	95.4	88.5	79.3	93.8	77.8
Bachelor's degree or higher	36.7	11.6	71.0	20.7	10.1	47.5	18.4
				Mean			
Age of mother at first birth	27.6	24.3	31.7	26.1	25.3	28.4	25.8

¹Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.
²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.
³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.
⁴Based on live-birth order.
⁵Male births per 1,000 female births.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality date file.

of births to teenagers ages 15–19 was 137,273 in 2024, down 3% from 2023 (140,977) (Table 3) (7).

The 2024 birth rate for teenagers ages 15–17 was a record low, 5.3 births per 1,000 females, down 4% from 2023 (Table 2). The rate for those ages 18–19 was also a record low, 23.6 births, down 4% from 2023. Rates for these age groups have fallen 76% and 67%, respectively, since 2007, and by 86% and 75% since 1991 (13). The birth rate for females ages 10–14 was unchanged in 2024 at 0.2 births per 1,000 females.

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, birth rates for teenagers ages 15–19 declined for most groups: down 11% for Asian, 8% for Black, 4% for Hispanic, and 1% for White females from 2023 to 2024. The change in rates for American Indian and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander females was not significant.

Women in their 20s—The birth rate for women ages 20–24 was a record low, 55.8 births per 1,000 women in 2024, down 3% from 2023 (57.7) (Table 2) (13,17). The rate for women in this age group has generally declined since 2007.

The number of births to women in their early 20s declined 1% from 2023 (Table 3) (7). The rate for women ages 25–29 was a record low, 89.5 births per 1,000 women, down 2% from 2023 (91.0). The rate for women in this age group has generally declined since 2008 (13). The number of births to women ages 25–29 rose less than 1% from 2023 to 2024 (7).

Women in their 30s—The birth rate for women ages 30–34 was 93.7 births per 1,000 women in 2024, down 1% from 2023 (94.3); the rate has declined 7% since 2017 (Table 2). The rate for ages 30–34 has been higher than the rate for ages 25–29 since 2016 (13,17). The number of births to women ages 30–34 rose by 1% from 2023 to 2024 (Table 3) (7). The birth rate for women ages 35–39 was 54.3 births per 1,000 women in 2024, unchanged from 2023 (Table 2). The number of births to women ages 35–39 rose 3% from 2023 to 2024 (7).

Women in their 40s—The birth rate for women ages 40–44 was 12.7 births per 1,000 women in 2024, up 2% from 2023 (12.5) and the highest rate since 1965 (Table 2). The

Table B. Selected demographic characteristics of births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024

[Mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother]

Characteristic	Total ¹	Central and South American	Cuban	Dominican	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Other and unknown Hispanic
				Number			
Births	984,092	231,723	32,315	34,221	521,149	65,515	99,169
				Ratio			
Sex ratio ²	1,037	1,033	1,044	1,032	1,039	1,039	1,037
				Percent			
Births to mothers younger than age 20	5.9	6.5	2.1	3.3	6.1	5.6	6.0
Births to mothers age 40 and older	3.7	4.5	4.0	4.7	3.4	3.1	3.9
4th and higher-order births ³	14.0	12.8	4.6	9.2	15.7	13.6	13.4
Mothers born in the 50 states or District of Columbia	52.3	15.3	32.9	30.5	65.2	73.1	70.8
Educational attainment of mother:							
High school diploma or higher	77.8	62.0	89.5	87.4	80.8	88.5	84.1
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.4	18.3	33.2	25.2	16.2	21.4	21.6
				Mean			
Age of mother at first birth	25.8	26.1	28.1	26.9	25.4	26.0	26.2

¹Includes origin not stated.²Male births per 1,000 female births.³Based on live-birth order.

NOTES: People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniard. See Technical Notes in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

rate for this group has generally risen since 1985 (13,17). The number of births to women in their early 40s rose 4% from 2023 to 2024 (Table 3) (7). The birth rate for women ages 45–49 (includes births to women age 50 and older) was 1.1 in 2024, unchanged from 2023 and 2022. The number of births to women age 45 and older was essentially unchanged from 2023 to 2024 (7).

Women age 50 and older—The birth rate for women ages 50–54 was 1.2 births per 10,000 women in 2024, unchanged from 2023 and 2022. Because of the small number of births to women in this age group, the birth rate for women ages 50–54 is expressed per 10,000 women. For rates shown elsewhere in this report, births to women age 50 and older are included with births to women ages 45–49 when computing birth rates by age of mother (the denominator for the rate is women ages 45–49). A total of 1,188 births were to women age 50 and older in 2024, essentially unchanged from 1,217 in 2023 (Table 3) (7). The number of births to women in this age group has generally increased since 1997, when 144 births were reported (7).

Live-birth order

The first-birth rate for the United States was 21.3 births per 1,000 females ages 15–44 in 2024, down less than 1% from 2023 (21.4) (7) (see Table 3 for the number of births; see also Tables 5 [number of births] and 6 [birth rates] in the 2024 User Guide [8]). First-birth rates declined for females in their teens (4% for ages 15–19), early 20s (2% for ages 20–24), and late 20s (1% for ages 25–29), and rose for women in their early 30s (1% for ages 30–34), late 30s (2% for ages 35–39) and early 40s (4% for ages 40–44).

Mean age of mother

The mean age of mothers at first birth was a record high in 2024, 27.6 years, an increase from 27.5 in 2023 (Tables A, B, and 4) (13,17). Mean age at first birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth and is computed directly from the frequency of first births by age of mother. The increase in the mean age in 2024 reflects the decline in the proportion of first births to females younger than 20 and the concurrent rise in the proportion of first births to women age 20 and older (7).

Mean age at first birth increased for four race and Hispanic-origin groups in 2024, rising to 25.8 for Hispanic, 26.1 for Black, 28.4 for White, and 31.7 for Asian women (Table 4). The average age at first birth for American Indian and Alaska Native (24.3) and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (25.3) women was unchanged from 2023. Among the specified Hispanic groups, average age increased to 25.4 for Mexican and 26.1 for Central and South American women (Table B) (7). The age at first birth for Puerto Rican (26.0), Dominican (26.9), and Cuban (28.1) women in 2024 was essentially unchanged from 2023.

Total fertility rate

The **total fertility rate** (TFR) for the United States in 2024 was 1,599.5 births per 1,000 women, down 1% from 2023 (1,621.0) and a record low (Table 2). TFR has generally declined since 2008, down 23%. TFR estimates the number of births that a hypothetical group of 1,000 women would have over their lifetimes, based on age-specific birth rates in a given year. Because it is calculated from age-specific birth rates, TFR is

age adjusted and can be compared for populations across time, population groups, and geographic areas.

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, the TFR declined less than 1% for White, 1% for Hispanic, 2% for American Indian and Alaska Native, 4% for Asian, and 5% for Black women from 2023 to 2024. The rate for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women was essentially unchanged.

The TFR for the nation in 2024 remained below replacement, the level at which a given generation can exactly replace itself (generally considered to be 2,100 births per 1,000 women). The U.S. TFR has generally been below replacement since 1971 and has consistently been below replacement since 2008 (13,17). The TFR was below replacement for all race and Hispanic-origin groups in 2024 except for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women (2,190.0 births) (Table 2).

Births and birth rates by state

GFR, the number of births per 1,000 females ages 15–44, declined in 19 states and D.C. from 2023 to 2024, with decreases of 1%–2% reported in 14 states (Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin), 3%–4% in 5 states (Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and New Jersey), and 7% in D.C. GFRs rose in two states (Colorado and West Virginia) and were essentially unchanged in the remaining 29 states (7). Rates among the states ranged from 39.8 births per 1,000 females ages 15–44 in D.C. to 66.7 in South Dakota. (See Tables 5 and 6 for number of births and birth rates; see also Table 3 in the 2024 User Guide for births to Hispanic subgroups [8]). Among U.S. territories, the GFR declined in Puerto Rico and was essentially unchanged in Guam, Northern Marianas, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Births to unmarried women

The birth rate for unmarried women was 35.5 births per 1,000 unmarried females ages 15–44 in 2024, down 2% from 2023 (36.4) (Table 7). The 2024 nonmarital birth rate was 31% lower than the peak of 51.8 in 2007 and 2008 (13). (See Technical Notes for a description of the adjustments to calculations of rates by marital status beginning with 2017 data.)

The birth rate for married women declined by less than 1% in 2024 to 81.3 per 1,000 married females ages 15–44 from 81.6 in 2023. The marital birth rate declined 4% over 2005–2010 but rose 6% from 2010 to 2016 before declining 9% through 2024 (13).

The percentage of all births to unmarried women was 39.5% in 2024, down 1% from 2023 (40.0%) (see Tables 7 and 8 in the 2024 User Guide [8]) (7). The percentage of all births to unmarried women peaked in 2009 at 41.0% (7,13).

The percentage of nonmarital births in 2024 decreased from 2023 for Asian (11.5%), Black (68.6%), and White (26.2%) women; no significant change was seen for American Indian and Alaska Native (68.6%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (53.7%), and Hispanic (54.2%) women. The

number of nonmarital births declined by less than 1% from 2023 (1,440,031) to 2024 (1,433,976) (7).

Cigarette Smoking Before and During Pregnancy

Of the women who gave birth in 2024, 2.4% reported smoking cigarettes (tobacco only) at any time while pregnant, a 20% decline from 2023 (3.0%) and down 67% from 2016 (7.2%) (Table C; see also Table 21 in the 2024 User Guide [8]) (7,15). A recent report describes trends in cigarette smoking for 2016 through 2021 (18). Cigarette smoking was most common earlier in pregnancy: 2.3% of women smoked in their first trimester, 2.0% in their second, and 1.9% in their third. Of the 3.0% of women who reported smoking in the 3 months before becoming pregnant, 22.3% quit smoking before pregnancy.

By race and Hispanic origin, 8.6% of American Indian and Alaska Native women reported smoking any time during pregnancy, down 10% from 2023; 3.5% of White women, down 20%; 2.3% of Black women, down 15%; 1.3% of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women, down 24%; 0.6% of Hispanic women, down 25%; and 0.1% of Asian women, down 50%. See Table D for levels of smoking during pregnancy and quitting before pregnancy among Hispanic subgroups.

Medical and Health Services Utilization and Source of Payment for the Delivery

Use and timing of prenatal care

Among women who gave birth in 2024, 75.5% began prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy, down 1% from 76.1% in 2023 and the lowest percentage since comparable national data became available in 2016 (77.1%). Late (beginning in the third trimester) or no prenatal care increased 4% in 2024 to 7.3%, from 7.0% in 2023 and higher than any year since 2016 (Tables C and 8; see also Table 10 in the 2024 User Guide [8]). A recent report details recent trends in timing of prenatal care initiation (19).

Among race and Hispanic-origin groups, prenatal care beginning in the first trimester decreased from 2023 to 2024 for White (from 82.4% to 82.1%), Asian (81.1% to 80.8%), Hispanic (68.9% to 67.8%), and Black (66.3% to 65.1%) women (Tables C and 8). Late or no prenatal care increased for Black (10.4% to 10.9%), Hispanic (9.7% to 10.0%), Asian (4.9% to 5.3%), and White (4.7% to 4.8%) women. Changes in both periods for American Indian and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander mothers were not significant. Timing of prenatal care continued to vary by race and Hispanic origin in 2024. First trimester care ranged from 47.6% for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women to 82.1% for White women; late or no prenatal care ranged from 4.8% for White women to 22.7% for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women (Table 8). See Table D for timing of prenatal care initiation among Hispanic subgroups.

Table C. Selected medical and health characteristics of births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024

Characteristic	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹						
	All races and origins ²	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic ³
Mother							
Percent							
Prenatal care initiation:							
First trimester.....	75.5	64.0	80.8	65.1	47.6	82.1	67.8
Late or no care ⁴	7.3	12.9	5.3	10.9	22.7	4.8	10.0
Quit smoking before pregnancy ⁵	22.3	21.8	47.4	23.1	36.3	20.1	36.8
Smoked during pregnancy.....	2.4	8.6	0.1	2.3	1.3	3.5	0.6
Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment ⁶	2.6	0.6	5.6	1.2	0.6	3.5	1.1
Mother received WIC ⁷ food for herself during this pregnancy.....	32.1	48.4	16.6	47.3	36.3	19.6	50.4
Diabetes:							
Pregpregnancy (diagnosis before this pregnancy).....	1.3	3.3	1.6	1.8	2.7	1.0	1.5
Gestational (diagnosis during this pregnancy).....	8.5	12.3	16.2	6.9	11.4	7.6	8.9
Overweight or obese (BMI ⁸ of 25.0 or over).....	60.1	70.3	41.1	68.9	78.2	56.2	67.2
Induction of labor.....	33.9	36.0	31.9	32.8	27.4	36.5	30.1
Certified nurse midwife delivery.....	12.0	19.2	9.5	10.7	10.9	12.8	11.2
Home births.....	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.7	2.5	0.6
Cesarean delivery (total).....	32.4	29.8	34.4	37.5	33.1	31.0	32.1
Low risk ⁹	26.6	24.1	30.1	31.5	29.0	25.5	25.9
Source of payment for the delivery:							
Medicaid.....	40.2	63.2	21.3	62.4	58.3	26.6	57.3
Private.....	51.8	24.6	72.8	32.0	28.6	65.9	32.3
Self-pay.....	4.7	2.5	3.3	2.6	7.3	4.3	7.1
Other ¹⁰	3.3	9.7	2.7	3.0	5.8	3.3	3.2
Infant was being breastfed at discharge ¹¹	85.0	76.5	89.7	76.0	77.6	86.3	87.1
Infant							
Gestational age:							
Preterm ¹²	10.41	12.64	9.16	14.86	12.54	9.49	10.07
Early preterm ¹³	2.72	3.39	2.30	4.85	3.47	2.26	2.56
Late preterm ¹⁴	7.69	9.25	6.85	10.01	9.08	7.22	7.51
Birthweight ¹⁵ :							
Very low birthweight ¹⁶	1.33	1.44	1.20	2.83	1.62	0.99	1.23
Low birthweight ¹⁷	8.52	9.03	9.55	15.01	9.49	6.97	7.85
Twin births ¹⁸	30.1	26.1	23.3	42.0	24.5	31.3	23.4
Triplet and higher-order births ¹⁹	71.3	83.3	51.6	110.3	*	75.7	49.3

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

⁴Late care is prenatal care beginning in the third trimester.

⁵Quit in the 3 months before pregnancy; based on births to women not reporting smoking during pregnancy per 100 women who smoked in the 3 months before pregnancy. See Technical Notes.

⁶Excludes data for Georgia and North Carolina; see User Guide in reference 8 in this report.

⁷Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

⁸Body mass index.

⁹Rate is the number of singleton, term (37 weeks of gestation or more based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic (head first), cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic births.

¹⁰Includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity.

¹¹Excludes data for California, which did not report if infant was being breastfed at discharge.

¹²Born before 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹³Born before 34 completed weeks of gestation, based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹⁴Born between 34 and 36 completed weeks of gestation, based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

¹⁵Equivalents of gram weights in pounds are shown in the User Guide; see reference 8 in this report.

¹⁶Less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz).

¹⁷Less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz).

¹⁸Live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births.

¹⁹Live births in triplet and other higher-order multiple deliveries per 100,000 live births.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table D. Selected medical and health characteristics of births, by Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024

Characteristic	Total	Central and South American	Cuban	Dominican	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Other and unknown Hispanic
Mother		Percent					
Prenatal care initiation:							
First trimester.....	67.8	57.8	69.4	71.6	70.1	74.8	72.4
Late or no care ¹	10.0	14.1	9.9	8.9	9.2	6.6	7.8
Quit smoking before pregnancy ²	36.8	52.6	37.1	44.2	38.4	28.8	32.0
Smoked during pregnancy.....	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.6	2.3	0.9
Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment ³	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.7	1.4
Mother received WIC ⁴ food for herself during this pregnancy.....	50.4	53.6	48.8	54.4	49.9	45.8	48.2
Diabetes:							
Prepregnancy (diagnosis before this pregnancy).....	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.4
Gestational (diagnosis during this pregnancy).....	8.9	7.5	7.7	8.4	9.7	8.9	8.7
Overweight or obese (BMI⁵ of 25.0 or over).....							
67.2	63.0	57.6	66.1	69.9	66.2	66.5	
Induction of labor.....	30.1	28.2	27.6	30.8	30.4	34.2	31.7
Certified nurse midwife delivery.....	11.2	12.4	7.4	11.4	10.5	15.3	10.9
Home births.....	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.8
Cesarean delivery (total).....	32.1	31.0	43.4	41.5	31.1	33.4	32.8
Low risk ⁶	25.9	24.5	36.1	29.7	25.1	27.8	26.3
Source of payment for the delivery:							
Medicaid.....	57.3	59.4	52.9	62.5	57.2	54.3	54.8
Private.....	32.3	25.8	43.1	30.8	32.9	39.4	37.2
Self-pay.....	7.1	11.6	2.3	3.4	6.8	1.7	4.3
Other ⁷	3.2	3.2	1.7	3.2	3.1	4.6	3.7
Infant was being breastfed at discharge ⁸	87.1	88.5	90.6	89.0	86.6	84.2	86.2
Infant							
Gestational age:							
Preterm ⁹	10.07	9.51	9.60	10.40	10.00	11.58	10.78
Early preterm ¹⁰	2.56	2.34	2.63	2.90	2.52	3.10	2.82
Late preterm ¹¹	7.51	7.17	6.98	7.50	7.48	8.48	7.96
Birthweight¹²:							
Very low birthweight ¹³	1.23	1.13	1.25	1.53	1.19	1.54	1.33
Low birthweight ¹⁴	7.85	7.27	7.26	8.89	7.64	10.12	8.62
Twin births ¹⁵	23.45	19.99	26.30	30.30	23.04	31.14	25.29
Triplet and higher-order births ¹⁶	49.28	23.30	80.46	75.98	47.40	90.06	73.61

¹Late care is prenatal care beginning in the third trimester.

²Quit in the 3 months before pregnancy; based on births to women not reporting smoking during pregnancy per 100 women who smoked in the 3 months before pregnancy.

³Excludes data for Georgia and North Carolina; see User Guide in reference 8 in this report.

⁴Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

⁵Body mass index.

⁶Rate is number of singleton, term (37 weeks of gestation or more based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic (head first), cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic births.

⁷Includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity.

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⁹Born before 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on the obstetric estimate; see Technical Notes.

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¹⁵Live births in twin deliveries per 1,000 live births.

¹⁶Live births in triplet and other higher-order multiple deliveries per 100,000 live births.

NOTES: People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are not shown. Other and unknown Hispanic includes origins not otherwise classified, including Spaniard. See Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Method of delivery

Cesarean delivery

In 2024, the cesarean delivery rate was 32.4%, up from 2023 (32.3%) and 2% higher than the most recent low in 2019 (31.7%) (Tables C and 9; see also Tables 16–18 in the 2024 User Guide [8]). The cesarean delivery rate peaked in 2009 at 32.9%, after increasing every year since 1996 (20.7%) (13).

The cesarean delivery rate increased in 2024 for Black (37.5% from 37.0% in 2023) and Hispanic (32.1% from 32.0%) women and decreased for White (31.0% from 31.1%) women; changes for American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women were not significant. Black women continued to have the highest cesarean delivery rate in 2024. See Table D for cesarean delivery among Hispanic subgroups.

