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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								
2002.....	64.8	25.8	21.1	10.9	4.3	1.5	0.9	0.3
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
1969(2).....	86.1	32.6	23.3	13.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	2.0

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
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								
2002.....	64.8	25.7	21.5	11.0	4.1	1.4	0.8	0.2
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
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
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	23.0	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

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
BLACK								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2002.....	65.8	24.8	19.2	11.7	5.5	2.4	1.6	0.5
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
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

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
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								
2002	58.0	20.4	16.2	10.4	5.6	2.8	2.0	0.7
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
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								
Registered Births								
Race of mother								
2002	64.1	30.1	22.0	7.8	2.5	0.9	0.5	0.2
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

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
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.