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Race of Mother												
Marital status reported/inferred (4)												
2002.....	1,365,966	904,461	528,535	404,864	395,538	381,466	34.0	28.5	23.0	68.2	68.4	43.5
2001.....	1,349,249	879,848	524,371	414,533	404,503	361,689	33.5	27.7	22.5	68.4	68.6	42.5
2000.....	1,347,043	866,355	521,686	426,649	415,152	348,173	33.2	27.1	22.1	68.5	68.7	42.7
1999.....	1,308,560	839,552	518,291	417,476	406,802	322,311	33.0	26.8	22.1	68.9	69.1	42.2
1998.....	1,293,567	821,441	517,153	421,383	410,977	305,442	32.8	26.3	21.9	69.1	69.3	41.6
1997.....	1,257,444	793,202	502,620	415,054	403,536	290,437	32.4	25.8	21.5	69.2	69.4	40.9
1996.....	1,260,306	795,432	508,157	415,213	404,575	285,501	32.4	25.7	21.5	69.8	70.0	40.7
1995.....	1,253,976	784,992	503,928	421,489	411,669	277,602	32.2	25.3	21.2	69.9	70.0	40.8
1994.....	1,289,592	794,261	508,000	448,315	437,532	286,469	32.6	25.4	20.8	70.4	70.7	43.1
1993.....	1,240,172	742,129	481,503	452,476	441,811	261,586	31.0	23.6	19.5	68.7	68.9	40.0
1992.....	1,224,876	721,986	468,739	458,969	449,351	251,737	30.1	22.6	18.5	68.1	68.3	39.1
1991.....	1,213,769	707,502	466,500	463,750	454,687	239,881	29.5	21.8	18.0	67.9	68.2	38.5
1990.....	1,165,384	669,698	443,012	455,304	441,634	218,515	28.0	20.4	16.9	66.5	66.7	36.7
1989.....	1,094,169	613,543	406,246	442,395	403,513	189,166	27.1	19.2	16.1	65.7	66.0	35.5
1988.....	1,005,299	557,394	---	413,157	---	---	25.7	18.0	---	64.7	---	---
1987.....	933,013	513,984	---	387,468	---	---	24.5	16.9	---	63.4	---	---
1986.....	878,477	480,533	---	369,786	---	---	23.4	15.9	---	62.4	---	---
1985.....	828,174	445,595	---	356,205	---	---	22.0	14.7	---	61.2	---	---
1984(5).....	770,355	403,022	---	342,524	---	---	21.0	13.6	---	60.3	---	---
1983(5).....	737,893	381,276	---	333,183	---	---	20.3	12.9	---	59.2	---	---
1982(5).....	715,227	365,647	---	327,998	---	---	19.4	12.3	---	57.7	---	---
1981(5).....	686,605	346,541	---	321,383	---	---	18.9	11.8	---	56.9	---	---
1980(5).....	665,747	328,984	---	318,799	---	---	18.4	11.2	---	56.1	---	---
Race of Child												
Marital status estimated (6)												
1980(5).....	643,400	294,200	---	327,000	---	---	17.8	10.2	---	55.5	---	---
1979(5).....	597,800	263,000	---	315,800	---	---	17.1	9.4	---	54.7	---	---

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1978(5).....	543,900	233,600	---	293,400	---	---	16.3	8.7	---	53.2	---	---
1977(5).....	515,700	220,100	---	281,600	---	---	15.5	8.2	---	51.7	---	---
1976(5).....	468,100	197,100	---	258,800	---	---	14.8	7.7	---	50.3	---	---
1975(5).....	447,900	186,400	---	249,600	---	---	14.3	7.3	---	48.8	---	---
1974(5).....	418,100	168,500	---	238,800	---	---	13.2	6.5	---	47.1	---	---
1973(5).....	407,300	163,000	---	234,500	---	---	13.0	6.4	---	45.8	---	---
1972(5).....	403,200	160,500	---	233,300	---	---	12.4	6.0	---	43.9	---	---
1971(7).....	401,400	163,800	---	229,000	---	---	11.3	5.6	---	40.5	---	---
1970(7).....	398,700	175,100	---	215,100	---	---	10.7	5.7	---	37.6	---	---
1969(7).....	360,800	163,700	---	189,400	---	---	10.0	5.5	---	34.9	---	---
1968(7).....	339,200	155,200	---	---	---	---	9.7	5.3	---	---	---	---
1967(8).....	318,100	142,200	---	---	---	---	9.0	4.9	---	---	---	---
1966(7).....	302,400	132,900	---	---	---	---	8.4	4.4	---	---	---	---
1965(7).....	291,200	123,700	---	---	---	---	7.7	4.0	---	---	---	---
1964(7).....	275,700	114,300	---	---	---	---	6.9	3.4	---	---	---	---
1963(7).....	259,400	104,600	---	---	---	---	6.3	3.0	---	---	---	---
1962(7).....	245,100	94,700	---	---	---	---	5.9	2.7	---	---	---	---
1961(7).....	240,200	91,100	---	---	---	---	5.6	2.5	---	---	---	---
1960(7).....	224,300	82,500	---	---	---	---	5.3	2.3	---	---	---	---
1959(7).....	220,600	79,600	---	---	---	---	5.2	2.2	---	---	---	---
1958(7).....	208,700	74,600	---	---	---	---	5.0	2.1	---	---	---	---
1957(7).....	201,700	70,800	---	---	---	---	4.7	2.0	---	---	---	---
1956(7).....	193,500	67,500	---	---	---	---	4.7	1.9	---	---	---	---
1955.....	183,300	64,200	---	---	---	---	4.5	1.9	---	---	---	---
1954(7).....	176,600	62,700	---	---	---	---	4.4	1.8	---	---	---	---
1953(7).....	160,800	56,600	---	---	---	---	4.1	1.7	---	---	---	---
1952(7).....	150,300	54,100	---	---	---	---	3.9	1.6	---	---	---	---
1951(7).....	146,500	52,600	---	---	---	---	3.9	1.6	---	---	---	---
1950.....	141,600	53,500	---	---	---	---	4.0	1.8	---	---	---	---
1949.....	133,200	53,500	---	---	---	---	3.7	1.7	---	---	---	---
1948.....	129,700	54,800	---	---	---	---	3.7	1.8	---	---	---	---
1947.....	131,900	60,500	---	---	---	---	3.6	1.9	---	---	---	---
1946.....	125,200	61,400	---	---	---	---	3.8	2.1	---	---	---	---
1945.....	117,400	56,400	---	---	---	---	4.3	2.4	---	---	---	---
1944.....	105,200	49,600	---	---	---	---	3.8	2.0	---	---	---	---

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1943.....	98,100	42,800	---	---	---	---	3.3	1.7	---	---	---	---
1942.....	95,500	42,000	---	---	---	---	3.4	1.7	---	---	---	---
1941.....	95,700	41,900	---	---	---	---	3.8	1.9	---	---	---	---
1940.....	89,500	40,300	---	---	---	---	3.8	2.0	---	---	---	---

--- Data not available.

(1) Includes races other than white and black and origin not stated.

(2) The number of States reporting Hispanic origin on the birth certificate was 48 and DC in 1990, 49 and DC in 1991-92, and 50 and DC in 1993 and later years; see Technical Appendix.

(3) Includes persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

(4) Data for States in which marital status was not reported have been inferred from other items on the birth certificate and included with data from the reporting States; see Technical Appendix.

(5) Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.

(6) Births to unmarried women are estimated for the United States from data for registration areas in which marital status of mother was reported; see Technical Appendix.

(7) Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

(8) Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. See Technical Appendix.