Low-risk cesarean delivery—The low-risk cesarean delivery rate was unchanged in 2024 at 26.6%. The low-risk cesarean delivery rate is cesarean delivery among nulliparous (first birth), term (37 completed weeks or more based on the obstetric estimate), singleton (one fetus), and cephalic (head first) births. See Tables C, D, and 9 in this report and Tables 16 and 18 in the 2024 User Guide (8) for details by age and race and Hispanic origin of the mother.

Primary cesarean delivery—In 2024, the primary cesarean delivery rate, which measures cesarean deliveries among women who have not had a previous cesarean delivery, was 22.9%, up from 22.8% in 2023 (Table 9; see also Table 18 in the 2024 User Guide [8]). An earlier report describes trends in primary and repeat cesarean delivery through 2021 (20).

Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery—The rate of vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery measures vaginal births among women with a previous cesarean delivery. In 2024, 15.5% of women with a previous cesarean delivered vaginally, up 3% from 15.1% in 2023. The rate has increased every year since 2016, when comparable national data became available (Table 9; see also Table 18 in the 2024 User Guide [8]).

Source of payment for the delivery

The principal sources of payment for the delivery of most births in 2024 continued to be private insurance followed by Medicaid. The percentage of births covered by private insurance increased from 2023 to 2024 (51.0% to 51.8%), while the percentage of births covered by Medicaid declined (41.5% to 40.2%). The percentage of births in the category self-pay, generally considered to indicate uninsured deliveries, increased from 2023 to 2024 (4.4% to 4.7%). The remainder of births were covered by other insurance (3.3%, up from 3.2% in 2023), which includes Indian Health Service, CHAMPUS or TRICARE, other government (federal, state, or local), or charity (Table C; see also Table 19 in the 2024 User Guide [8]) (7). Private insurance has been the most common principal source of payment since national data became available in 2016 (15). An earlier report describes source of payment for the delivery by various maternal characteristics for 2021 (21).

The percentage of births covered by private insurance increased for nearly all race and Hispanic origin groups: American Indian and Alaska Native (from 23.7% to 24.6%), Asian (72.4% to 72.8%), Black (30.4% to 32.0%), White (65.1% to 65.9%), and Hispanic (31.5% to 32.3%) women from 2023 to 2024; the percentage was essentially unchanged for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women (28.0% to 28.6%) (7). The percentage of births covered by Medicaid declined for most groups from 2023 to 2024: American Indian and Alaska Native (from 65.3% to 63.2%), Asian (22.1% to 21.3%), Black (64.5% to 62.4%), Hispanic (58.8% to 57.3%), and White (27.6% to 26.6%) women, but it was essentially unchanged for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women (59.5% to 58.3%). See Table D for source of payment coverage among Hispanic subgroups.

Infant Health Characteristics

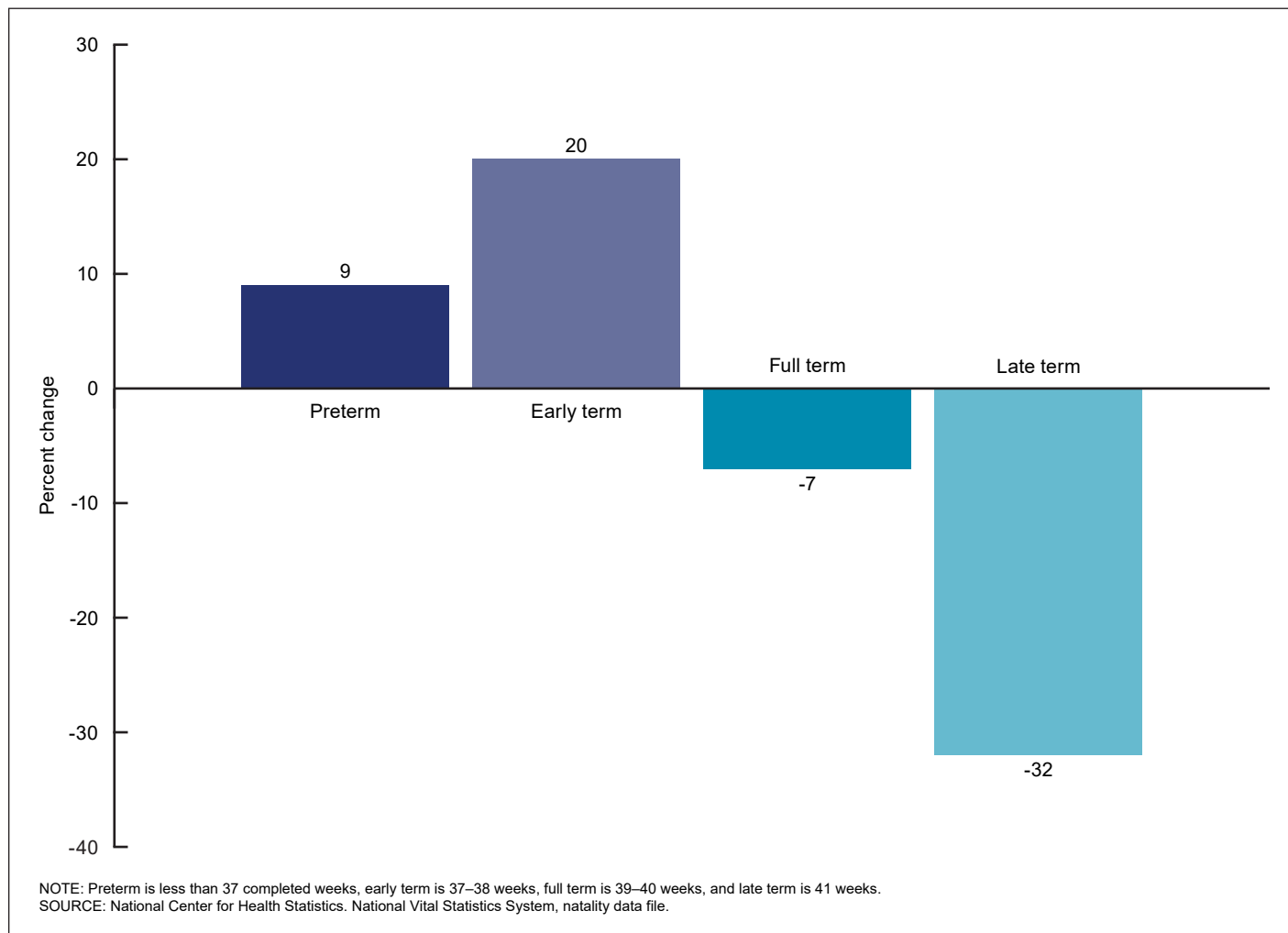
Period of gestation

The U.S. **preterm birth rate** was unchanged from 2023 to 2024 at 10.41%. The preterm birth rate (percentage of all births delivered at less than 37 completed weeks of gestation) declined steadily from 2007 (10.44%) to 2014 (9.57%) (13), rose 7% through 2019 (10.23%), fluctuated from 2019 to 2022, and has been essentially stable since (Tables C and 10; see also Tables 25–27 in the 2024 User Guide [8]). (National data based on the obstetric estimate of gestation are available only from 2007 [22]; see Technical Notes.)

The **early preterm** (less than 34 weeks) birth rate declined 1% from 2023 to 2024, from 2.76% to 2.72%, while the rate of **late preterm** births (34–36 weeks) increased 1%, from 7.64% to 7.69%. The 2024 early preterm rate is the lowest reported since 2020 (2.70%). The late preterm birth rate has risen 13% since the most recent low in 2014 (6.82%) (13).

Changes in the distribution of births delivered at **term and later** (37 weeks and higher) were also observed from 2023 to 2024. Following trends generally observed since 2014 (Figure 3) (23), the percentage of infants born early term (37–38 weeks) rose by 1% in 2024, from 29.84% to 30.26%, while full-term births (39–40 weeks) declined by 1% (54.94% to 54.61%). Late-term births (41 weeks) declined 2% (4.56% to 4.47%), and the percentage of post-term (42 weeks and higher) births declined from 0.26% to 0.25%. From 2007 to 2014, the early-term birth rate had generally declined, and the full- and late-term rates had increased (13). The percentage of post-term births generally declined from 2007 to 2019 but has fluctuated between 0.25% and 0.26% since (13) (Table 10).

The preterm birth rate increased for Black mothers from 2023 to 2024 (14.65% to 14.86%) but did not change significantly for any of the other race and Hispanic-origin groups. Rates have risen for all groups from 2016 to 2024: American Indian and Alaska Native (from 11.39% to 12.64%), Asian (8.63% to 9.16%), Black (13.77% to 14.86%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (11.52% to 12.54%), White (9.04% to 9.49%), and Hispanic (9.45% to 10.07%) (Tables C and 10). For 2024, preterm birth rates ranged from a high of

Figure 3. Percent change in preterm, early, full, and late term births: United States, from 2014 to 2024

14.86% for births to Black mothers to a low of 9.16% for Asian mothers (Table 10). Preterm rates for Hispanic subgroups ranged from 9.51% for Central and South American and 9.60% for Cuban to 11.58% for Puerto Rican women (Table D).

Analyzing births in singleton deliveries separately from all births can also be important because of the shorter average gestations of multiple births and their corresponding potential influence on preterm birth rates (see also “Multiple births” in this report). The 2024 **preterm birth rate for singleton births only** was 8.76%, a 1% increase from the 2023 rate of 8.71% (see Table E for 2024 data) (7). From 2007 to 2014, the singleton preterm rate declined from 8.59% to 7.74%, but it has risen 13% from 2014 to 2024 (13,24).

Birthweight

The percentage of infants born low birthweight (LBW; less than 2,500 grams or 5 pounds, 8 ounces) in 2024 declined 1% from 2023, from 8.58% to 8.52%. While fluctuating somewhat over the last 4 decades, the rate has risen more than 20% since the 1980s and is up 7% since the most recent low in 2012 (7.99%) (Tables C and 11; see also Table 28 in the 2024 User Guide [8]) (13).

The 2024 **very low birthweight** (less than 1,500 grams) rate declined 2%, from 1.36% to 1.33%. The very low birthweight rate is down from the high of 1.49% for 2005–2007 (13). The percentage of **moderately low birthweight** infants (1,500–2,499 grams) was 7.19% in 2024, not significantly lower than in 2023 (7.22%). Moderately low birthweight levels for 2016–2024 have matched or surpassed the peak reported for 2006 (6.77%) (Tables C and 11; see also Table 28 in the 2024 User Guide [8]).

From 2023 to 2024, the LBW rate increased for births to Black women (14.80% to 15.01%), declined for births to White women (7.04% to 6.97%), and did not change significantly for all other race and Hispanic-origin groups. Since 2016, LBW rates have risen for all groups except White women (6.97% in 2016): American Indian and Alaska Native (7.77% to 9.03%), Asian (8.43% to 9.55%), Black (13.68% to 15.01%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (7.67% to 9.49%), and Hispanic (7.32% to 7.85%) (Tables C and 11). See Tables C and D, and Tables 29 and 30 in the 2024 User Guide (8), for 2024 very low birthweight and LBW rates by state and race and Hispanic origin.

The LBW rate among **singleton births only** was unchanged from 2023 at 7.00% in 2024 (7); see Table E for 2024 data.

Table E. Gestational age and birthweight characteristics, by plurality: United States, 2024

Plurality	Number of births	Early preterm ¹	Preterm ²	Very low birthweight ³	Low birthweight ⁴
				Percent	
All births	3,628,934	2.72	10.41	1.33	8.52
Singleton	3,517,151	2.15	8.76	1.06	7.00
Twin	109,195	19.44	61.45	8.98	55.58
Triplet	2,444	69.50	98.40	37.61	95.09
Quadruplet	130	95.38	98.46	50.77	98.46
Quintuplet and higher-order multiples	14	85.71	85.71	78.57	85.71

¹Less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

²Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

³Less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz).

⁴Less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 6 oz).

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Examining births in singleton deliveries separately can be informative because multiple births tend to be born smaller than singleton births, and changes in multiple-birth incidence can influence overall LBW levels.

Multiple births

The 2024 twin birth rate was 30.1 twins per 1,000 births, a 2% decline from the 2023 rate of 30.7 (Table 12; see also Table 33 in the 2024 User Guide [8]) and the lowest rate reported in more than 20 years (2002) (13). The twinning rate (births in twin deliveries per 1,000 total births) rose 76% from 1980 to 2009 (from 18.9 to 33.2), was generally stable from 2009 to 2012, and then rose for 2013 and 2014 before declining 11% from 2014 to 2024 (13).

The triplet and higher-order multiple birth rate (triplet/+) was 71.3 per 100,000 births for 2024, a nonsignificant decline from 2023 (73.8) (Table 12). The 2024 rate of triplet/+ births is down 63% from the 1998 peak (193.5) (13). The triplet/+ birth rate (number of triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, and other higher-order multiples per 100,000 births) rose more than 400% from 1980 to 1998 (13).

A total of 109,195 infants were born in twin deliveries in 2024, down 1% from the 110,393 twins reported in 2023 (Table 12); the number of twin births has declined 19% since the high for 2014 (135,336). The number of infants born in triplet/+ deliveries declined 2% in 2024 to 2,588 births from 2,653 in 2023 (change not significant). The number of triplet/+ births is down 66% since the 2003 high when 7,663 triplet/+ births were reported (13). The 2024 number included 2,444 triplets, 130 quadruplets, and 14 quintuplet and higher-order multiple births. See Table E for the number of births and percentages of preterm and LBW births by plurality.

Twin birth rates declined from 2023 to 2024 for Asian (24.6 per 1,000 to 23.3), White (31.7 to 31.3), and Hispanic (24.3 to 23.4) women; changes for American Indian and Alaska Native (27.2 to 26.1), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (26.7 to 24.5), and Black (41.4 to 42.0) women were not significant (Tables C and 12). From 2016 to 2024, twinning rates declined for Asian, White, and Hispanic women, increased for Black women, and did not change significantly for American Indian

and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women.

From 2023 to 2024, triplet/+ birth rates declined among Hispanic women (56.6 per 100,000 to 49.3) and were essentially unchanged for Asian (51.0 to 51.6), Black (108.9 to 110.3), and White (76.1 to 75.7) women. (Numbers of triplet/+ births were too small to calculate rates for American Indian and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women.) From 2016 to 2024, triplet/+ rates declined for Asian, White, and Hispanic women and were not significantly changed for Black women (Table 12; see also Table D for 2024 twin and triplet/+ rates for Hispanic subgroups). For state-specific twin and triplet/+ rates, see Table 34 in the 2024 User Guide (8).

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Table 1. Births and birth rates: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

[Birth rates are births per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 females ages 15–44 in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for 2010 and estimated as of April 1 for 2020 and July 1 for all other years]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Number of births	Birth rate	Fertility rate
All races and origins ¹			
2024.....	3,628,934	10.7	53.8
2023.....	3,596,017	10.7	54.5
2022.....	3,667,758	11.0	56.0
2021.....	3,664,292	11.0	56.3
2020.....	3,613,647	10.9	55.7
2019.....	3,747,540	11.4	58.3
2018.....	3,791,712	11.6	59.1
2017.....	3,855,500	11.8	60.3
2016.....	3,945,875	12.2	62.0
2015.....	3,978,497	12.4	62.5
2014.....	3,988,076	12.5	62.9
2013.....	3,932,181	12.4	62.5
2012.....	3,952,841	12.6	63.0
2011.....	3,953,590	12.7	63.2
2010.....	3,999,386	13.0	64.1
Non-Hispanic, single race ²			
American Indian and Alaska Native:			
2024.....	24,021	10.0	46.8
2023.....	24,571	10.3	48.0
2022.....	25,721	10.8	50.6
2021.....	26,124	10.8	50.8
2020.....	26,813	11.1	52.6
2019.....	28,450	11.9	56.2
2018.....	29,092	12.2	57.7
2017.....	29,957	12.6	59.5
2016.....	31,452	13.3	62.7
Asian:			
2024.....	226,860	10.6	46.3
2023.....	215,738	10.7	47.8
2022.....	218,994	11.1	49.4
2021.....	213,813	11.2	49.6
2020.....	219,068	11.6	50.4
2019.....	238,769	13.0	55.3
2018.....	240,798	13.2	55.6
2017.....	249,250	13.8	58.0
2016.....	254,471	14.6	61.1
Black:			
2024.....	473,377	11.1	50.9
2023.....	491,494	11.7	53.7
2022.....	511,439	12.3	56.1
2021.....	517,889	12.5	57.4
2020.....	529,811	12.8	58.9
2019.....	548,075	13.4	61.4
2018.....	552,029	13.6	62.0
2017.....	560,715	13.9	63.1
2016.....	558,622	14.0	63.3

Table 1. Births and birth rates: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

[Birth rates are births per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 females ages 15–44 in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for 2010 and estimated as of April 1 for 2020 and July 1 for all other years]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Number of births	Birth rate	Fertility rate
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:			
2024	10,375	15.9	72.4
2023	10,115	16.1	73.2
2022	10,122	16.5	74.8
2021	9,531	15.8	71.5
2020	9,626	16.1	72.5
2019	9,770	17.0	74.9
2018	9,476	16.6	73.0
2017	9,426	16.7	72.8
2016	9,342	16.8	72.9
White:			
2024	1,783,156	9.2	51.5
2023	1,787,051	9.3	51.7
2022	1,840,739	9.5	53.1
2021	1,887,656	9.7	54.4
2020	1,843,432	9.4	53.0
2019	1,915,912	9.8	55.3
2018	1,956,413	10.0	56.3
2017	1,992,461	10.2	57.2
2016	2,056,332	10.5	58.8
Hispanic³			
2024	984,092	14.5	64.3
2023	945,200	14.5	64.7
2022	937,421	14.7	65.7
2021	885,916	14.1	63.4
2020	866,713	14.0	62.9
2019	886,467	14.6	65.3
2018	886,210	14.8	65.9
2017	898,764	15.2	67.6
2016	918,447	16.0	70.6

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

²Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

NOTE: Rates for 2020 have been revised and may differ from those published in "Births: Final Data for 2020"; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 2. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2010–2024, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

[Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. Birth rates are births per 1,000 women in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for 2010 and estimated as of April 1 for 2020 and July 1 for all other years]

