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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ALL RACES								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2001.....	65.3	26.0	21.3	11.0	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3
2000.....	65.9	26.5	21.4	11.0	4.2	1.6	0.9	0.3
1999.....	64.4	26.0	21.0	10.7	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1998.....	64.3	25.9	21.0	10.6	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1997.....	63.6	25.9	20.7	10.4	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3
1996.....	64.1	26.3	20.7	10.4	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3
1995.....	64.6	26.9	20.7	10.3	4.0	1.5	0.9	0.3
1994.....	65.9	27.1	21.2	10.6	4.1	1.6	0.9	0.3
1993.....	67.0	27.3	21.7	10.9	4.3	1.6	1.0	0.3
1992.....	68.4	27.6	22.2	11.2	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3
1991.....	69.3	28.2	22.3	11.4	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3
1990.....	70.9	29.0	22.8	11.7	4.5	1.7	1.0	0.3
1989.....	69.2	28.4	22.4	11.3	4.3	1.6	0.9	0.3
1988.....	67.3	27.6	22.0	10.9	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.3
1987.....	65.8	27.2	21.6	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.3
1986.....	65.4	27.2	21.6	10.3	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3
1985.....	66.3	27.6	22.0	10.4	3.8	1.4	0.8	0.3
1984(1).....	65.5	27.4	21.7	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3
1983(1).....	65.7	27.8	21.5	10.1	3.7	1.4	0.9	0.3
1982(1).....	67.3	28.6	22.0	10.2	3.8	1.4	0.9	0.3
1981(1).....	67.3	29.0	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.4
1980(1).....	68.4	29.5	21.8	10.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	0.4
1979(1).....	67.2	28.6	21.6	10.1	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1978(1).....	65.5	27.8	21.1	9.8	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.4
1977(1).....	66.8	28.2	21.6	10.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	0.5
1976(1).....	65.0	27.5	20.8	9.5	3.8	1.6	1.2	0.6
1975(1).....	66.0	28.1	20.9	9.4	3.9	1.7	1.3	0.7
1974(1).....	67.8	28.7	21.4	9.5	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.8
1973(1).....	68.8	28.6	21.0	9.8	4.5	2.2	1.8	0.9
1972(1).....	73.1	29.8	21.4	10.6	5.3	2.6	2.2	1.2
1971(2).....	81.6	32.0	23.1	12.5	6.4	3.3	2.8	1.5
1970(2).....	87.9	34.2	24.2	13.6	7.2	3.8	3.2	1.8

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1969(2).....	86.1	32.6	23.3	13.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	2.0
1968(2).....	85.2	31.9	22.4	13.1	7.5	4.2	3.9	2.3
1967(3).....	87.2	30.7	22.5	13.9	8.3	4.8	4.5	2.7
1966(2).....	90.8	30.9	22.4	14.7	9.1	5.4	5.2	3.1
1965(2).....	96.3	29.7	23.3	16.6	10.7	6.4	6.0	3.7
1964(2).....	104.7	30.3	25.1	18.7	12.2	7.3	6.9	4.1
1963(2).....	108.3	29.9	26.1	19.9	13.1	7.8	7.3	4.3
1962(2).....	112.0	29.9	26.9	21.0	13.8	8.2	7.6	4.5
1961(2).....	117.1	30.9	28.3	22.4	14.6	8.5	7.9	4.5
1960(2).....	118.0	31.1	29.2	22.8	14.6	8.3	7.6	4.3
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955.....	118.3	32.8	31.8	23.1	13.3	7.2	6.4	3.8
1950.....	106.2	33.3	32.1	18.4	9.2	4.8	4.7	3.6
1945.....	85.9	28.9	22.9	13.4	7.5	4.5	4.8	4.0
1940.....	79.9	29.3	20.0	10.9	6.4	4.1	4.8	4.3
WHITE								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2001.....	65.0	25.9	21.6	11.0	4.1	1.4	0.8	0.2
2000.....	65.3	26.3	21.5	11.0	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1999.....	64.0	25.9	21.2	10.6	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2
1998.....	63.6	25.7	21.2	10.5	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2
1997.....	62.8	25.7	20.8	10.2	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1996.....	63.3	26.2	20.9	10.2	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1995.....	63.6	26.6	20.9	10.2	3.7	1.3	0.7	0.2
1994.....	64.2	26.7	21.2	10.3	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1993.....	64.9	26.8	21.5	10.4	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.2
1992.....	66.1	27.1	21.9	10.7	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1991.....	66.7	27.7	21.9	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1990.....	68.3	28.4	22.4	11.1	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2
1989.....	66.4	27.6	21.9	10.7	3.8	1.3	0.7	0.2
1988.....	64.5	26.8	21.6	10.4	3.6	1.2	0.7	0.2

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
1987.....	63.3	26.5	21.3	10.0	3.5	1.2	0.7	0.2
1986.....	63.1	26.6	21.3	9.8	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1985.....	64.1	27.0	21.8	9.9	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1984(1).....	63.2	26.8	21.4	9.6	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1983(1).....	63.4	27.2	21.2	9.5	3.3	1.2	0.7	0.2
1982(1).....	64.8	28.0	21.6	9.6	3.4	1.2	0.7	0.3
1981(1).....	64.8	28.4	21.1	9.5	3.4	1.2	0.8	0.3
1980(1).....	65.6	28.8	21.3	9.6	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
Race of child								
1980(1).....	64.7	28.4	21.0	9.5	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1979(1).....	63.4	27.4	20.8	9.4	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.3
1978(1).....	61.7	26.6	20.2	9.2	3.3	1.3	0.8	0.3
1977(1).....	63.2	26.9	20.9	9.4	3.4	1.4	0.9	0.4
1976(1).....	61.5	26.3	20.2	8.9	3.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1975(1).....	62.5	26.7	20.3	8.8	3.5	1.5	1.1	0.5
1974(1).....	64.2	27.2	20.8	9.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1973(1).....	64.9	27.0	20.4	9.2	4.1	1.9	1.5	0.7
1972(1).....	68.9	28.1	20.9	10.1	4.9	2.3	1.8	0.8
1971(2).....	77.3	30.5	22.5	12.0	6.0	3.0	2.3	1.0
1970(2).....	84.1	32.9	23.7	13.3	6.8	3.4	2.7	1.2
1969(2).....	82.2	31.4	22.9	13.1	7.0	3.6	2.9	1.4
1968(2).....	81.3	30.8	22.0	12.8	7.1	3.8	3.2	1.6
1967(3).....	82.8	29.6	22.1	13.5	7.8	4.3	3.7	1.8
1966(2).....	86.2	30.0	21.9	14.3	8.6	4.9	4.3	2.1
1965(2).....	91.3	28.9	22.9	16.2	10.1	5.8	5.0	2.4
1964(2).....	99.8	29.8	24.8	18.4	11.7	6.7	5.7	2.7
1963(2,5).....	103.6	29.4	25.9	19.6	12.6	7.1	6.1	2.9
1962(2,5).....	107.5	29.6	26.8	20.8	13.3	7.5	6.3	3.0
1961(2).....	112.3	30.6	28.3	22.2	14.0	7.7	6.4	3.0
1960(2).....	113.2	30.8	29.2	22.7	14.1	7.5	6.1	2.8