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19						
All races and origins²											
2024.....	1,599.5	0.2	12.6	5.3	23.6	55.8	89.5	93.7	54.3	12.7	1.1
2023.....	1,621.0	0.2	13.1	5.5	24.6	57.7	91.0	94.3	54.3	12.5	1.1
2022.....	1,656.5	0.2	13.6	5.6	25.8	57.5	93.5	97.5	55.3	12.6	1.1
2021.....	1,664.0	0.2	13.9	5.6	26.6	61.5	93.0	97.6	53.7	12.0	0.9
2020.....	1,641.5	0.2	15.0	6.1	28.2	63.3	90.9	94.9	51.3	11.8	0.9
2019.....	1,706.0	0.2	16.7	6.7	31.1	66.6	93.7	98.3	52.8	12.0	0.9
2018.....	1,729.5	0.2	17.4	7.2	32.3	68.0	95.3	99.7	52.6	11.8	0.9
2017.....	1,765.5	0.2	18.8	7.9	35.1	71.0	98.0	100.3	52.3	11.6	0.9
2016.....	1,820.5	0.2	20.3	8.8	37.5	73.8	102.1	102.7	52.7	11.4	0.9
2015.....	1,843.5	0.2	22.3	9.9	40.7	76.8	104.3	101.5	51.8	11.0	0.8
2014.....	1,862.5	0.3	24.2	10.9	43.8	79.0	105.8	100.8	51.0	10.6	0.8
2013.....	1,857.5	0.3	26.5	12.3	47.1	80.7	105.5	98.0	49.3	10.4	0.8
2012.....	1,880.5	0.4	29.4	14.1	51.4	83.1	106.5	97.3	48.3	10.4	0.7
2011.....	1,894.5	0.4	31.3	15.4	54.1	85.3	107.2	96.5	47.2	10.3	0.7
2010.....	1,931.0	0.4	34.2	17.3	58.2	90.0	108.3	96.5	45.9	10.2	0.7
Non-Hispanic, single race³											
American Indian and Alaska Native:											
2024.....	1,380.5	0.4	20.3	9.1	37.1	70.4	79.0	61.8	35.6	8.1	0.5
2023.....	1,411.0	0.3	20.9	9.4	38.6	73.2	78.7	64.0	36.1	8.4	0.6
2022.....	1,470.0	0.4	22.5	9.5	42.5	74.3	82.8	68.1	36.3	9.1	0.5
2021.....	1,477.0	0.3	24.2	11.3	44.1	78.7	81.9	66.1	36.2	7.5	0.5
2020.....	1,520.5	0.4	25.2	11.0	46.3	82.2	83.2	68.8	35.9	8.1	0.3
2019.....	1,611.5	0.3	29.2	13.5	51.8	86.7	89.1	72.0	36.6	8.0	0.4
2018.....	1,650.5	0.2	29.7	13.5	52.9	87.7	94.4	73.2	36.1	8.3	0.5
2017.....	1,702.0	0.5	32.9	15.7	58.1	93.6	96.4	72.1	36.3	8.2	0.4
2016.....	1,794.5	0.5	35.1	16.8	62.6	97.2	103.4	77.1	37.1	8.2	0.3
Asian:											
2024.....	1,262.0	0.0	1.6	0.6	3.0	13.3	51.5	99.5	67.9	16.8	1.8
2023.....	1,309.0	*	1.8	0.6	3.4	15.6	56.2	101.3	68.4	16.7	1.8
2022.....	1,353.0	*	1.9	0.7	3.7	16.4	58.6	104.0	70.9	17.0	1.8
2021.....	1,351.5	*	2.0	0.7	3.8	17.7	60.4	105.0	67.9	15.8	1.5
2020.....	1,379.0	*	2.2	0.8	4.3	20.4	63.9	105.5	66.6	15.5	1.7
2019.....	1,511.0	*	2.7	0.9	5.2	23.1	71.4	115.6	71.0	16.5	1.9
2018.....	1,525.0	*	2.8	1.0	5.4	24.1	73.0	116.5	70.7	16.1	1.8
2017.....	1,597.0	*	3.3	1.1	6.5	26.6	79.6	120.1	71.5	16.5	1.8
2016.....	1,690.5	*	3.9	1.4	7.5	28.9	87.0	127.4	72.8	16.4	1.7
Black:											
2024.....	1,501.0	0.3	17.7	8.2	32.2	64.4	80.6	73.4	48.3	14.0	1.5
2023.....	1,581.0	0.3	19.3	8.9	35.5	69.7	85.3	76.5	49.7	13.9	1.5
2022.....	1,639.0	0.3	20.3	9.0	37.7	71.1	90.7	79.8	50.4	13.8	1.4
2021.....	1,675.0	0.3	21.8	9.3	40.6	79.1	91.9	79.7	48.2	12.8	1.2
2020.....	1,713.5	0.3	23.7	10.5	42.7	84.0	93.4	80.4	47.1	12.7	1.1
2019.....	1,775.5	0.4	25.8	11.1	46.4	88.3	96.4	82.9	47.6	12.6	1.1
2018.....	1,792.0	0.4	26.3	11.9	46.9	90.0	97.1	84.1	47.1	12.3	1.1
2017.....	1,824.5	0.4	27.5	12.5	49.8	94.2	99.5	84.5	46.1	11.7	1.0
2016.....	1,832.5	0.5	29.3	13.7	52.5	95.8	100.8	83.0	45.0	11.1	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, 2010–2024, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

[Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. Birth rates are births per 1,000 women in specified group. Populations based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for 2010 and estimated as of April 1 for 2020 and July 1 for all other years]

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19						
Non-Hispanic, single race³—Con.											
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:											
2024.....	2,190.0	*	20.2	6.8	39.3	108.0	135.7	101.8	54.9	15.9	1.3
2023.....	2,218.0	*	21.2	7.5	41.4	115.3	137.3	95.8	56.7	15.8	1.4
2022.....	2,237.5	*	20.5	7.3	40.7	123.0	132.4	98.0	56.6	15.5	1.3
2021.....	2,131.0	*	21.9	7.3	44.6	116.1	124.7	95.8	51.2	15.0	1.3
2020.....	2,134.5	*	22.2	7.7	44.5	120.5	125.3	91.6	51.5	14.6	*
2019.....	2,178.0	*	26.2	7.7	53.8	121.4	123.5	95.3	54.1	14.2	*
2018.....	2,106.5	*	26.5	8.2	53.7	118.5	118.9	91.9	49.2	15.4	*
2017.....	2,085.5	*	25.5	8.7	50.6	113.3	115.7	94.0	54.6	13.1	*
2016.....	2,076.5	*	28.6	11.0	55.3	109.5	115.5	96.0	49.9	14.7	*
White:											
2024.....	1,527.5	0.1	8.3	2.9	16.1	46.9	88.7	97.3	52.4	10.9	0.9
2023.....	1,532.5	0.1	8.4	2.9	16.7	48.3	89.2	97.1	51.9	10.6	0.9
2022.....	1,568.0	0.1	9.1	3.1	17.9	48.3	91.1	100.4	53.0	10.7	0.9
2021.....	1,598.5	0.1	9.4	3.2	18.7	52.0	91.8	102.3	52.8	10.5	0.8
2020.....	1,551.0	0.1	10.1	3.4	19.9	53.1	88.2	98.2	49.7	10.1	0.7
2019.....	1,610.5	0.1	11.4	3.8	22.3	56.1	90.8	101.5	51.1	10.3	0.8
2018.....	1,640.0	0.1	12.1	4.1	23.6	57.8	92.9	103.1	51.1	10.2	0.7
2017.....	1,666.5	0.1	13.2	4.6	26.0	59.8	95.3	103.7	50.6	9.9	0.7
2016.....	1,719.0	0.1	14.3	5.2	27.7	62.4	99.3	106.2	51.1	9.7	0.7
Hispanic⁴											
2024.....	1,925.5	0.3	20.0	8.8	37.3	79.9	110.5	99.7	58.4	15.2	1.1
2023.....	1,946.0	0.3	20.8	9.3	39.0	81.1	111.2	100.3	59.0	15.4	1.1
2022.....	1,969.5	0.3	21.3	9.3	40.1	79.2	113.8	103.1	59.5	15.5	1.2
2021.....	1,899.0	0.3	21.1	9.3	39.8	82.3	108.3	97.5	54.9	14.4	1.0
2020.....	1,879.5	0.3	23.0	10.3	42.5	83.8	105.8	94.4	53.4	14.2	1.0
2019.....	1,940.0	0.3	25.3	11.5	46.2	88.0	108.0	96.3	54.6	14.5	1.0
2018.....	1,959.0	0.3	26.7	12.4	48.5	89.3	108.9	96.6	54.5	14.5	1.0
2017.....	2,006.5	0.3	28.9	13.6	52.7	93.8	111.8	96.4	54.6	14.5	1.0
2016.....	2,092.5	0.4	31.9	15.6	57.3	98.4	117.4	99.2	55.8	14.5	0.9

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* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Birth rates computed by relating births to women age 45 and older to women ages 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

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

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SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 3. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024

[Live-birth order is number of children born alive to mother]

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and live-birth order	All ages	Younger than 15	15-19						20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54
			Total	15	16	17	18	19							
All races and origins¹															
Total	3,628,934	1,727	137,273	4,136	10,087	20,242	37,460	65,348	611,800	990,817	1,112,409	622,517	141,515	9,688	1,188
1st child	1,427,020	1,698	118,128	4,019	9,564	18,475	32,699	53,371	354,230	404,955	362,002	151,974	30,846	2,768	419
2nd child	1,137,499	21	16,703	100	457	1,601	4,226	10,319	182,473	323,629	368,841	203,639	39,415	2,473	305
3rd child	586,733	*	1,768	*	22	91	372	1,277	55,760	162,543	207,742	129,524	27,701	1,520	174
4th child	262,579	*	159	*	*	10	26	119	13,127	64,119	98,223	67,859	17,952	1,026	114
5th child	107,130	*	21	*	*	*	*	16	2,863	21,199	40,115	32,123	10,069	659	81
6th child	46,675	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	591	6,753	17,306	15,949	5,644	390	36
7th child	21,984	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	128	2,306	7,752	8,319	3,246	214	19
8th child or higher order	23,966	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	152	1,225	5,851	10,256	5,871	581	26
Not stated	15,348	*	484	10	41	64	132	237	2,476	4,088	4,577	2,874	771	57	14
Non-Hispanic, single race²															
American Indian and Alaska Native															
Total	24,021	30	1,769	65	145	268	502	789	6,029	6,807	5,776	2,967	613	28	*
1st child	7,922	30	1,507	65	137	250	432	623	3,088	1,917	919	390	64	*	*
2nd child	6,173	*	222	*	*	16	59	141	1,864	2,050	1,382	543	104	*	*
3rd child	4,346	*	25	*	*	*	*	18	746	1,513	1,361	599	96	*	*
4th child	2,598	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	219	797	966	504	105	*	*
5th child	1,333	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	55	313	523	356	84	*	*
6th child	731	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	121	307	231	61	*	*
7th child	356	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	38	142	136	36	*	*
8th child or higher order	387	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13	126	186	59	*	*
Not stated	175	*	12	*	*	*	*	*	42	45	50	22	*	*	*
Asian															
Total	226,860	11	888	26	53	101	236	472	9,126	41,742	93,782	64,989	14,998	1,147	177
1st child	107,053	10	776	25	52	93	201	405	6,197	25,329	47,538	22,212	4,489	430	72
2nd child	80,729	*	100	*	*	*	33	58	2,228	11,304	32,974	28,010	5,705	354	54
3rd child	25,425	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	506	3,425	8,853	9,700	2,740	178	15
4th child	8,158	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	124	1,065	2,683	3,063	1,119	88	15
5th child	2,766	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25	318	839	1,069	459	44	12
6th child	1,107	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	109	355	392	221	25	*
7th child	412	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20	103	169	111	*	*
8th child or higher order	387	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19	108	149	93	13	*
Not stated	823	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	39	153	329	225	61	*	*
Black															
Total	473,377	464	26,450	984	2,186	4,275	7,114	11,891	96,149	124,237	128,145	75,600	20,422	1,624	286
1st child	169,020	457	22,506	955	2,049	3,847	6,174	9,481	54,530	43,009	30,091	14,148	3,701	457	121
2nd child	131,093	*	3,369	25	121	380	822	2,021	27,518	38,471	36,860	19,601	4,835	363	70
3rd child	83,247	*	435	*	*	32	87	309	9,765	22,984	27,972	17,404	4,365	280	42
4th child	45,050	*	42	*	*	*	*	34	2,889	11,380	16,420	11,025	3,080	192	22
5th child	21,598	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	798	4,777	8,307	5,859	1,719	124	10
6th child	10,465	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	179	1,886	4,108	3,194	1,018	74	*
7th child	5,238	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	44	728	2,074	1,719	631	39	*
8th child or higher order	5,405	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	399	1,692	2,236	955	83	*
Not stated	2,261	*	93	*	*	14	26	41	396	603	621	414	118	12	*

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Births, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2024—Con.

[Live-birth order is number of children born alive to mother]

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and live-birth order	All ages	Younger than 15	15–19						20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	50–54
			Total	15	16	17	18	19							
Non-Hispanic, single race²—Con.															
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander															
1st child	2,984	*	375	*	25	50	110	182	1,183	744	479	159	36	*	*
2nd child	2,498	*	63	*	*	*	16	44	768	803	552	250	61	*	*
3rd child	1,890	*	11	*	*	*	*	10	339	710	521	246	63	*	*
4th child	1,273	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	139	433	409	246	40	*	*
5th child	770	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	23	204	312	175	51	*	*
6th child	453	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	98	174	142	31	*	*
7th child	250	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	30	84	93	40	*	*
8th child or higher order	213	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	64	78	52	*	*
Not stated	44	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	12	*	*	*	*
White															
1st child	714,195	332	37,955	1,000	2,467	5,209	10,358	18,921	151,700	219,168	205,164	82,761	15,723	1,252	140
2nd child	585,809	*	4,863	17	79	379	1,172	3,216	76,504	163,622	208,039	111,849	19,625	1,181	118
3rd child	277,791	*	484	*	*	17	95	367	22,128	73,599	103,945	65,137	11,872	558	67
4th child	114,066	*	44	*	*	*	*	35	4,898	27,317	44,317	30,244	6,854	361	31
5th child	43,377	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	972	8,485	16,771	13,218	3,667	229	31
6th child	18,982	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	196	2,451	7,304	6,770	2,116	132	10
7th child	9,512	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	39	778	3,318	3,902	1,388	80	*
8th child or higher order	12,331	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	62	400	2,493	5,455	3,532	381	*
Not stated	7,093	*	154	*	15	20	34	83	987	1,886	2,295	1,398	342	28	*
Hispanic³															
Total	984,092	785	57,700	1,809	4,601	8,857	16,085	26,348	216,365	283,198	253,011	136,132	34,648	2,093	160
1st child	374,363	773	49,432	1,752	4,348	8,062	13,899	21,371	123,722	101,640	66,078	26,674	5,518	472	54
2nd child	294,189	*	7,294	48	229	729	1,950	4,338	66,520	96,788	78,429	37,009	7,678	424	40
3rd child	174,471	*	707	*	10	33	161	499	19,990	54,419	58,711	32,618	7,604	398	24
4th child	82,005	*	62	*	*	*	14	41	4,312	20,568	29,986	20,612	6,149	300	16
5th child	33,079	*	11	*	*	*	*	*	856	6,151	11,824	10,324	3,693	208	12
6th child	12,996	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	167	1,762	4,336	4,610	1,980	133	*
7th child	5,325	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	38	597	1,702	1,990	922	73	*
8th child or higher order	4,322	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	45	324	1,122	1,786	962	78	*
Not stated	3,342	*	191	*	12	28	59	88	715	949	823	509	142	*	*

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

²Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 4. Mean age of mother, by live-birth order: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

[Mean age at birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of births by age of mother and live-birth order. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Total	Live-birth order							Unknown or not stated
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
All races and origins¹									
2024.....	29.7	27.6	30.0	31.2	32.3	33.3	34.4	36.7	30.1
2023.....	29.6	27.5	30.0	31.2	32.2	33.2	34.3	36.5	30.3
2022.....	29.5	27.4	29.9	31.1	32.1	33.0	34.2	36.4	30.4
2021.....	29.4	27.3	29.7	30.9	31.9	32.9	34.0	36.3	30.2
2020.....	29.2	27.1	29.6	30.7	31.8	32.7	34.0	36.2	29.9
2019.....	29.1	27.0	29.5	30.6	31.6	32.6	33.8	36.1	29.5
2018.....	29.0	26.9	29.3	30.5	31.5	32.5	33.7	36.1	29.3
2017.....	28.8	26.8	29.2	30.3	31.4	32.4	33.7	36.0	29.1
2016.....	28.7	26.6	29.0	30.2	31.3	32.3	33.5	35.9	28.7
2015.....	28.5	26.4	28.8	30.1	31.2	32.2	33.4	35.8	29.3
2014.....	28.3	26.3	28.7	30.0	31.1	32.0	33.4	35.7	28.7
2013.....	28.2	26.0	28.6	29.9	31.0	32.0	33.3	35.7	28.3
2012.....	28.0	25.8	28.4	29.8	30.9	31.9	33.2	35.7	27.9
2011.....	27.9	25.6	28.3	29.7	30.8	31.8	33.1	35.5	28.2
2010.....	27.7	25.4	28.2	29.6	30.7	31.7	33.0	35.7	27.7
Non-Hispanic, single race²									
American Indian and Alaska Native:									
2024.....	27.8	24.3	27.3	29.4	31.0	32.4	33.7	35.8	28.1
2023.....	27.8	24.2	27.2	29.2	31.1	32.5	33.6	35.4	28.6
2022.....	27.7	24.2	27.1	29.0	30.8	32.1	33.4	35.5	27.8
2021.....	27.5	23.9	26.8	28.9	30.6	31.9	33.1	35.3	27.0
2020.....	27.3	23.8	26.7	28.7	30.4	31.6	32.9	35.2	27.3
2019.....	27.1	23.5	26.5	28.6	30.0	31.2	32.9	34.9	27.0
2018.....	27.1	23.5	26.4	28.4	30.0	31.1	32.8	34.8	27.6
2017.....	26.8	23.3	26.1	28.1	29.6	31.3	32.6	34.4	27.8
2016.....	26.7	23.2	26.1	28.0	29.6	31.1	32.0	34.8	28.1
Asian:									
2024.....	32.8	31.7	33.5	34.2	34.7	35.2	35.9	36.6	32.9
2023.....	32.7	31.5	33.4	34.2	34.5	34.9	35.5	37.0	33.1
2022.....	32.6	31.4	33.3	34.1	34.5	35.0	35.5	36.5	33.1
2021.....	32.4	31.2	33.1	34.0	34.3	34.7	35.4	36.1	32.4
2020.....	32.2	30.9	32.9	33.8	34.1	34.7	35.4	36.8	32.6
2019.....	32.0	30.7	32.7	33.6	34.1	34.5	35.3	36.6	32.3
2018.....	31.8	30.5	32.6	33.5	34.0	34.4	35.0	36.5	31.6
2017.....	31.7	30.3	32.5	33.4	33.9	34.4	35.2	36.3	32.0
2016.....	31.5	30.1	32.3	33.3	33.6	34.1	34.9	36.3	31.4
Black:									
2024.....	29.1	26.1	29.2	31.0	32.1	32.8	33.7	35.7	29.8
2023.....	28.9	25.9	29.0	30.7	31.8	32.6	33.6	35.4	30.1
2022.....	28.7	25.8	28.8	30.6	31.6	32.3	33.3	35.4	30.3
2021.....	28.4	25.5	28.5	30.3	31.3	32.1	33.2	35.2	29.6
2020.....	28.2	25.3	28.3	30.0	31.0	31.8	32.9	35.1	29.2
2019.....	28.0	25.2	28.1	29.7	30.8	31.6	32.7	35.0	28.7
2018.....	27.9	25.1	28.0	29.6	30.6	31.5	32.6	34.9	28.4
2017.....	27.7	24.9	27.7	29.3	30.4	31.3	32.5	34.9	28.0
2016.....	27.4	24.8	27.6	29.1	30.2	31.1	32.3	34.6	27.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:									
2024.....	28.5	25.3	27.6	29.2	30.6	32.2	33.8	35.9	27.9
2023.....	28.5	25.2	27.6	29.1	30.9	32.4	33.6	35.9	27.2
2022.....	28.4	25.2	27.4	29.3	30.8	32.0	33.6	35.9	27.2
2021.....	28.3	25.2	27.2	29.1	30.8	32.1	33.3	36.0	27.8
2020.....	28.2	25.0	27.4	29.1	30.6	31.8	33.6	35.4	27.6
2019.....	28.1	24.8	27.3	29.0	30.4	31.7	33.2	35.7	26.6
2018.....	27.9	24.7	26.9	28.9	30.5	31.7	33.0	35.8	27.2
2017.....	28.0	24.9	27.2	28.9	30.5	31.4	33.0	35.4	26.8
2016.....	27.9	24.8	27.0	28.9	30.1	31.7	33.2	35.3	27.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Mean age of mother, by live-birth order: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

[Mean age at birth is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of births by age of mother and live-birth order. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Total	Live-birth order							8 and over	Unknown or not stated
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7			
Non-Hispanic, single race ² —Con.										
White:										
2024.....	30.1	28.4	30.5	31.5	32.3	33.3	34.6	37.3	30.5	
2023.....	30.0	28.3	30.4	31.4	32.3	33.1	34.4	37.2	30.5	
2022.....	29.9	28.2	30.4	31.3	32.1	33.0	34.4	37.1	30.7	
2021.....	29.9	28.1	30.3	31.2	32.1	33.0	34.2	37.0	30.7	
2020.....	29.7	27.9	30.1	31.1	31.9	32.8	34.2	37.0	30.3	
2019.....	29.6	27.8	30.0	30.9	31.8	32.7	34.1	36.9	30.0	
2018.....	29.4	27.7	29.8	30.8	31.7	32.7	34.1	36.8	29.6	
2017.....	29.3	27.6	29.7	30.7	31.6	32.6	34.0	36.8	29.5	
2016.....	29.2	27.4	29.5	30.6	31.5	32.5	33.9	36.7	29.4	
Hispanic ³										
2024.....	28.6	25.8	28.6	30.6	32.3	33.6	34.8	36.1	28.7	
2023.....	28.5	25.7	28.6	30.6	32.2	33.5	34.7	36.0	29.0	
2022.....	28.5	25.7	28.5	30.5	32.2	33.4	34.6	35.8	29.1	
2021.....	28.4	25.5	28.3	30.4	32.0	33.3	34.5	35.7	29.2	
2020.....	28.3	25.3	28.2	30.3	31.9	33.2	34.5	35.7	29.1	
2019.....	28.2	25.1	28.1	30.2	31.8	33.1	34.3	35.6	28.5	
2018.....	28.1	25.0	28.0	30.1	31.7	33.0	34.1	35.6	29.2	
2017.....	28.0	24.8	27.8	29.9	31.6	32.9	34.1	35.5	29.0	
2016.....	27.8	24.7	27.6	29.8	31.5	32.7	34.0	35.3	28.3	

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

²Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 5. Births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2024

[By place of residence]

Area	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					
		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic ³
United States ⁴	3,628,934	24,021	226,860	473,377	10,375	1,783,156	984,092
Alabama	57,934	127	955	14,706	78	33,213	7,701
Alaska	8,943	1,531	468	208	311	4,477	791
Arizona	78,711	3,199	2,805	4,427	230	29,340	36,108
Arkansas	35,395	183	877	5,725	521	22,511	4,664
California	402,075	1,185	58,695	17,722	1,416	102,406	196,312
Colorado	64,268	309	2,677	2,929	256	34,331	21,243
Connecticut	34,599	31	1,909	3,944	*	17,857	10,062
Delaware	10,550	18	599	2,711	*	4,626	2,212
District of Columbia	7,616	13	373	3,188	*	2,415	1,399
Florida	224,389	222	7,112	42,908	155	90,531	79,481
Georgia	126,437	113	6,023	39,320	93	53,236	24,135
Hawaii	14,917	23	3,540	301	1,431	2,818	2,697
Idaho	23,276	207	408	319	67	17,215	4,427
Illinois	125,731	88	8,897	17,272	36	64,630	31,861
Indiana	80,257	61	2,659	10,082	58	53,994	11,438
Iowa	36,436	135	986	2,707	386	26,771	4,667
Kansas	33,984	149	1,011	2,099	110	22,535	7,051
Kentucky	52,913	32	1,091	4,829	113	39,603	5,660
Louisiana	53,305	267	1,046	18,386	27	26,427	6,291
Maine	11,601	72	192	799	*	9,669	355
Maryland	65,797	79	4,469	18,330	27	25,368	15,174
Massachusetts	68,184	50	5,582	7,752	21	35,107	16,521
Michigan	99,525	321	4,372	15,472	40	67,836	8,281
Minnesota	62,110	716	4,660	7,310	85	40,026	7,235
Mississippi	33,473	236	427	12,835	17	17,212	2,354
Missouri	67,998	182	1,749	8,243	256	48,716	6,290
Montana	11,331	914	121	66	*	9,056	783
Nebraska	24,785	249	811	1,482	46	15,860	5,598
Nevada	32,381	205	2,470	4,008	339	10,509	13,189
New Hampshire	11,770	10	445	260	*	9,958	875
New Jersey	101,372	48	10,416	11,436	33	45,574	31,099
New Mexico	21,328	2,097	403	362	19	5,311	12,640
New York	205,489	316	20,759	25,564	50	101,902	51,898
North Carolina	122,856	1,228	5,391	24,854	139	62,159	25,485
North Dakota	9,634	616	248	556	41	6,779	842
Ohio	126,795	70	3,968	19,693	123	87,830	10,761
Oklahoma	47,962	4,046	1,314	3,374	248	25,060	9,335
Oregon	38,963	350	2,041	1,134	398	22,810	9,370
Pennsylvania	127,299	154	6,305	15,073	41	81,773	19,702
Rhode Island	10,009	31	420	708	*	5,429	3,088
South Carolina	58,768	122	1,275	14,387	79	32,336	8,893
South Dakota	11,451	1,400	196	367	19	8,110	966
Tennessee	83,833	101	2,070	13,004	84	53,217	13,501
Texas	390,828	584	23,546	44,543	608	118,491	195,948
Utah	46,664	322	1,232	649	818	31,644	10,321
Vermont	5,023	10	108	140	*	4,460	203
Virginia	94,054	117	7,123	17,318	131	49,182	17,296
Washington	83,118	868	9,587	3,780	1,357	42,258	18,140
West Virginia	17,022	*	175	586	*	15,212	577
Wisconsin	59,686	450	2,789	5,467	27	40,779	8,243
Wyoming	6,089	156	65	42	*	4,587	929

Table 5. Births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2024—Con.

[By place of residence]

Area	All races and origins ²	Non-Hispanic, single race ¹					
		American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic ³
Puerto Rico	18,128	*	32	49	*	412	17,627
Virgin Islands	803	*	15	471	*	63	239
Guam	2,340	*	571	23	1,446	128	32
American Samoa	760	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	557	*	236	*	274	*	*

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

--- Data not available.

¹Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.⁴Excludes data for the territories.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 6. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2024

[By place of residence. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 females ages 15–44; total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5; birth rates by age are births per 1,000 women in specified age group estimated in each area. Populations estimated as of July 1]

Area	Birth rate	Fertility rate	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
				10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
					Total	15–17	18–19						
United States ²	10.7	53.8	1,599.5	0.2	12.6	5.3	23.6	55.8	89.5	93.7	54.3	12.7	1.1
Alabama	11.2	57.2	1,716.0	0.3	19.1	9.0	33.5	77.5	111.6	86.1	39.9	8.3	0.4
Alaska	12.1	60.8	1,795.0	*	14.5	4.3	33.3	80.5	103.8	93.0	53.0	13.2	0.9
Arizona	10.4	53.2	1,569.0	0.1	13.9	5.6	26.1	59.0	92.1	89.2	47.7	10.9	0.9
Arkansas	11.5	58.8	1,763.0	0.2	22.2	8.9	43.3	89.1	113.6	82.0	37.2	7.9	0.4
California	10.2	49.8	1,462.5	0.1	8.7	3.5	16.2	41.5	70.9	89.4	63.3	16.8	1.8
Colorado	10.8	51.6	1,491.0	0.1	11.2	4.9	20.4	50.2	76.1	89.7	57.1	12.8	1.0
Connecticut	9.4	48.9	1,477.5	*	6.5	2.6	11.7	29.7	67.9	108.5	66.4	14.9	1.5
Delaware	10.0	53.7	1,613.0	*	13.1	5.6	23.2	54.6	92.6	94.4	52.7	14.2	0.9
District of Columbia	10.8	39.8	1,107.5	*	12.3	10.4	13.8	30.7	30.3	60.1	63.4	21.8	2.6
Florida	9.6	52.2	1,550.5	0.2	11.8	4.8	22.6	52.7	87.3	90.3	53.2	13.5	1.1
Georgia	11.3	54.7	1,636.0	0.2	16.0	6.7	30.7	65.6	95.2	89.0	48.5	11.7	1.0
Hawaii	10.3	56.6	1,676.0	*	11.0	3.2	24.2	61.9	92.8	91.2	59.4	16.8	1.9
Idaho	11.6	58.6	1,819.5	*	9.9	3.8	17.8	75.5	121.6	98.4	46.8	10.8	0.8
Illinois	9.9	49.7	1,474.5	0.1	10.4	4.4	19.7	44.9	76.9	93.3	56.0	12.3	1.0
Indiana	11.6	59.1	1,770.0	0.2	15.0	5.9	29.5	69.8	115.0	96.9	46.6	9.8	0.7
Iowa	11.2	58.8	1,798.5	0.2	12.2	5.2	22.3	56.4	123.0	109.5	48.2	9.5	0.7
Kansas	11.4	58.3	1,773.0	0.2	14.7	6.0	28.3	66.6	112.0	102.5	48.4	9.5	0.7
Kentucky	11.5	60.3	1,796.0	0.2	20.4	7.7	41.3	84.7	113.0	88.7	43.1	8.6	0.5
Louisiana	11.6	58.2	1,766.0	0.4	21.3	8.9	41.1	82.5	111.2	85.7	42.6	9.1	0.4
Maine	8.3	46.3	1,381.0	*	7.8	2.9	14.7	43.0	83.1	85.4	45.9	10.3	0.6
Maryland	10.5	53.3	1,592.0	0.2	10.3	4.7	19.2	45.6	81.3	100.7	62.6	15.9	1.8
Massachusetts	9.6	46.8	1,377.5	0.1	5.4	2.5	8.8	24.6	56.7	102.4	68.9	16.0	1.4
Michigan	9.8	51.5	1,522.0	0.1	10.3	3.9	20.0	48.1	92.6	94.1	48.9	9.7	0.6
Minnesota	10.7	55.2	1,672.0	0.1	7.3	3.1	14.2	42.4	96.7	114.8	59.5	12.5	1.1
Mississippi	11.4	57.3	1,737.0	0.4	22.8	9.9	42.3	87.0	113.9	80.0	35.9	7.0	0.4
Missouri	10.9	55.9	1,671.5	0.2	15.9	6.4	31.0	67.2	104.5	93.4	43.8	8.7	0.6
Montana	10.0	53.3	1,591.5	*	11.1	4.3	22.5	54.8	102.0	90.4	49.8	9.3	0.7
Nebraska	12.4	62.9	1,921.5	0.2	14.0	6.3	25.9	58.8	123.7	118.9	56.5	11.5	0.7
Nevada	9.9	50.1	1,477.5	*	12.5	4.9	26.4	59.8	84.1	79.6	46.9	11.7	0.8
New Hampshire	8.4	45.9	1,350.5	*	4.6	1.5	8.8	26.2	75.2	99.5	53.0	10.8	0.8
New Jersey	10.7	55.7	1,643.5	0.1	7.3	3.1	14.4	40.1	75.1	112.4	74.5	17.6	1.6
New Mexico	10.0	51.9	1,561.5	0.2	18.0	7.7	33.6	71.1	93.5	78.7	41.1	9.1	0.6
New York	10.3	52.1	1,508.5	0.1	8.0	3.3	14.5	44.2	69.1	93.6	66.3	18.5	1.9
North Carolina	11.1	55.8	1,655.0	0.2	14.3	6.0	26.1	62.2	95.5	94.8	51.8	11.4	0.8
North Dakota	12.1	60.4	1,806.5	*	11.7	4.6	20.7	54.2	121.4	111.1	52.3	9.9	0.7
Ohio	10.7	55.6	1,652.0	0.2	14.0	5.7	27.1	63.8	100.1	94.3	47.9	9.4	0.7
Oklahoma	11.7	58.4	1,756.5	0.3	19.6	8.0	37.9	83.2	114.1	85.3	40.3	8.1	0.4
Oregon	9.1	46.1	1,359.0	*	9.0	3.5	17.5	45.6	78.4	78.4	48.3	11.1	0.9
Pennsylvania	9.7	51.2	1,531.5	0.2	9.7	4.5	16.5	46.9	85.5	98.3	53.3	11.4	1.0
Rhode Island	9.0	45.0	1,331.0	*	7.5	3.9	11.3	31.4	67.0	90.7	55.7	12.8	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Birth rates, by age of mother: United States, each state and territory, 2024—Con.

[By place of residence. Fertility rates are births per 1,000 females ages 15–44; total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5; birth rates by age are births per 1,000 women in specified age group estimated in each area. Populations estimated as of July 1]

Area	Birth rate	Fertility rate	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
				10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
					Total	15–17	18–19						
South Carolina	10.7	55.5	1,666.0	0.3	17.4	7.6	31.8	65.9	101.5	90.7	46.3	10.5	0.6
South Dakota	12.4	66.7	2,040.0	*	15.3	7.0	28.8	69.0	136.3	122.5	53.6	10.3	0.7
Tennessee	11.6	58.5	1,720.5	0.3	19.9	8.2	39.0	76.4	101.5	89.4	45.9	10.1	0.6
Texas	12.5	59.3	1,769.0	0.2	18.5	7.9	35.4	72.4	102.2	96.0	51.6	12.0	0.9
Utah	13.3	59.9	1,796.5	*	8.2	3.3	15.8	57.6	124.6	104.8	51.4	11.8	0.8
Vermont	7.7	41.7	1,273.0	*	6.3	3.3	9.8	30.6	70.7	82.8	52.0	11.3	0.8
Virginia	10.7	53.7	1,603.0	0.1	10.7	4.1	20.2	50.1	87.7	98.2	58.5	14.0	1.3
Washington	10.4	51.3	1,480.5	0.1	9.3	3.5	18.8	50.6	78.1	88.4	55.2	13.2	1.2
West Virginia	9.6	54.3	1,632.0	0.2	17.8	6.8	35.0	79.4	110.4	77.0	35.0	6.3	0.3
Wisconsin	10.0	52.8	1,599.5	0.2	9.7	4.2	17.7	45.2	96.2	106.7	51.2	10.1	0.6
Wyoming	10.4	54.8	1,695.5	*	14.7	4.5	31.2	74.7	112.7	87.6	40.8	8.0	*
Puerto Rico	5.7	29.7	870.5	*	11.0	3.9	21.1	49.1	51.3	36.3	21.6	4.5	0.3
Virgin Islands	7.7	43.4	1,366.0	*	10.4	*	26.2	64.2	84.0	60.0	39.8	13.2	*
Guam	13.8	71.2	2,104.0	*	22.0	10.7	40.8	77.0	112.8	118.7	69.5	18.0	2.4
American Samoa	17.3	78.2	2,287.0	*	26.1	17.9	36.4	100.8	125.4	102.7	76.3	23.5	*
Northern Marianas	10.9	61.4	2,057.0	*	13.4	*	26.2	55.0	73.4	136.6	108.0	25.0	*

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Birth rates computed by relating births to women age 45 and older to women ages 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.

²Excludes data for the territories.

NOTES: The U.S. Census Bureau provided population data for computing birth rates. Rates by state may differ from rates computed on the basis of other population estimates.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 7. Birth rates for unmarried women: United States, 2010–2024, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

[Rates are births to unmarried women per 1,000 unmarried women. Populations estimated as of July 1 for all years]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Fertility rate ¹	Age of mother							
		15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44 ²
		Total	15–17	18–19					
All races³									
2024.....	35.5	11.7	5.2	21.5	42.5	55.8	57.4	38.4	11.9
2023.....	36.4	12.3	5.5	22.7	44.6	57.4	57.5	38.8	11.8
2022.....	37.2	12.7	5.6	23.6	44.0	58.4	58.6	38.8	11.6
2021.....	37.8	13.0	5.6	24.4	47.4	58.7	58.5	38.2	11.4
2020.....	38.4	14.0	6.1	26.0	49.2	59.9	58.3	36.9	11.3
2019.....	39.9	15.4	6.6	28.3	51.6	61.5	60.6	36.0	11.1
2018.....	40.1	16.0	7.1	29.2	52.2	62.8	59.5	35.2	10.6
2017.....	41.0	17.1	7.7	31.4	54.2	64.4	57.9	36.0	10.1
2016.....	42.4	18.5	8.6	33.5	56.6	65.8	59.2	35.6	10.0
2015.....	43.4	20.2	9.6	36.5	59.7	66.9	60.3	34.1	9.0
2014.....	43.9	22.0	10.6	39.4	61.6	67.6	58.1	33.4	8.5
2013.....	44.3	24.0	11.9	42.1	63.1	66.7	56.6	31.8	8.3
2012.....	45.3	26.7	13.7	45.8	64.7	67.2	56.3	30.9	8.5
2011.....	46.0	28.4	14.9	48.2	66.7	67.8	56.2	29.9	8.2
2010.....	47.5	31.1	16.8	52.0	70.0	69.2	56.3	29.6	8.0
Non-Hispanic, single race⁴									
American Indian and Alaska Native:									
2024.....	47.0	19.8	9.3	35.4	62.4	79.6	65.1	38.8	11.4
2023.....	49.8	20.6	9.5	37.8	65.4	80.6	78.1	39.3	15.2
2022.....	51.8	22.7	9.9	42.6	70.4	75.8	86.2	39.9	12.5
2021.....	52.5	24.3	12.0	42.1	76.1	73.6	83.4	40.2	9.4
2020.....	54.3	24.4	11.2	43.8	79.3	80.5	82.6	40.1	9.3
2019.....	56.0	28.5	13.3	48.1	69.4	58.5	41.5	19.9	4.4
2018.....	56.6	28.0	13.4	49.1	69.0	62.2	41.5	18.4	4.5
2017.....	58.4	31.9	15.8	55.6	87.0	95.5	81.6	32.8	7.8
2016.....	59.2	34.4	16.7	61.4	87.6	94.8	85.2	28.7	7.2
Asian:									
2024.....	11.4	1.2	0.5	2.1	5.2	13.0	28.5	33.0	15.0
2023.....	12.1	1.3	0.5	2.3	6.3	15.3	31.3	30.2	13.2
2022.....	12.9	1.4	0.6	2.5	6.7	17.2	32.0	32.2	12.4
2021.....	13.5	1.3	0.6	2.5	7.4	17.9	31.9	38.5	14.5
2020.....	13.6	1.7	0.7	3.1	8.3	17.6	33.9	34.6	13.3
2019.....	14.4	1.9	0.8	3.5	9.3	17.9	38.2	34.4	11.9
2018.....	14.1	1.9	0.9	3.5	9.4	19.1	33.6	33.6	10.9
2017.....	14.7	2.3	1.0	4.1	9.9	20.9	33.5	36.3	10.7
2016.....	15.3	2.7	1.2	4.9	10.7	22.5	38.0	29.8	9.5
Black:									
2024.....	46.4	17.6	8.4	31.9	61.5	71.6	65.9	40.8	12.1
2023.....	48.8	19.4	9.1	35.6	67.1	74.8	65.6	40.5	12.0
2022.....	50.2	20.3	9.1	37.6	67.6	78.9	64.8	38.5	11.8
2021.....	52.1	21.8	9.4	40.8	76.8	82.9	63.9	36.7	10.7
2020.....	54.6	23.7	10.6	43.2	80.8	88.3	65.1	37.0	10.4
2019.....	56.7	25.7	11.3	46.2	83.5	87.4	68.4	37.5	10.5
2018.....	56.4	26.1	12.0	46.1	85.0	85.9	68.2	35.6	9.7
2017.....	57.5	27.3	12.6	48.7	88.8	89.3	66.2	35.1	8.9
2016.....	57.9	29.0	13.9	51.2	90.0	89.6	64.4	33.8	8.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:									
2024.....	71.5	18.9	6.7	37.2	96.5	120.0	101.1	118.0	14.6
2023.....	65.7	18.9	7.3	36.1	93.3	122.8	72.0	126.7	15.1
2022.....	64.3	18.5	7.2	35.7	92.9	119.2	74.0	75.5	15.0
2021.....	58.9	19.6	7.1	39.0	85.1	85.1	108.3	48.2	16.7
2020.....	58.6	20.8	7.4	43.4	87.9	74.5	115.8	49.1	15.8
2019.....	69.1	24.6	7.4	53.9	109.5	98.1	82.0	54.4	17.0
2018.....	80.1	25.5	8.2	51.1	106.3	151.9	76.4	62.8	31.3
2017.....	76.7	23.2	9.1	43.0	83.8	173.0	86.1	65.5	27.4
2016.....	70.5	24.7	10.5	46.2	90.3	141.9	81.1	46.4	20.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Birth rates for unmarried women: United States, 2010–2024, and by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