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)								
1955.....	113.7	32.6	32.0	22.9	12.6	6.2	4.9	2.5
1950.....	102.3	33.3	32.3	17.9	8.4	4.1	3.7	2.5
1945.....	83.4	29.0	23.3	13.2	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.0
1940.....	77.1	29.4	20.0	10.5	5.9	3.6	4.1	3.5
BLACK								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2001.....	67.6	25.4	19.9	12.1	5.6	2.5	1.6	0.5
2000.....	70.0	26.2	20.8	12.5	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6
1999.....	68.5	25.9	20.4	12.1	5.5	2.4	1.6	0.5
1998.....	69.4	26.5	20.6	12.0	5.6	2.5	1.7	0.6
1997.....	69.0	26.7	20.2	11.8	5.5	2.5	1.7	0.6
1996.....	69.2	27.0	20.1	11.7	5.5	2.5	1.7	0.6
1995.....	71.0	28.2	20.4	11.8	5.6	2.6	1.8	0.6
1994.....	75.9	29.4	21.9	12.9	6.2	2.9	2.0	0.6
1993.....	79.6	29.8	23.1	14.0	6.8	3.1	2.1	0.6
1992.....	82.4	30.3	24.1	14.8	7.1	3.3	2.1	0.6
1991.....	84.8	31.3	24.9	15.3	7.3	3.3	2.1	0.6
1990.....	86.8	32.4	25.6	15.6	7.4	3.2	2.0	0.6
1989.....	86.2	32.9	25.4	15.3	7.1	3.0	1.9	0.6
1988.....	82.6	31.8	24.6	14.4	6.6	2.8	1.8	0.5
1987.....	80.1	31.2	23.8	13.9	6.3	2.7	1.7	0.5
1986.....	78.9	31.0	23.4	13.5	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1985.....	78.8	31.0	23.4	13.4	6.1	2.6	1.7	0.5
1984(1).....	78.1	30.9	23.0	13.2	6.0	2.6	1.7	0.6
1983(1).....	78.7	31.1	23.1	13.2	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.6
1982(1).....	80.9	31.7	23.9	13.8	6.3	2.7	1.8	0.7
1981(1).....	82.0	32.3	24.2	13.7	6.3	2.8	1.9	0.8
1980(1).....	84.9	33.7	24.7	14.0	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
Race of child								
1980(1).....	88.1	35.2	25.7	14.5	6.7	3.0	2.1	0.9
1979(1).....	88.3	35.3	25.8	14.4	6.6	3.0	2.2	1.0
1978(1).....	86.7	34.6	25.4	13.9	6.5	3.0	2.3	1.1
1977(1).....	88.1	35.6	25.5	13.6	6.4	3.1	2.4	1.4
1976(1).....	85.8	35.2	24.4	12.9	6.2	3.1	2.6	1.5
1975(1).....	87.9	36.9	24.2	12.6	6.3	3.2	2.9	1.9
1974(1).....	89.7	37.7	24.2	12.6	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.2
1973(1).....	93.6	38.9	24.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	3.9	2.8
1972(1).....	99.9	40.7	24.6	13.7	7.9	4.7	4.8	3.6
1971(2).....	109.7	41.7	26.6	15.5	9.2	5.7	6.2	4.8
1970(2).....	115.4	43.3	27.1	16.1	10.0	6.4	7.0	5.6
1969(2).....	112.1	41.2	25.4	15.4	9.9	6.6	7.4	6.3
1968(2).....	112.7	39.8	24.4	15.3	10.2	7.0	8.5	7.5
1967(3).....	118.5	38.0	25.3	16.5	11.4	8.1	10.1	9.1
1966(2).....	124.7	36.9	25.5	17.7	12.7	9.4	11.7	10.8
1965(2).....	133.2	35.6	26.1	19.3	14.5	10.9	14.0	12.7
1964(2).....	142.6	35.0	27.3	21.1	16.1	12.3	16.1	14.7
1961-1963.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1960(2).....	153.5	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6
AMERICAN INDIAN(6)								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2001.....	58.1	20.4	16.2	10.5	5.6	2.6	2.0	0.7
2000.....	58.7	20.6	16.5	10.4	5.6	2.9	2.1	0.7
1999.....	59.0	21.2	16.1	10.4	5.6	2.8	2.1	0.7
1998.....	61.3	21.6	16.8	10.9	5.8	3.0	2.4	0.7
1997.....	60.8	21.7	16.8	10.4	5.7	3.0	2.4	0.7
1996.....	61.8	22.4	16.6	10.7	6.0	3.1	2.3	0.7
1995.....	63.0	23.1	16.9	10.5	6.1	3.3	2.4	0.7
1994.....	65.8	23.6	17.1	11.6	6.5	3.6	2.7	0.8
1993.....	69.7	23.7	18.5	12.4	7.3	4.0	3.0	0.8
1992.....	73.1	23.9	19.4	13.4	8.0	4.3	3.2	1.0
1991.....	73.9	24.0	19.2	13.9	8.4	4.3	3.2	0.9

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2001.....	64.2	30.2	21.7	7.9	2.6	0.9	0.6	0.3
2000.....	65.8	30.6	22.4	8.1	2.6	0.9	0.6	0.3
1999.....	60.9	28.3	20.5	7.7	2.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
1998.....	60.1	27.7	20.1	7.8	2.6	0.9	0.7	0.4
1997.....	61.3	28.1	20.4	7.9	2.7	1.0	0.8	0.4
1996.....	62.3	28.1	20.9	8.0	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.5
1995.....	62.6	28.2	20.8	8.0	2.8	1.2	0.1	0.6
1994.....	63.9	28.5	21.0	8.4	3.0	1.3	1.1	0.7
1993.....	64.3	28.2	21.1	8.5	3.2	1.4	1.2	0.7
1992.....	66.1	29.0	21.4	8.9	3.3	1.5	1.3	0.7
1991.....	67.1	29.2	21.6	9.0	3.5	1.6	1.4	0.8

--- Data not available.

- (1) Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.
- (2) Based on a 50-percent sample of births.
- (3) Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.
- (4) For method of adjustment, see Technical Appendix.
- (5) Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see Technical Appendix.
- (6) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race; see Technical Appendix.