[Rates are births to unmarried women per 1,000 unmarried women. Populations estimated as of July 1 for all years]

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Fertility rate ¹	Age of mother							
		15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44 ²
		Total	15–17	18–19					
White:									
2024.....	24.1	7.3	2.9	13.9	29.0	38.6	39.7	27.2	8.4
2023.....	24.9	7.5	2.9	14.6	30.6	39.7	40.3	27.8	8.1
2022.....	25.8	8.1	3.1	15.5	30.7	40.7	42.8	28.6	7.9
2021.....	27.0	8.4	3.1	16.3	33.8	42.1	45.2	29.3	8.1
2020.....	27.5	9.0	3.3	17.5	35.1	42.8	45.1	27.8	8.2
2019.....	28.6	10.0	3.7	19.3	36.7	44.8	45.7	27.0	7.9
2018.....	28.8	10.6	4.0	20.3	37.6	45.7	43.9	25.9	7.5
2017.....	29.2	11.5	4.4	22.1	38.9	46.2	41.9	25.3	7.2
2016.....	30.3	12.4	5.0	23.5	40.9	47.3	43.0	25.2	6.8
Hispanic⁵									
2024.....	56.4	18.8	8.7	34.4	68.3	91.6	92.7	62.4	20.2
2023.....	57.2	19.6	9.3	35.9	69.9	93.0	92.2	64.2	21.0
2022.....	57.4	20.0	9.3	36.8	66.6	92.0	93.0	65.2	21.4
2021.....	55.7	19.7	9.2	36.4	68.0	87.0	88.7	61.9	21.4
2020.....	55.5	21.2	10.1	38.7	69.3	87.9	84.8	59.4	20.2
2019.....	57.9	23.2	11.3	41.5	73.8	90.6	91.5	55.8	20.0
2018.....	59.5	24.4	12.2	43.4	74.6	95.7	96.1	57.4	20.0
2017.....	62.5	26.3	13.3	47.0	78.6	102.3	98.7	64.2	18.7
2016.....	66.0	29.2	15.1	51.2	83.1	106.4	103.6	65.0	19.3

¹Computed by relating total births to unmarried mothers, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women ages 15–44.²Birth rates computed by relating births to unmarried women age 40 and older to unmarried women ages 40–44; see Technical Notes in this report.³Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.⁴Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.⁵Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

NOTES: Rates for 2020 have been revised and may differ from those published in "Births: Final Data for 2020"; see Technical Notes. For New York, mother's marital status is inferred; see User Guide in reference 8 in this report.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 8. Timing of prenatal care initiation, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2016–2024

Race and Hispanic origin and year	All births	1st trimester	2nd trimester	Late or no care			Unknown
				Total	3rd trimester	No care	
All races and origins ¹	Number			Percent			Number
2024.....	3,628,934	75.5	17.3	7.3	4.8	2.4	69,789
2023.....	3,596,017	76.1	16.9	7.0	4.7	2.3	67,433
2022.....	3,667,758	77.0	16.3	6.8	4.6	2.2	79,212
2021.....	3,664,292	78.3	15.4	6.3	4.2	2.1	77,416
2020.....	3,613,647	77.7	16.1	6.2	4.3	1.9	73,968
2019.....	3,747,540	77.6	16.0	6.4	4.5	1.8	84,788
2018.....	3,791,712	77.5	16.3	6.2	4.5	1.7	95,362
2017.....	3,855,500	77.3	16.5	6.3	4.5	1.8	98,417
2016.....	3,945,875	77.1	16.7	6.2	4.6	1.6	113,091
Non-Hispanic, single race ²							
American Indian and Alaska Native:							
2024.....	24,021	64.0	23.1	12.9	8.4	4.5	659
2023.....	24,571	64.5	22.9	12.6	8.3	4.3	615
2022.....	25,721	64.8	22.7	12.6	8.5	4.1	760
2021.....	26,124	65.8	21.7	12.5	8.2	4.3	737
2020.....	26,813	64.0	22.9	13.1	9.3	3.8	721
2019.....	28,450	63.7	23.3	13.0	8.8	4.2	694
2018.....	29,092	62.6	24.3	13.1	9.1	4.0	870
2017.....	29,957	63.4	24.0	12.6	9.0	3.6	783
2016.....	31,452	63.0	24.5	12.5	9.2	3.3	811
Asian:							
2024.....	226,860	80.8	13.9	5.3	4.1	1.3	5,266
2023.....	215,738	81.1	14.0	4.9	3.7	1.2	4,456
2022.....	218,994	82.1	13.4	4.5	3.4	1.1	4,882
2021.....	213,813	83.5	12.4	4.1	3.0	1.1	4,581
2020.....	219,068	82.4	13.4	4.3	3.3	1.0	4,262
2019.....	238,769	82.1	12.9	5.0	4.1	0.9	4,821
2018.....	240,798	81.8	13.3	4.9	4.0	0.8	4,989
2017.....	249,250	81.1	13.8	5.1	4.3	0.8	5,317
2016.....	254,471	80.6	14.0	5.4	4.6	0.8	6,171
Black:							
2024.....	473,377	65.1	24.0	10.9	6.8	4.1	11,004
2023.....	491,494	66.3	23.3	10.4	6.6	3.8	11,749
2022.....	511,439	67.6	22.4	10.0	6.3	3.7	13,972
2021.....	517,889	69.7	21.1	9.1	5.6	3.5	13,434
2020.....	529,811	68.4	22.6	9.1	5.8	3.3	14,544
2019.....	548,075	67.6	22.8	9.6	6.4	3.2	18,209
2018.....	552,029	67.1	23.0	9.9	6.8	3.1	21,500
2017.....	560,715	66.6	23.2	10.2	6.9	3.3	22,710
2016.....	558,622	66.5	23.5	10.0	7.0	3.0	27,400
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:							
2024.....	10,375	47.6	29.7	22.7	15.3	7.4	414
2023.....	10,115	48.5	29.1	22.4	15.5	6.9	353
2022.....	10,122	49.7	27.9	22.4	15.5	7.0	429
2021.....	9,531	51.5	27.4	21.0	14.0	7.1	514
2020.....	9,626	51.9	28.5	19.6	13.2	6.3	443
2019.....	9,770	50.0	29.5	20.5	14.6	5.9	477
2018.....	9,476	51.0	28.8	20.2	14.6	5.6	374
2017.....	9,426	52.5	27.9	19.6	14.8	4.8	417
2016.....	9,342	51.9	28.9	19.2	14.2	5.0	369

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Timing of prenatal care initiation, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin and year	All births	1st trimester	2nd trimester	Late or no care			Unknown
				Total	3rd trimester	No care	
Non-Hispanic, single race ² —Con.	Number	Percent			Number		
White:							
2024.....	1,783,156	82.1	13.0	4.8	3.3	1.6	25,209
2023.....	1,787,051	82.4	12.9	4.7	3.2	1.5	24,638
2022.....	1,840,739	82.6	12.7	4.7	3.3	1.4	30,294
2021.....	1,887,656	83.2	12.2	4.6	3.1	1.4	33,310
2020.....	1,843,432	82.8	12.7	4.5	3.2	1.3	29,811
2019.....	1,915,912	82.8	12.7	4.5	3.3	1.2	34,392
2018.....	1,956,413	82.5	13.1	4.5	3.3	1.1	41,224
2017.....	1,992,461	82.4	13.1	4.5	3.3	1.2	42,157
2016.....	2,056,332	82.3	13.4	4.3	3.3	1.1	48,900
Hispanic³							
2024.....	984,092	67.8	22.2	10.0	6.7	3.3	22,838
2023.....	945,200	68.9	21.5	9.7	6.6	3.0	21,540
2022.....	937,421	70.5	20.4	9.1	6.3	2.8	24,046
2021.....	885,916	72.5	19.1	8.4	5.7	2.7	20,034
2020.....	866,713	72.3	19.8	7.9	5.4	2.5	19,935
2019.....	886,467	72.1	19.6	8.2	5.8	2.4	21,969
2018.....	886,210	72.7	19.6	7.7	5.4	2.2	22,096
2017.....	898,764	72.3	20.0	7.7	5.5	2.3	22,680
2016.....	918,447	72.0	20.3	7.7	5.6	2.1	24,949

¹Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

²Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

³Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 9. Births, by method of delivery: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

Race and Hispanic origin and year	All births	Vaginal			Cesarean			Cesarean			Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery ⁷
		Total ¹	After previous cesarean	Total ²	Primary	Low risk ³	Not stated	Total ⁴	Primary ⁵	Low risk ⁶	
All races and origins ⁸	Number							Percent			
2024.....	3,628,934	2,450,519	86,761	1,173,391	700,544	328,215	5,024	32.4	22.9	26.6	15.5
2023.....	3,596,017	2,431,500	83,392	1,161,896	692,747	323,302	2,621	32.3	22.8	26.6	15.1
2022.....	3,667,758	2,486,963	82,284	1,178,066	696,495	320,490	2,729	32.1	22.5	26.3	14.6
2021.....	3,664,292	2,486,856	79,555	1,174,545	691,550	316,349	2,891	32.1	22.3	26.3	14.2
2020.....	3,613,647	2,462,904	77,776	1,148,692	666,599	310,303	2,051	31.8	21.9	25.9	13.9
2019.....	3,747,540	2,558,882	80,140	1,186,397	683,900	314,016	2,261	31.7	21.6	25.6	13.8
2018.....	3,791,712	2,581,992	78,842	1,208,176	693,276	319,022	1,544	31.9	21.7	25.9	13.3
2017.....	3,855,500	2,621,010	76,301	1,232,339	710,963	325,086	2,151	32.0	21.9	26.0	12.8
2016.....	3,945,875	2,684,803	75,244	1,258,581	728,500	329,614	2,491	31.9	21.8	25.7	12.4
2015.....	3,978,497	2,703,504	---	1,272,503	---	331,982	2,490	32.0	---	25.8	---
2014.....	3,988,076	2,699,951	---	1,284,551	---	337,086	3,574	32.2	---	26.0	---
2013.....	3,932,181	2,642,892	---	1,284,339	---	344,405	4,950	32.7	---	26.8	---
2012.....	3,952,841	2,650,744	---	1,296,070	---	355,942	6,027	32.8	---	27.2	---
2011.....	3,953,590	2,651,428	---	1,293,267	---	359,669	8,895	32.8	---	27.2	---
2010.....	3,999,386	2,680,947	---	1,309,182	---	368,523	9,257	32.8	---	27.5	---
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁹											
American Indian and Alaska Native:											
2024.....	24,021	16,842	559	7,165	4,019	1,643	14	29.8	19.9	24.1	15.1
2023.....	24,571	17,214	609	7,348	4,046	1,609	9	29.9	19.7	23.6	15.6
2022.....	25,721	18,157	552	7,548	4,089	1,595	16	29.4	18.9	23.0	13.8
2021.....	26,124	18,499	585	7,612	4,134	1,599	13	29.2	18.8	23.0	14.4
2020.....	26,813	19,092	635	7,716	4,083	1,715	5	28.8	18.2	23.6	14.9
2019.....	28,450	20,219	617	8,222	4,371	1,731	9	28.9	18.3	22.8	13.8
2018.....	29,092	20,744	679	8,337	4,437	1,682	11	28.7	18.2	22.3	14.9
2017.....	29,957	21,400	655	8,544	4,497	1,771	13	28.5	17.9	22.8	14.0
2016.....	31,452	22,627	656	8,815	4,578	1,711	10	28.0	17.3	21.2	13.4
Asian:											
2024.....	226,860	148,709	5,058	77,968	49,945	27,925	183	34.4	25.8	30.1	15.3
2023.....	215,738	141,868	4,786	73,782	47,068	25,961	88	34.2	25.6	30.1	15.2
2022.....	218,994	145,659	5,042	73,230	45,423	24,780	105	33.5	24.4	29.2	15.4
2021.....	213,813	142,881	4,812	70,811	43,336	23,374	121	33.1	23.9	28.4	14.9
2020.....	219,068	147,540	4,861	71,457	43,294	23,952	71	32.6	23.3	27.7	14.7
2019.....	238,769	160,704	5,335	77,948	47,222	25,746	117	32.7	23.3	27.4	14.8
2018.....	240,798	161,197	4,999	79,571	47,921	26,196	30	33.0	23.5	27.6	13.6
2017.....	249,250	166,337	4,972	82,850	49,773	27,309	63	33.2	23.6	27.8	13.1
2016.....	254,471	169,753	4,944	84,631	51,106	27,540	87	33.3	23.7	27.5	12.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9. Births, by method of delivery: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Vaginal			Cesarean			Cesarean			Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery ⁷	
	All births	Total ¹	After previous cesarean	Total ²	Primary	Low risk ³	Not stated	Total ⁴	Primary ⁵		Low risk ⁶
Non-Hispanic, single race ⁹ —Con.	Number						Percent				
Black:											
2024.....	473,377	295,431	13,044	177,138	103,876	44,938	808	37.5	26.9	31.5	15.1
2023.....	491,494	309,644	13,304	181,602	105,603	44,791	248	37.0	26.3	30.8	14.9
2022.....	511,439	323,076	13,430	188,132	109,189	46,477	231	36.8	26.1	30.8	14.6
2021.....	517,889	327,049	12,687	190,500	111,166	47,977	340	36.8	26.2	31.2	13.8
2020.....	529,811	337,264	12,911	192,338	110,612	48,448	209	36.3	25.5	30.6	13.7
2019.....	548,075	351,191	13,159	196,672	113,001	48,481	212	35.9	25.1	30.0	13.6
2018.....	552,029	352,750	12,702	199,117	114,150	49,481	162	36.1	25.2	30.3	13.0
2017.....	560,715	358,467	12,457	201,991	117,054	50,217	257	36.0	25.3	30.4	12.8
2016.....	558,622	357,859	11,763	200,460	117,410	50,287	303	35.9	25.4	30.3	12.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:											
2024.....	10,375	6,937	476	3,434	1,903	719	4	33.1	22.8	29.0	23.8
2023.....	10,115	6,825	429	3,280	1,812	697	10	32.5	22.1	28.9	22.6
2022.....	10,122	6,831	372	3,280	1,863	759	11	32.4	22.4	30.1	20.8
2021.....	9,531	6,430	355	3,094	1,769	656	7	32.5	22.6	29.8	21.2
2020.....	9,626	6,514	332	3,107	1,753	733	5	32.3	22.1	29.2	19.7
2019.....	9,770	6,812	358	2,954	1,588	647	4	30.2	19.8	26.1	20.8
2018.....	9,476	6,527	324	2,946	1,602	615	3	31.1	20.5	26.5	19.4
2017.....	9,426	6,504	310	2,921	1,580	625	1	31.0	20.3	26.8	18.8
2016.....	9,342	6,495	345	2,845	1,528	604	2	30.5	19.9	26.7	20.8
White:											
2024.....	1,783,156	1,228,287	40,015	552,734	338,234	156,845	2,135	31.0	22.2	25.5	15.8
2023.....	1,787,051	1,229,961	38,631	555,949	340,939	159,184	1,141	31.1	22.3	25.6	15.3
2022.....	1,840,739	1,268,223	38,353	571,371	347,632	160,403	1,145	31.1	22.1	25.3	14.7
2021.....	1,887,656	1,301,124	38,908	585,346	353,971	161,487	1,186	31.0	21.9	25.2	14.4
2020.....	1,843,432	1,275,917	36,967	566,811	339,770	157,635	704	30.8	21.5	24.9	14.0
2019.....	1,915,912	1,327,934	38,442	587,111	348,616	160,622	867	30.7	21.3	24.7	13.9
2018.....	1,956,413	1,353,424	38,345	602,361	356,796	164,087	628	30.8	21.4	24.9	13.5
2017.....	1,992,461	1,375,702	37,295	615,830	366,505	167,434	929	30.9	21.5	24.9	13.0
2016.....	2,056,332	1,419,788	37,442	635,588	379,240	172,006	956	30.9	21.5	24.7	12.8

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Table 9. Births, by method of delivery: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin and year	All births	Vaginal		Cesarean			Cesarean			Vaginal birth after previous cesarean delivery ⁷	
		Total ¹	After previous cesarean	Total ²	Primary	Low risk ³	Not stated	Total ⁴	Primary ⁵		Low risk ⁶
Hispanic ¹⁰											
2024.....	984,092	667,029	24,553	316,017	178,669	84,817	1,046	32.1	21.8	25.9	15.2
2023.....	945,200	642,354	22,688	302,522	170,279	80,106	324	32.0	21.6	25.9	14.7
2022.....	937,421	640,248	21,880	296,706	165,122	75,640	467	31.7	21.1	25.6	14.3
2021.....	885,916	605,819	19,485	279,607	154,162	70,443	490	31.6	20.8	25.5	13.5
2020.....	866,713	594,463	19,469	271,865	145,786	67,517	385	31.4	20.2	25.1	13.4
2019.....	886,467	608,445	19,612	277,578	147,597	66,705	444	31.3	20.1	24.8	13.1
2018.....	886,210	605,674	19,371	280,386	147,149	67,040	150	31.6	20.1	25.4	12.7
2017.....	898,764	613,101	18,423	285,379	150,592	67,860	284	31.8	20.2	25.6	12.0
2016.....	918,447	627,095	17,847	290,832	153,462	67,278	520	31.7	20.1	25.1	11.5

--- Comparable data not available for the 50 states and District of Columbia for 2010–2015 because not all reporting areas had adopted the 2003 revised U.S. Certificate of Live Birth.

¹Includes unknown type of vaginal delivery; see User Guide in reference 8 in this report.

²Includes unknown type of cesarean delivery; see User Guide in reference 8.

³Singleton, term (37 completed weeks of gestation or more based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic (head first), cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth.

⁴Percentage of all live births delivered by cesarean.

⁵Rate is number of births to women having a cesarean delivery per 100 births to women without a previous cesarean.

⁶Rate is number of singleton, term (37 completed weeks of gestation or more based on the obstetric estimate), cephalic, cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, cephalic first births.

⁷Rate is number of births to women having a vaginal delivery per 100 births to women with a previous cesarean delivery.

⁸Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

⁹Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

¹⁰Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

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Table 10. Births, by gestational age in weeks: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Preterm ¹												Term ¹				Post term ¹	
	All births	Total under 37	Total under 34	Early			Late	Total 37–41	Early 37–38	Full 39–40	Late 41	42 and over	Not stated					
				Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36											
All races and origins ²	Number	Percent											Number					
2024.....	3,628,934	10.41	2.72	0.63	0.91	1.19	7.69	89.34	30.26	54.61	4.47	0.25	4,457					
2023.....	3,596,017	10.41	2.76	0.64	0.92	1.20	7.64	89.34	29.84	54.94	4.56	0.26	2,642					
2022.....	3,667,758	10.38	2.76	0.64	0.92	1.20	7.62	89.36	29.31	55.32	4.73	0.26	2,671					
2021.....	3,664,292	10.49	2.81	0.64	0.95	1.22	7.67	89.27	28.76	55.90	4.61	0.25	2,992					
2020.....	3,613,647	10.09	2.70	0.64	0.90	1.15	7.40	89.66	27.78	57.00	4.88	0.25	2,478					
2019.....	3,747,540	10.23	2.77	0.66	0.93	1.18	7.46	89.52	27.31	57.02	5.19	0.25	2,406					
2018.....	3,791,712	10.02	2.75	0.66	0.91	1.18	7.28	89.68	26.53	57.24	5.90	0.30	2,507					
2017.....	3,855,500	9.93	2.76	0.67	0.92	1.17	7.17	89.74	26.00	57.49	6.25	0.33	2,759					
2016.....	3,945,875	9.85	2.76	0.68	0.92	1.17	7.09	89.80	25.47	57.94	6.38	0.35	3,454					
2015.....	3,978,497	9.63	2.76	0.68	0.91	1.17	6.87	89.98	24.99	58.47	6.51	0.40	2,926					
2014.....	3,988,076	9.57	2.75	0.69	0.91	1.15	6.82	90.43	24.76	58.72	6.53	0.42	3,246					
2013.....	3,932,181	9.62	2.79	0.70	0.92	1.17	6.83	90.38	24.81	58.85	6.31	0.41	7,467					
2012.....	3,952,841	9.76	2.80	0.71	0.92	1.17	6.96	90.24	25.47	58.30	6.06	0.40	8,380					
2011.....	3,953,590	9.81	2.81	0.70	0.93	1.18	6.99	90.19	26.09	57.51	6.16	0.43	9,290					
2010.....	3,999,386	9.98	2.84	0.71	0.94	1.18	7.15	90.01	27.29	56.08	6.19	0.46	10,538					
Non-Hispanic, single race ³																		
American Indian and Alaska Native:																		
2024.....	24,021	12.64	3.39	0.72	1.06	1.61	9.25	87.10	33.21	50.35	3.54	0.25	52					
2023.....	24,571	12.23	3.02	0.71	1.02	1.30	9.21	87.57	33.36	50.45	3.76	0.20	48					
2022.....	25,721	12.61	3.28	0.74	1.11	1.43	9.33	87.08	31.66	51.43	3.99	0.31	60					
2021.....	26,124	12.26	3.08	0.62	0.95	1.50	9.18	87.49	31.56	52.09	3.84	0.25	50					
2020.....	26,813	11.61	3.05	0.66	0.97	1.42	8.56	88.17	31.09	52.88	4.21	0.21	43					
2019.....	28,450	11.59	2.90	0.57	1.00	1.33	8.69	88.15	30.41	53.31	4.44	0.26	46					
2018.....	29,092	11.52	3.17	0.62	1.05	1.49	8.35	88.20	30.00	53.32	4.87	0.29	66					
2017.....	29,957	11.86	3.09	0.71	1.02	1.36	8.77	87.88	28.86	53.71	5.30	0.27	59					
2016.....	31,452	11.39	2.98	0.72	1.02	1.24	8.41	88.24	28.52	53.90	5.82	0.37	57					
Asian:																		
2024.....	226,860	9.16	2.30	0.52	0.78	1.00	6.85	90.78	32.06	55.67	3.06	0.06	147					
2023.....	215,738	9.08	2.29	0.50	0.78	1.01	6.79	90.85	31.74	55.90	3.22	0.06	54					
2022.....	218,994	9.19	2.25	0.47	0.77	1.01	6.95	90.72	31.61	55.75	3.36	0.09	54					
2021.....	213,813	9.23	2.33	0.50	0.81	1.03	6.90	90.69	30.91	56.45	3.33	0.08	66					
2020.....	219,068	8.51	2.08	0.44	0.69	0.95	6.43	91.42	29.61	58.05	3.76	0.07	36					
2019.....	238,769	8.72	2.13	0.47	0.74	0.92	6.59	91.18	29.03	58.02	4.13	0.10	51					
2018.....	240,798	8.57	2.11	0.47	0.72	0.92	6.46	91.30	28.53	58.07	4.69	0.13	57					
2017.....	249,250	8.53	2.19	0.50	0.70	0.99	6.34	91.33	28.09	58.25	4.99	0.15	67					
2016.....	254,471	8.63	2.13	0.45	0.74	0.94	6.50	91.20	27.91	58.12	5.17	0.17	134					

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Table 10. Births, by gestational age in weeks: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹			Post term ¹		Not stated
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early		Late	Total 37–41	Early	Full	Late	42 and over		
				Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36		37–38	39–40	41		
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.													
	Number	Percent										Number	
Black:													
2024	473,377	14.86	4.85	1.43	1.58	1.83	10.01	84.93	33.86	47.71	3.37	0.21	721
2023	491,494	14.65	4.86	1.43	1.61	1.82	9.79	85.14	33.47	48.26	3.42	0.21	298
2022	511,439	14.59	4.89	1.47	1.56	1.86	9.70	85.18	32.73	48.81	3.65	0.23	326
2021	517,889	14.75	4.95	1.44	1.67	1.85	9.80	85.04	32.27	49.28	3.49	0.21	391
2020	529,811	14.36	4.82	1.47	1.58	1.77	9.54	85.43	31.22	50.47	3.74	0.21	300
2019	548,075	14.39	4.94	1.52	1.63	1.79	9.45	85.39	30.40	50.93	4.06	0.21	326
2018	552,029	14.13	4.90	1.51	1.60	1.79	9.23	85.62	29.64	51.34	4.64	0.25	384
2017	560,715	13.93	4.87	1.53	1.62	1.72	9.06	85.79	28.93	51.90	4.96	0.28	445
2016	558,622	13.77	4.93	1.56	1.61	1.75	8.84	85.94	28.48	52.42	5.04	0.30	506
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:													
2024	10,375	12.54	3.47	0.74	1.07	1.65	9.08	87.21	32.17	50.58	4.45	0.25	19
2023	10,115	12.52	3.24	0.83	0.99	1.42	9.28	87.22	31.31	51.62	4.28	0.27	17
2022	10,122	11.96	3.06	0.57	1.09	1.40	8.90	87.65	30.45	51.88	5.33	0.39	23
2021	9,531	12.69	3.55	0.83	1.17	1.56	9.14	87.01	30.11	52.52	4.38	0.29	21
2020	9,626	12.05	3.08	0.75	1.02	1.31	8.97	87.64	30.06	52.20	5.38	0.31	13
2019	9,770	11.15	2.90	0.84	0.82	1.24	8.25	88.61	29.57	53.79	5.25	0.24	15
2018	9,476	11.79	3.59	0.76	1.26	1.57	8.20	87.85	28.26	53.96	5.63	0.36	13
2017	9,426	10.54	2.68	0.54	0.84	1.30	7.86	89.01	28.66	53.67	6.68	0.45	16
2016	9,342	11.52	3.12	0.72	1.10	1.30	8.40	88.08	27.43	54.38	6.26	0.40	14
White:													
2024	1,783,156	9.49	2.26	0.43	0.75	1.08	7.22	90.18	28.75	56.28	5.14	0.34	1,783
2023	1,787,051	9.44	2.28	0.44	0.76	1.09	7.16	90.22	28.30	56.72	5.20	0.34	911
2022	1,840,739	9.44	2.28	0.43	0.76	1.08	7.16	90.24	27.68	57.25	5.31	0.32	1,011
2021	1,887,656	9.50	2.31	0.44	0.77	1.10	7.18	90.19	27.04	57.93	5.23	0.31	1,215
2020	1,843,432	9.10	2.21	0.44	0.74	1.03	6.90	90.58	25.98	59.08	5.53	0.32	1,001
2019	1,915,912	9.26	2.27	0.44	0.77	1.06	6.99	90.42	25.56	59.01	5.84	0.32	924
2018	1,956,413	9.09	2.26	0.44	0.76	1.07	6.83	90.53	24.68	59.16	6.70	0.37	924
2017	1,992,461	9.05	2.30	0.46	0.77	1.06	6.76	90.54	24.16	59.27	7.11	0.40	1,051
2016	2,056,332	9.04	2.33	0.48	0.78	1.07	6.72	90.53	23.64	59.61	7.28	0.43	1,409
Hispanic ⁴													
2024	984,092	10.07	2.56	0.61	0.87	1.07	7.51	89.78	30.84	54.88	4.06	0.15	891
2023	945,200	10.14	2.62	0.63	0.88	1.10	7.52	89.69	30.40	55.11	4.18	0.17	447
2022	937,421	10.06	2.60	0.60	0.88	1.12	7.46	89.77	30.10	55.24	4.42	0.17	421
2021	885,916	10.23	2.67	0.63	0.91	1.14	7.57	89.62	29.83	55.62	4.17	0.15	496
2020	866,713	9.84	2.52	0.60	0.84	1.07	7.32	90.01	29.00	56.61	4.41	0.15	348
2019	886,467	9.97	2.61	0.63	0.87	1.11	7.36	89.87	28.66	56.52	4.68	0.16	344
2018	886,210	9.73	2.56	0.62	0.84	1.09	7.17	90.07	28.05	56.83	5.19	0.20	382
2017	898,764	9.62	2.56	0.62	0.85	1.09	7.05	90.16	27.58	57.15	5.43	0.23	455
2016	918,447	9.45	2.98	0.62	0.84	1.08	6.92	90.30	27.02	57.85	5.43	0.25	676

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Table 10. Births, by gestational age in weeks: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹			Post term ¹		
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early			Late	Total 37–41	Early 37–38	Full 39–40	Late 41	42 and over	Not stated
				Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36						
All races and origins ²													
							Number						
2024.....	3,628,934	377,204	98,629	22,774	32,893	42,962	278,575	3,238,129	1,096,713	1,979,343	162,073	9,144	4,457
2023.....	3,596,017	373,902	99,255	23,096	33,153	43,006	274,647	3,210,174	1,072,092	1,974,300	163,782	9,299	2,642
2022.....	3,667,758	380,548	101,167	23,369	33,663	44,135	279,381	3,275,078	1,074,082	2,027,670	173,326	9,461	2,671
2021.....	3,664,292	383,979	103,004	23,527	34,731	44,746	280,975	3,268,342	1,052,935	2,046,786	168,621	8,979	2,992
2020.....	3,613,647	364,487	97,420	23,286	32,463	41,671	267,067	3,237,819	1,003,260	2,058,396	176,163	8,863	2,478
2019.....	3,747,540	383,061	103,759	24,758	34,748	44,253	279,302	3,352,638	1,022,874	2,135,518	194,246	9,435	2,406
2018.....	3,791,712	379,777	104,031	24,945	34,386	44,700	275,746	3,398,110	1,005,405	2,169,016	223,689	11,318	2,507
2017.....	3,855,500	382,726	106,417	25,913	35,476	45,028	276,309	3,457,455	1,001,601	2,214,983	240,871	12,560	2,759
2016.....	3,945,875	388,218	108,836	26,618	36,239	45,979	279,382	3,540,290	1,004,224	2,284,399	251,667	13,913	3,454
2015.....	3,978,497	382,786	109,660	26,996	36,149	46,515	273,126	3,577,072	993,599	2,324,474	258,999	15,713	2,926
2014.....	3,988,076	381,321	109,474	27,320	36,245	45,909	271,847	3,586,933	986,745	2,339,796	260,392	19,822	3,246
2013.....	3,932,181	377,655	109,435	27,550	36,096	45,789	268,220	3,283,457	973,569	2,309,888	247,476	16,126	7,467
2012.....	3,952,841	385,082	110,444	28,004	36,366	46,074	274,638	3,304,365	1,004,750	2,299,615	239,148	15,866	8,380
2011.....	3,953,590	386,855	111,002	27,737	36,758	46,507	275,853	3,297,649	1,029,157	2,268,492	242,999	16,797	9,290
2010.....	3,999,386	398,402	113,131	28,437	37,435	47,259	285,271	3,325,476	1,088,564	2,236,912	246,768	18,413	10,538
Non-Hispanic, single race ³													
American Indian and Alaska Native:													
2024.....	24,021	3,030	812	172	254	386	2,218	20,878	7,960	12,069	849	61	52
2023.....	24,571	3,000	741	173	250	318	2,259	21,474	8,181	12,372	921	49	48
2022.....	25,721	3,235	842	190	284	368	2,393	22,346	8,124	13,198	1,024	80	60
2021.....	26,124	3,196	802	162	249	391	2,394	22,813	8,230	13,581	1,002	65	50
2020.....	26,813	3,109	817	177	261	379	2,292	23,604	8,322	14,155	1,127	57	43
2019.....	28,450	3,292	824	162	284	378	2,468	25,039	8,637	15,142	1,260	73	46
2018.....	29,092	3,343	919	180	306	433	2,424	25,600	8,709	15,478	1,413	83	66
2017.....	29,957	3,545	923	213	304	406	2,622	26,273	8,629	16,059	1,585	80	59
2016.....	31,452	3,577	936	227	321	388	2,641	27,702	8,954	16,921	1,827	116	57
Asian:													
2024.....	226,860	20,764	5,223	1,184	1,778	2,261	15,541	205,810	72,673	126,204	6,933	139	147
2023.....	215,738	19,587	4,938	1,081	1,672	2,185	14,649	195,957	68,461	120,557	6,939	140	54
2022.....	218,994	20,127	4,920	1,029	1,676	2,215	15,207	198,619	69,213	122,060	7,346	194	54
2021.....	213,813	19,719	4,981	1,063	1,724	2,194	14,738	193,854	66,074	120,653	7,127	174	66
2020.....	219,068	18,632	4,556	960	1,517	2,079	14,076	200,237	64,857	127,141	8,239	163	36
2019.....	238,769	20,817	5,092	1,118	1,766	2,208	15,725	217,663	69,306	138,503	9,854	238	51
2018.....	240,798	20,629	5,089	1,124	1,739	2,226	15,540	219,793	68,689	139,802	11,302	319	57
2017.....	249,250	21,250	5,453	1,246	1,751	2,456	15,797	227,567	69,989	145,139	12,439	366	67
2016.....	254,471	21,952	5,420	1,139	1,890	2,391	16,532	231,949	70,990	147,811	13,148	436	134

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Table 10. Births, by gestational age in weeks: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹			Post term ¹		Not stated
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early			Late 34–36	Total 37–41	Early 37–38	Full 39–40	Late 41	42 and over	
				Under 28	28–31	32–33							
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.													
Number													
Black:													
2024	473,377	70,231	22,913	6,773	7,485	8,655	47,318	401,430	160,042	225,481	15,907	995	721
2023	491,494	71,956	23,859	7,046	7,887	8,926	48,097	418,212	164,390	237,042	16,780	1,028	298
2022	511,439	74,553	24,986	7,496	7,984	9,506	49,567	435,385	167,263	249,451	18,671	1,175	326
2021	517,889	76,334	25,641	7,445	8,640	9,556	50,693	440,079	167,006	255,016	18,057	1,085	391
2020	529,811	76,059	25,537	7,802	8,381	9,354	50,522	452,357	165,321	267,237	19,799	1,095	300
2019	548,075	78,829	27,063	8,332	8,927	9,804	51,766	467,745	166,528	278,956	22,261	1,175	326
2018	552,029	77,939	27,008	8,348	8,804	9,856	50,931	472,316	163,530	283,202	25,584	1,390	384
2017	560,715	78,024	27,274	8,548	9,070	9,656	50,750	480,661	162,072	290,803	27,786	1,585	445
2016	558,622	76,834	27,501	8,729	8,987	9,785	49,333	479,630	158,937	292,539	28,154	1,652	506
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:													
2024	10,375	1,299	359	77	111	171	940	9,031	3,332	5,238	461	26	19
2023	10,115	1,264	327	84	100	143	937	8,807	3,162	5,213	432	27	17
2022	10,122	1,208	309	58	110	141	899	8,852	3,075	5,239	538	39	23
2021	9,531	1,207	338	79	111	148	869	8,275	2,863	4,995	417	28	21
2020	9,626	1,158	296	72	98	126	862	8,425	2,890	5,018	517	30	13
2019	9,770	1,088	283	82	80	121	805	8,644	2,885	5,247	512	23	15
2018	9,476	1,116	340	72	119	149	776	8,313	2,674	5,106	533	34	13
2017	9,426	992	252	51	79	122	740	8,376	2,697	5,050	629	42	16
2016	9,342	1,075	291	67	103	121	784	8,216	2,559	5,073	584	37	14
White:													
2024	1,783,156	168,964	40,278	7,602	13,358	19,318	128,686	1,606,388	512,225	1,002,564	91,599	6,021	1,783
2023	1,787,051	168,654	40,736	7,789	13,523	19,424	127,918	1,611,436	505,444	1,013,077	92,915	6,050	911
2022	1,840,739	173,638	41,902	7,968	14,062	19,872	131,736	1,660,116	509,163	1,053,269	97,684	5,974	1,011
2021	1,887,656	179,123	43,671	8,223	14,603	20,845	135,452	1,701,379	510,021	1,092,775	98,583	5,939	1,215
2020	1,843,432	167,679	40,638	8,043	13,681	18,914	127,041	1,668,915	478,611	1,088,456	101,848	5,837	1,001
2019	1,915,912	177,339	43,532	8,487	14,735	20,310	133,807	1,731,535	489,542	1,130,124	111,869	6,114	924
2018	1,956,413	177,842	44,287	8,665	14,764	20,858	133,555	1,770,366	482,550	1,156,775	131,041	7,281	924
2017	1,992,461	180,322	45,761	9,200	15,429	21,132	134,561	1,803,063	481,048	1,180,394	141,621	8,025	1,051
2016	2,056,332	185,854	47,823	9,766	16,101	21,956	138,031	1,860,243	485,846	1,224,872	149,525	8,826	1,409

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Table 10. Births, by gestational age in weeks: United States, 2010–2024, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Preterm ¹						Term ¹			Post term ¹		
		Total under 37	Total under 34	Early			Late	Total 37–41	Early	Full	Late	42 and over	Not stated
				Under 28	28–31	32–33	34–36		37–38	39–40	41		
Hispanic ⁴							Number						
2024.....	984,092	98,970	25,175	6,016	8,602	10,557	73,795	882,739	303,261	539,534	39,944	1,492	891
2023.....	945,200	95,755	24,735	5,966	8,354	10,415	71,020	847,391	287,252	520,655	39,484	1,607	447
2022.....	937,421	94,306	24,408	5,653	8,289	10,466	69,898	841,129	282,083	517,597	41,449	1,565	421
2021.....	885,916	90,613	23,620	5,534	8,021	10,065	66,993	793,509	264,132	492,466	36,911	1,298	496
2020.....	866,713	85,224	21,790	5,241	7,273	9,276	63,434	779,828	251,210	490,413	38,205	1,313	348
2019.....	886,467	88,354	23,116	5,620	7,699	9,797	65,238	796,333	253,964	500,856	41,513	1,436	344
2018.....	886,210	86,186	22,637	5,490	7,467	9,680	63,549	797,905	248,463	503,429	46,013	1,737	382
2017.....	898,764	86,393	23,025	5,605	7,635	9,785	63,368	809,882	247,788	513,342	48,752	2,034	455
2016.....	918,447	86,691	23,195	5,649	7,665	9,881	63,496	828,783	247,999	530,951	49,833	2,297	676

¹Completed weeks based on the obstetric estimate of gestation; see User Guide in reference 8 in this report..

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

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

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 11. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2024, and age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	All births	Birthweight (grams) ¹													Not stated
		Low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500–999	1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more	
All races and origins ²	Number	Percent													Number
2024.....	3,628,934	8.52	1.33	0.13	0.48	0.71	1.64	5.56	19.76	39.12	25.52	6.19	0.81	0.09	2,993
2023.....	3,596,017	8.58	1.36	0.13	0.50	0.73	1.66	5.56	19.72	39.09	25.51	6.20	0.80	0.09	2,915
2022.....	3,667,758	8.60	1.36	0.13	0.49	0.73	1.67	5.57	19.68	39.00	25.58	6.23	0.82	0.09	2,990
2021.....	3,664,292	8.52	1.38	0.13	0.51	0.75	1.68	5.46	19.25	38.85	25.93	6.47	0.87	0.10	3,331
2020.....	3,613,647	8.24	1.34	0.13	0.49	0.71	1.61	5.29	19.15	38.94	26.18	6.51	0.87	0.10	2,977
2019.....	3,747,540	8.31	1.38	0.14	0.50	0.74	1.63	5.30	19.07	39.07	26.09	6.49	0.87	0.10	3,668
2018.....	3,791,712	8.28	1.38	0.14	0.50	0.74	1.62	5.28	18.75	38.76	26.44	6.72	0.94	0.11	2,932
2017.....	3,855,500	8.28	1.41	0.14	0.52	0.74	1.63	5.25	18.72	38.76	26.44	6.75	0.95	0.11	3,002
2016.....	3,945,875	8.17	1.40	0.14	0.52	0.74	1.59	5.17	18.54	38.76	26.60	6.85	0.97	0.11	4,518
2015.....	3,978,497	8.07	1.40	0.15	0.52	0.73	1.58	5.09	18.36	38.84	26.73	6.90	0.98	0.12	3,621
2014.....	3,988,076	8.00	1.40	0.15	0.52	0.74	1.56	5.04	18.27	38.80	26.88	6.94	0.99	0.12	3,270
2013.....	3,932,181	8.02	1.41	0.15	0.53	0.73	1.56	5.05	18.22	38.93	26.85	6.86	0.99	0.11	4,452
2012.....	3,952,841	7.99	1.42	0.15	0.54	0.73	1.56	5.01	18.28	39.00	26.81	6.83	0.97	0.12	4,008
2011.....	3,953,590	8.10	1.44	0.15	0.54	0.75	1.58	5.08	18.44	39.13	26.56	6.71	0.95	0.11	4,570
2010.....	3,999,386	8.15	1.45	0.15	0.55	0.75	1.59	5.11	18.63	39.21	26.41	6.58	0.92	0.11	3,964
Non-Hispanic, single race ³															
American Indian and Alaska Native:															
2024.....	24,021	9.03	1.44	0.12	0.51	0.81	1.92	5.67	17.87	37.29	26.88	7.58	1.18	0.18	21
2023.....	24,571	8.65	1.38	0.12	0.51	0.76	1.72	5.56	18.20	36.48	27.02	8.18	1.21	0.25	23
2022.....	25,721	8.80	1.50	0.16	0.56	0.79	1.82	5.49	17.85	36.80	27.22	7.78	1.35	0.21	21
2021.....	26,124	8.11	1.26	0.11	0.48	0.67	1.74	5.11	17.75	36.71	27.34	8.55	1.26	0.28	19
2020.....	26,813	7.93	1.27	0.14	0.52	0.61	1.54	5.12	17.05	36.61	28.34	8.33	1.50	0.25	20
2019.....	28,450	8.04	1.29	0.12	0.44	0.74	1.58	5.17	16.94	36.76	28.34	8.16	1.55	0.21	18
2018.....	29,092	8.00	1.35	0.12	0.45	0.78	1.59	5.07	16.91	36.65	28.06	8.59	1.55	0.24	25
2017.....	29,957	8.25	1.41	0.15	0.49	0.77	1.72	5.12	16.91	35.90	28.45	8.68	1.59	0.23	26
2016.....	31,452	7.77	1.39	0.12	0.53	0.73	1.54	4.85	16.40	36.61	28.82	8.61	1.50	0.28	23
Asian:															
2024.....	226,860	9.55	1.20	0.11	0.42	0.67	1.66	6.69	26.02	41.69	19.06	3.29	0.34	0.04	119
2023.....	215,738	9.44	1.14	0.09	0.41	0.64	1.70	6.59	25.85	41.73	19.24	3.37	0.33	0.05	108
2022.....	218,994	9.39	1.14	0.09	0.37	0.67	1.69	6.57	25.72	41.73	19.39	3.37	0.37	0.04	120
2021.....	213,813	9.24	1.17	0.10	0.41	0.67	1.67	6.40	25.35	41.84	19.65	3.49	0.39	0.04	136
2020.....	219,068	8.54	1.03	0.08	0.36	0.59	1.54	5.96	25.17	42.36	19.98	3.53	0.37	0.05	91
2019.....	238,769	8.67	1.09	0.10	0.38	0.61	1.54	6.05	24.59	42.38	20.31	3.61	0.40	0.05	176
2018.....	240,798	8.58	1.11	0.10	0.37	0.63	1.54	5.94	24.44	42.23	20.61	3.68	0.41	0.05	101
2017.....	249,250	8.52	1.13	0.10	0.40	0.64	1.57	5.82	24.26	42.45	20.59	3.72	0.41	0.05	119
2016.....	254,471	8.43	1.09	0.09	0.37	0.63	1.50	5.84	24.12	42.42	20.74	3.79	0.43	0.05	236

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Table 11. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2024, and age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Birthweight (grams) ¹														Not stated
	All births	Low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500–999	1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more	
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.	Number	Percent													Number
Black:															
2024	473,377	15.01	2.83	0.34	1.12	1.37	2.93	9.25	26.49	37.10	17.46	3.40	0.47	0.07	505
2023	491,494	14.80	2.86	0.34	1.12	1.40	2.87	9.07	26.48	37.27	17.51	3.45	0.44	0.06	491
2022	511,439	14.75	2.89	0.34	1.15	1.40	2.85	9.01	26.40	37.23	17.57	3.52	0.47	0.06	528
2021	517,889	14.66	2.91	0.32	1.15	1.44	2.91	8.84	26.08	37.38	17.74	3.58	0.49	0.06	580
2020	529,811	14.19	2.86	0.34	1.13	1.39	2.79	8.53	25.90	37.60	18.14	3.61	0.49	0.07	569
2019	548,075	14.15	2.94	0.36	1.15	1.43	2.79	8.43	25.75	37.96	18.01	3.59	0.47	0.06	688
2018	552,029	14.07	2.92	0.35	1.16	1.41	2.79	8.35	25.44	37.90	18.33	3.68	0.51	0.07	571
2017	560,715	13.89	2.95	0.36	1.18	1.41	2.72	8.22	25.44	37.96	18.37	3.76	0.51	0.07	642
2016	558,622	13.68	2.95	0.37	1.20	1.38	2.67	8.06	25.38	38.24	18.42	3.69	0.52	0.07	936
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:															
2024	10,375	9.49	1.62	0.11	0.61	0.91	1.96	5.91	19.71	37.99	24.58	6.85	1.16	0.22	2
2023	10,115	9.34	1.55	0.17	0.59	0.79	1.69	6.09	19.95	37.73	24.32	6.99	1.39	0.27	6
2022	10,122	8.51	1.46	0.17	0.43	0.86	1.59	5.46	19.95	37.64	25.43	7.08	1.08	0.32	7
2021	9,531	9.29	1.69	0.13	0.71	0.85	1.76	5.84	19.15	36.96	25.01	7.61	1.70	0.26	8
2020	9,626	8.44	1.49	0.15	0.44	0.90	1.63	5.32	18.45	38.40	25.81	7.14	1.38	0.37	8
2019	9,770	7.56	1.33	0.17	0.51	0.65	1.46	4.78	20.08	37.70	25.34	7.62	1.51	0.18	11
2018	9,476	8.97	1.48	0.13	0.58	0.77	1.73	5.76	19.15	36.83	25.55	7.71	1.56	0.22	9
2017	9,426	7.74	1.15	0.13	0.41	0.61	1.72	4.87	18.77	36.90	26.61	8.06	1.66	0.27	6
2016	9,342	7.67	1.47	0.11	0.59	0.77	1.60	4.61	18.51	37.15	26.37	8.31	1.57	0.41	7
White:															
2024	1,783,156	6.97	0.99	0.09	0.33	0.56	1.37	4.61	16.85	38.35	29.03	7.70	1.01	0.10	1,115
2023	1,787,051	7.04	1.00	0.08	0.34	0.58	1.38	4.66	16.85	38.43	28.91	7.67	1.01	0.10	1,069
2022	1,840,739	7.12	1.01	0.08	0.34	0.59	1.41	4.70	16.84	38.38	28.91	7.65	0.99	0.10	1,125
2021	1,887,656	7.03	1.02	0.08	0.35	0.59	1.41	4.60	16.52	38.18	29.21	7.89	1.07	0.11	1,313
2020	1,843,432	6.84	0.99	0.08	0.34	0.56	1.35	4.50	16.37	38.18	29.46	7.96	1.07	0.12	1,144
2019	1,915,912	6.89	1.02	0.08	0.35	0.59	1.39	4.49	16.35	38.24	29.37	7.96	1.08	0.11	1,550
2018	1,956,413	6.91	1.02	0.09	0.34	0.58	1.38	4.52	16.01	37.80	29.74	8.25	1.16	0.12	1,259
2017	1,992,461	7.00	1.05	0.09	0.36	0.60	1.40	4.54	16.05	37.68	29.70	8.28	1.17	0.12	1,211
2016	2,056,332	6.97	1.07	0.09	0.37	0.61	1.39	4.51	15.88	37.59	29.82	8.39	1.21	0.12	2,212

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Table 11. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2024, and age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Birthweight (grams) ¹														
	All births	Low birthweight													
		Very low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500–999	1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more	Not stated
Hispanic ⁴	Number	Percent													Number
2024.....	984,092	7.85	1.23	0.12	0.45	0.65	1.47	5.15	20.35	40.98	24.62	5.44	0.68	0.09	546
2023.....	945,200	7.92	1.26	0.13	0.47	0.66	1.52	5.14	20.19	40.84	24.79	5.47	0.70	0.09	493
2022.....	937,421	7.87	1.24	0.12	0.45	0.67	1.51	5.12	20.15	40.66	24.93	5.54	0.75	0.10	479
2021.....	885,916	7.82	1.28	0.12	0.47	0.69	1.52	5.02	19.55	40.58	25.35	5.82	0.78	0.10	594
2020.....	866,713	7.40	1.19	0.12	0.45	0.63	1.43	4.77	19.41	40.63	25.74	5.92	0.79	0.11	436
2019.....	886,467	7.55	1.27	0.12	0.47	0.68	1.45	4.83	19.23	40.83	25.62	5.89	0.78	0.10	575
2018.....	886,210	7.49	1.24	0.12	0.46	0.66	1.43	4.81	19.01	40.64	25.90	6.02	0.83	0.11	381
2017.....	898,764	7.43	1.26	0.13	0.47	0.66	1.42	4.76	18.86	40.76	25.95	6.02	0.85	0.11	428
2016.....	918,447	7.32	1.24	0.13	0.46	0.65	1.41	4.68	18.76	40.79	26.06	6.10	0.85	0.12	556
All races and origins ²	Number														
2024.....	3,628,934	308,966	48,133	4,880	17,485	25,768	59,409	201,424	716,476	1,418,311	925,370	224,308	29,198	3,312	2,993
2023.....	3,596,017	308,263	48,832	4,780	17,826	26,226	59,591	199,840	708,655	1,404,466	916,755	222,852	28,842	3,269	2,915
2022.....	3,667,758	315,288	49,871	4,879	18,087	26,905	61,182	204,235	721,299	1,429,131	937,571	228,179	29,923	3,377	2,990
2021.....	3,664,292	311,932	50,551	4,629	18,512	27,410	61,585	199,796	704,766	1,422,368	949,323	236,987	31,964	3,621	3,331
2020.....	3,613,647	297,604	48,326	4,790	17,805	25,731	58,162	191,116	691,557	1,405,907	945,295	235,023	31,500	3,784	2,977
2019.....	3,747,540	311,245	51,733	5,189	18,839	27,705	61,205	198,307	713,859	1,462,658	976,609	243,153	32,694	3,654	3,668
2018.....	3,791,712	313,752	52,171	5,303	18,970	27,898	61,509	200,072	710,444	1,468,639	1,001,803	254,704	35,435	4,003	2,932
2017.....	3,855,500	318,873	54,135	5,470	19,979	28,686	62,605	202,133	721,165	1,493,081	1,018,613	260,042	36,493	4,231	3,002
2016.....	3,945,875	321,839	55,110	5,710	20,323	29,077	62,863	203,866	730,710	1,527,707	1,048,476	269,865	38,264	4,496	4,518
2015.....	3,978,497	320,869	55,592	5,863	20,689	29,040	62,862	202,415	729,673	1,544,024	1,062,456	274,404	38,796	4,654	3,621
2014.....	3,988,076	318,847	55,947	5,936	20,721	29,290	61,992	200,908	727,987	1,546,274	1,071,007	276,592	39,353	4,746	3,270
2013.....	3,932,181	315,099	55,458	5,945	20,866	28,647	61,238	198,403	715,764	1,529,258	1,054,767	269,594	38,834	4,413	4,452
2012.....	3,952,841	315,709	56,252	5,947	21,432	28,873	61,499	197,958	721,840	1,540,161	1,058,604	269,581	38,288	4,650	4,008
2011.....	3,953,590	319,711	56,754	5,942	21,289	29,523	62,504	200,453	728,201	1,545,355	1,048,902	265,040	37,475	4,336	4,570
2010.....	3,999,386	325,563	57,841	5,980	22,015	29,846	63,427	204,295	744,181	1,566,755	1,055,004	262,997	36,706	4,216	3,964
Non-Hispanic, single race ³															
American Indian and Alaska Native:															
2024.....	24,021	2,167	346	29	123	194	461	1,360	4,288	8,950	6,450	1,818	283	44	21
2023.....	24,571	2,124	339	29	124	186	421	1,364	4,468	8,956	6,633	2,009	297	61	23
2022.....	25,721	2,262	385	40	143	202	467	1,410	4,587	9,457	6,995	1,999	346	54	21
2021.....	26,124	2,117	329	29	126	174	453	1,335	4,634	9,583	7,138	2,232	328	73	19
2020.....	26,813	2,125	340	38	138	164	413	1,372	4,567	9,809	7,592	2,233	401	66	20
2019.....	28,450	2,286	366	33	124	209	449	1,471	4,816	10,451	8,057	2,321	442	59	18
2018.....	29,092	2,326	392	34	132	226	461	1,473	4,915	10,652	8,155	2,497	451	71	25
2017.....	29,957	2,469	421	44	148	229	515	1,533	5,060	10,744	8,515	2,599	476	68	26
2016.....	31,452	2,442	436	39	166	231	483	1,523	5,155	11,507	9,058	2,706	473	88	23

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Table 11. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2024, and age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Birthweight (grams) ¹														Not stated		
	All births	Low birthweight															
		Very low birthweight						1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499		4,500–4,999	5,000 or more
		Total under 2,500	Total under 1,500	Less than 500	500–999	Number											
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.																	
Asian:																	
2024	226,860	21,656	2,722	243	954	1,525	3,756	15,178	59,009	94,518	43,224	7,468	770	96	119		
2023	215,738	20,355	2,466	184	894	1,388	3,673	14,216	55,732	89,988	41,482	7,256	713	104	108		
2022	218,994	20,559	2,493	205	815	1,473	3,693	14,373	56,284	91,332	42,429	7,383	806	81	120		
2021	213,813	19,739	2,510	217	868	1,425	3,562	13,667	54,162	89,392	41,994	7,457	839	94	136		
2020	219,068	18,698	2,258	179	794	1,285	3,381	13,059	55,114	92,758	43,741	7,739	820	107	91		
2019	238,769	20,692	2,589	235	900	1,454	3,678	14,425	58,670	101,110	48,459	8,604	950	108	176		
2018	240,798	20,654	2,662	242	898	1,522	3,697	14,295	58,817	101,651	49,617	8,849	978	131	101		
2017	249,250	21,222	2,815	244	988	1,583	3,920	14,487	60,439	105,768	51,296	9,275	1,014	117	119		
2016	254,471	21,437	2,777	240	928	1,609	3,821	14,839	61,329	107,857	52,739	9,645	1,093	135	236		
Black:																	
2024	473,377	70,984	13,368	1,610	5,283	6,475	13,865	43,751	125,265	175,443	82,569	16,084	2,201	326	505		
2023	491,494	72,673	14,048	1,654	5,500	6,894	14,072	44,553	130,032	182,975	85,981	16,919	2,138	285	491		
2022	511,439	75,359	14,774	1,723	5,892	7,159	14,557	46,028	134,893	190,192	89,775	17,984	2,387	321	528		
2021	517,889	75,837	15,036	1,639	5,958	7,439	15,068	45,733	134,892	193,393	91,772	18,543	2,540	332	580		
2020	529,811	75,085	15,146	1,806	5,985	7,355	14,785	45,154	137,053	198,979	96,025	19,101	2,618	381	569		
2019	548,075	77,475	16,089	1,954	6,315	7,820	15,261	46,125	140,963	207,795	98,585	19,641	2,593	335	688		
2018	552,029	77,584	16,127	1,941	6,406	7,780	15,411	46,046	140,295	209,028	101,089	20,285	2,806	371	571		
2017	560,715	77,815	16,544	2,024	6,597	7,923	15,228	46,043	142,459	212,599	102,878	21,065	2,854	403	642		
2016	558,622	76,299	16,465	2,083	6,675	7,707	14,885	44,949	141,557	213,260	102,702	20,571	2,880	417	936		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:																	
2024	10,375	984	168	11	63	94	203	613	2,044	3,941	2,550	711	120	23	2		
2023	10,115	944	157	17	60	80	171	616	2,017	3,814	2,459	707	141	27	6		
2022	10,122	861	148	17	44	87	161	552	2,018	3,807	2,572	716	109	32	7		
2021	9,531	885	161	12	68	81	168	556	1,824	3,520	2,382	725	162	25	8		
2020	9,626	812	143	14	42	87	157	512	1,775	3,693	2,482	687	133	36	8		
2019	9,770	738	130	17	50	63	142	466	1,960	3,679	2,473	744	147	18	11		
2018	9,476	849	140	12	55	73	164	545	1,813	3,487	2,419	730	148	21	9		
2017	9,426	729	108	12	39	57	162	459	1,768	3,476	2,507	759	156	25	6		
2016	9,342	716	137	10	55	72	149	430	1,728	3,468	2,462	776	147	38	7		

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Table 11. Births, by birthweight: United States, 2010–2024, and age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin of mother and year	Birthweight (grams) ¹														
	All births	Low birthweight													
		Total under 2,500	Total under 1,500	Very low birthweight		1,000–1,499	1,500–1,999	2,000–2,499	2,500–2,999	3,000–3,499	3,500–3,999	4,000–4,499	4,500–4,999	5,000 or more	Not stated
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.															
Number															
White:															
2024	1,783,156	124,145	17,559	1,553	5,941	10,065	24,346	82,240	300,233	683,397	517,241	137,153	18,061	1,811	1,115
2023	1,787,051	125,668	17,914	1,436	6,072	10,406	24,610	83,144	300,962	686,320	516,300	136,914	17,980	1,838	1,069
2022	1,840,739	130,976	18,565	1,521	6,266	10,778	25,879	86,532	309,819	706,130	531,886	140,719	18,242	1,842	1,125
2021	1,887,656	132,551	19,157	1,471	6,589	11,097	26,587	86,807	311,569	720,236	550,917	148,810	20,181	2,079	1,313
2020	1,843,432	126,034	18,182	1,521	6,263	10,398	24,881	82,971	301,674	703,331	542,775	146,626	19,719	2,129	1,144
2019	1,915,912	131,959	19,443	1,587	6,643	11,213	26,572	85,944	312,909	732,022	562,273	152,340	20,720	2,139	1,550
2018	1,956,413	135,185	19,872	1,721	6,719	11,432	26,964	88,349	313,105	739,031	581,499	161,395	22,645	2,294	1,259
2017	1,992,461	139,358	20,981	1,752	7,233	11,996	27,968	90,409	319,523	750,331	591,376	164,898	23,299	2,465	1,211
2016	2,056,332	143,254	21,979	1,888	7,565	12,526	28,578	92,697	326,279	772,165	612,641	172,434	24,781	2,566	2,212
Hispanic ⁴															
2024	984,092	77,175	12,055	1,195	4,464	6,396	14,488	50,632	200,159	403,008	242,125	53,477	6,716	886	546
2023	945,200	74,860	11,932	1,216	4,486	6,230	14,335	48,593	190,745	385,797	234,159	51,672	6,633	841	493
2022	937,421	73,767	11,622	1,121	4,262	6,239	14,180	47,965	188,801	380,957	233,558	51,942	7,016	901	479
2021	885,916	69,238	11,336	1,024	4,179	6,133	13,471	44,431	173,097	359,282	224,461	51,483	6,866	895	594
2020	866,713	64,092	10,344	998	3,890	5,456	12,394	41,354	168,111	351,994	223,005	51,290	6,857	928	436
2019	886,467	66,912	11,223	1,105	4,135	5,983	12,869	42,820	170,366	361,725	226,969	52,185	6,880	855	575
2018	886,210	66,310	11,006	1,084	4,040	5,882	12,706	42,598	168,418	359,966	229,450	53,359	7,358	968	381
2017	898,764	66,766	11,275	1,137	4,229	5,909	12,772	42,719	169,467	366,198	233,157	54,096	7,631	1,021	428
2016	918,447	67,210	11,378	1,175	4,237	5,966	12,910	42,922	172,171	374,434	239,210	55,983	7,770	1,113	556

¹Equivalents of gram weights in pounds and ounces are shown in the User Guide; see reference 8 in this report.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

³Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Table 12. Twin, triplet, and higher-order multiple births: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Total	Twin	Triplet and higher order ¹	Multiple birth rate	Twin birth rate	Triplet and higher-order birth rate ¹
All races and origins ²		Number		Rate per 1,000		Rate per 100,000
2024.....	3,628,934	109,195	2,588	30.8	30.1	71.3
2023.....	3,596,017	110,393	2,653	31.4	30.7	73.8
2022.....	3,667,758	114,483	2,895	32.0	31.2	78.9
2021.....	3,664,292	114,161	2,933	32.0	31.2	80.0
2020.....	3,613,647	112,437	2,875	31.9	31.1	79.6
2019.....	3,747,540	120,291	3,286	33.0	32.1	87.7
2018.....	3,791,712	123,536	3,525	33.5	32.6	93.0
2017.....	3,855,500	128,310	3,917	34.3	33.3	101.6
2016.....	3,945,875	131,723	4,003	34.4	33.4	101.4
2015.....	3,978,497	133,155	4,123	34.5	33.5	103.6
2014.....	3,988,076	135,336	4,526	35.1	33.9	113.5
2013.....	3,932,181	132,324	4,700	34.8	33.7	119.5
2012.....	3,952,841	131,024	4,919	34.4	33.1	124.4
2011.....	3,953,590	131,269	5,417	34.6	33.2	137.0
2010.....	3,999,386	132,562	5,503	34.5	33.1	137.6
Non-Hispanic, single race ³						
American Indian and Alaska Native:						
2024.....	24,021	628	20	27.0	26.1	83.3
2023.....	24,571	668	*	27.3	27.2	*
2022.....	25,721	682	15	27.1	26.5	58.3
2021.....	26,124	713	*	27.4	27.3	*
2020.....	26,813	620	*	23.4	23.1	*
2019.....	28,450	698	13	25.0	24.5	45.7
2018.....	29,092	760	*	26.3	26.1	*
2017.....	29,957	802	11	27.1	26.8	36.7
2016.....	31,452	888	*	28.4	28.2	*
Asian:						
2024.....	226,860	5,294	117	23.9	23.3	51.6
2023.....	215,738	5,300	110	25.1	24.6	51.0
2022.....	218,994	5,177	110	24.1	23.6	50.2
2021.....	213,813	4,985	90	23.7	23.3	42.1
2020.....	219,068	5,159	100	24.0	23.5	45.6
2019.....	238,769	6,567	123	28.0	27.5	51.5
2018.....	240,798	6,784	142	28.8	28.2	59.0
2017.....	249,250	7,216	150	29.6	29.0	60.2
2016.....	254,471	7,779	189	31.3	30.6	74.3
Black:						
2024.....	473,377	19,874	522	43.1	42.0	110.3
2023.....	491,494	20,347	535	42.5	41.4	108.9
2022.....	511,439	21,163	556	42.5	41.4	108.7
2021.....	517,889	21,047	424	41.5	40.6	81.9
2020.....	529,811	21,554	521	41.7	40.7	98.3
2019.....	548,075	22,397	589	41.9	40.9	107.5
2018.....	552,029	22,502	658	42.0	40.8	119.2
2017.....	560,715	22,982	671	42.2	41.0	119.7
2016.....	558,622	22,267	628	41.0	39.9	112.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander:						
2024.....	10,375	254	*	24.8	24.5	*
2023.....	10,115	270	*	27.0	26.7	*
2022.....	10,122	232	*	22.9	22.9	*
2021.....	9,531	238	*	25.0	25.0	*
2020.....	9,626	253	*	26.9	26.3	*
2019.....	9,770	239	*	24.5	24.5	*
2018.....	9,476	250	15	28.0	26.4	158.3
2017.....	9,426	237	*	25.5	25.1	*
2016.....	9,342	228	*	24.7	24.4	*

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Twin, triplet, and higher-order multiple births: United States, 2010–2024, and by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2016–2024—Con.

Race and Hispanic origin and year	Total	Twin	Triplet and higher order ¹	Multiple birth rate	Twin birth rate	Triplet and higher-order birth rate ¹
Non-Hispanic, single race ³ —Con.	Number		Rate per 1,000		Rate per 100,000	
White:						
2024.....	1,783,156	55,792	1,349	32.0	31.3	75.7
2023.....	1,787,051	56,648	1,360	32.5	31.7	76.1
2022.....	1,840,739	59,969	1,549	33.4	32.6	84.2
2021.....	1,887,656	61,438	1,762	33.5	32.5	93.3
2020.....	1,843,432	60,082	1,664	33.5	32.6	90.3
2019.....	1,915,912	64,011	1,865	34.4	33.4	97.3
2018.....	1,956,413	67,203	1,996	35.4	34.4	102.0
2017.....	1,992,461	70,704	2,324	36.7	35.5	116.6
2016.....	2,056,332	73,425	2,502	36.9	35.7	121.7
Hispanic⁴						
2024.....	984,092	23,076	485	23.9	23.4	49.3
2023.....	945,200	22,954	535	24.9	24.3	56.6
2022.....	937,421	22,992	575	25.1	24.5	61.3
2021.....	885,916	21,401	554	24.8	24.2	62.5
2020.....	866,713	20,709	488	24.5	23.9	56.3
2019.....	886,467	21,811	590	25.3	24.6	66.6
2018.....	886,210	21,654	573	25.1	24.4	64.7
2017.....	898,764	22,041	614	25.2	24.5	68.3
2016.....	918,447	22,625	538	25.2	24.6	58.6

* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

¹Triplet, quadruplet, quintuplet, and higher-order multiple deliveries.

²Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

³Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes in this report. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

⁴Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.

Technical Notes

Data source

Data shown in this report for 2024 are based on 100% of the birth certificates filed in all states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). The data are provided to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Information on the percentage of records with missing information for maternal and infant characteristics included in this report is shown by state in the “User Guide to the 2024 Natality Public Use File” (8); methodological and measurement information for these characteristics is also available in the 2024 User Guide.

2003 revision of U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth

Data for 2016–2024 presented in this report are based on the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth; data for 2010–2015 are based on both the 1989 and 2003 birth certificate revisions. The 2003 revision is described in detail elsewhere (12,24).

Age of mother

Age of mother is computed in most cases from the mother’s and infant’s dates of birth as reported on the birth certificate. Since 2007, age of mother has been imputed for age 8 and younger and age 65 and older. Mothers age 9 are recoded as age 10. A review and verification of unedited data for several years including 2007 showed that most births reported as occurring to women age 50 and older were to women ages 50–54. In this report, the final age group shown in the tables (40–54, 45–49, 45–54, or 50–54) includes births to mothers up to age 64. For detailed and historical information on mother’s age, see the 2024 User Guide (8).

Marital status

Due to state statutory restrictions, beginning in 2017, California no longer provides record-level data on the marital status of the mother for births occurring in, or to residents of, the state. California instead provides to NCHS counts of births by marital status category (married, unmarried, and unknown) by age and race and Hispanic origin of the mother, according to the age and race and Hispanic-origin categories shown in this report. For consistency with procedures for handling missing information for other jurisdictions, California’s counts of birth by marital status were redistributed (proportionately) to the same maternal age, race, and marital status subgroups in the data set to obtain the national estimates by marital status. This approach is consistent with hot-deck procedures used for non-California records to impute missing information for age, race, and marital status based on records for which these characteristics are known.

Hispanic origin and race

Hispanic origin

Hispanic origin and race are reported separately on the birth certificate. Data are shown in most cases for five specified Hispanic groups: Central and South American, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, and Puerto Rican, as well as other and unknown Hispanic. Before 2018, data for the Dominican subgroup had been included in the category of other and unknown Hispanic. In tabulations of birth data by race and Hispanic origin, data for people of Hispanic origin are not further classified by race because most births to Hispanic women are reported as White. Starting with 2023, data for Central and South American no longer include Latin American, which has been moved to other and unknown Hispanic to conform with the U.S. Census Bureau (8).

Items asking for the Hispanic origin of the mother (and the father) have been included on the birth certificates of all states, D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam since 1993, and on the birth certificates of Puerto Rico starting in 2005 and Northern Mariana Islands (Northern Marianas) starting in 2010 (8,13). American Samoa does not collect information on Hispanic origin.

The Hispanic-origin question on the 2003 revision of the birth certificate asks respondents to select only one response. Occasionally, however, more than one Hispanic-origin response is given (that is, a specified Hispanic group [Central and South American, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, or Puerto Rican] in combination with one or more other specified Hispanic groups). From 2003 to 2012, respondents who selected more than one Hispanic origin on the birth certificate were classified as “other Hispanic.” Beginning with the 2013 data year, respondents who select more than one Hispanic origin are randomly assigned to a single Hispanic origin. This change was implemented to be consistent with the coding methods of the American Community Survey (ACS) (25), on which the rates for the specified Hispanic groups from 2020 are based (see “Population estimates for specific Hispanic groups”).

Race

This report presents data on race and Hispanic origin based on the 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards (14). The 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth allows the reporting of five race categories either alone (single race) or in combination (more than one race or multiple races) for each parent (11), according to the revised standards issued by OMB in 1997 (14). The five categories for race specified in the revised standards are: American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and White; see the 2024 User Guide (8).

Beginning in 2016, all states and D.C., in addition to Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Northern Marianas, were reporting race according to the 1997 revised OMB standards; American Samoa began reporting in 2019. A total of 3.0% of mothers in the United States reported more than one race in 2024 (8). Before 2016, the multiple-race reporting states varied

widely, increasing from 6 states in 2003 to all 50 states, D.C., and all territories except American Samoa in 2016.

Gestational age

Beginning with the 2014 data year, NCHS transitioned to a new standard for estimating the gestational age of the newborn. The new measure—the obstetric estimate of gestation at delivery—replaces the measure based on the date of the last normal menses (22). National data based on the obstetric estimate are available only from data year 2007 forward. Gestational age estimates differ somewhat between the obstetric estimate- and last normal menses-based measures. Accordingly, gestational age data in this report are based on the obstetric estimate. Information and discussion of the reasons for the change, and a detailed comparison of the two measures, are presented elsewhere (22).

Computations of rates, percentages, percent distributions, and means

For information and discussion on computations of rates, percentages, percent distributions, and means, see the 2024 User Guide (8). Births for which a particular characteristic is unknown were subtracted from the counts for total births used as denominators before percentages, percentage distributions, and means were computed. The mean age of mother is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of births by age of mother.

Population denominators

The birth and fertility rates for 2024 shown in [Tables A, 1, 2, and 6](#) are estimated as of July 1, 2024, based on the blended base population estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau instead of the April 1, 2020, decennial population count. The blended base consists of the blend of 2020 census data, 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates, and Vintage 2020 estimates (26,27). These populations are shown in the 2024 User Guide (8). The population estimates provided by the Census Bureau (28) are presented by age, sex, and race. The race categories are consistent with the revised 1997 OMB standards (14). See also the 2024 User Guide for information on population counts for the U.S. territories.

The birth and fertility rates by state shown in [Table 6](#) are based on state population counts, which are based on the blended base population estimates provided by the Census Bureau (28). Birth and fertility rates for the territories except Puerto Rico shown in [Table 6](#) are based on population estimates provided by the Census Bureau's International Database (29). Rates for Puerto Rico are based on estimates developed from a base that integrates the 2020 census data and Vintage 2020 estimates, as of July 1, 2024, and are provided by the Census Bureau (30).

Rates by state and territory shown in this report may differ from rates computed based on other population estimates; rates for smaller population subgroups, such as those for

teen mothers, may be particularly affected by differences in population estimates. For 2023, rates for unmarried women shown in [Tables 10 and 11](#) are based on distributions of the population by marital status averaged over a 2-year period for 2023–2024. These distributions were reported by the Census Bureau in the March Current Population Survey (CPS) for each year (31,32) and have been adjusted to July 1, 2024, (blended base) population levels (28) by NCHS' Division of Vital Statistics (33).

The population distributions by marital status are based on a 2-year average (of the current and previous year) from 2023 to 2024 (13). For earlier years, rates for unmarried females are based on distributions of the population by marital status averaged over a 3-year period (33).

Birth and fertility rates for 2020 have been revised and may differ from those published in “Births: Final Data for 2020” and elsewhere (16). Previously published birth and fertility rates for 2020 were based on postcensal population estimates derived from the 2010 census. The revised rates shown in this report are based on population estimates consistent with the blended base as of April 1. When the intercensal population estimates for 2011–2019 based on the blended base population estimates become available, revised birth and fertility rates for 2011–2019 will be presented in a separate report.

Population estimates for specific Hispanic groups

The 2024 population estimates for the specific Hispanic population groups were not available when this report was being prepared (34). Accordingly, birth and fertility rates for these groups for 2024 are not shown in this report. Once available, birth and fertility rates for the specific Hispanic population groups will be published.

Presentation of counts, rates, and percentages

An asterisk (*) in the tables indicates that a count, rate, or percentage does not meet NCHS standards of reliability (35,36). Two separate criteria are used to determine if a count (number of events), rate, or proportion meets these standards (8).

Presentation of counts and rates

New criteria for showing counts and rates (based on a population denominator from a decennial census or postcensal or intercensal population estimate) were adopted by NCHS beginning with 2023 data (35). The number of births or a rate is shown depending on the count of births (by itself or as the numerator of the rate) and on the relative width of the confidence interval of the count, based on a gamma distribution. For rates based on population estimates from the CPS or ACS, a rate is shown depending on the count for the numerator and on the relative width of the confidence interval of the numerator of the rate based on a Student's *t* interval for the logarithm of the rate (with the variance estimated using a method supplied with CPS data). Rates published for data years before 2023 were represented by an asterisk when the

numerator was fewer than 20 births; the number of births was shown regardless of the count. For detailed information on the new criteria, see “National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Rates and Counts” (35).

Presentation of percentages

For proportions (or percentages), new criteria were adopted by NCHS beginning with 2017 data, and an additional criterion was added in 2023 (36). For 2017 and later, a proportion (percentage) was shown based on the denominator size and on the absolute or relative widths of the confidence interval of the proportion or percentage calculated using the Clopper–Pearson method. For the presentation criterion used before the 2017 data year, see the 2024 User Guide (8). Starting in 2023, proportions or percentages are represented with an asterisk when the number is fewer than 10 births. For detailed information on these criteria, see “National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions” (36).

Random variation and significance testing for natality data

For information and discussion on random variation and significance testing for natality data, see the 2010 User Guide (37).

For information and discussion on random variation and significance testing for birth and fertility rates for Central and South American, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and other Hispanic populations based on ACS population estimates, see the 2024 User Guide (8).

Definition of medical terms

For definition and discussion of medical and health items presented in this report, see “Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death” (38).

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