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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									
1994.....	66.7	27.5	21.5	10.7	4.2	1.6	1.0	0.3	
1993.....	67.6	27.5	21.9	11.0	4.3	1.6	1.0	0.3	
1992.....	68.9	27.8	22.3	11.3	4.4	1.7	1.0	0.3	
1991.....	69.6	28.3	22.4	11.4	4.5	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	
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	

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Year and race	Total	Live-birth order							
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
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									
1994.....	64.9	27.0	21.4	10.4	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.2	
1993.....	65.4	27.0	21.7	10.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	0.2	
1992.....	66.5	27.3	22.0	10.8	4.0	1.4	0.8	0.2	
1991.....	67.0	27.8	22.0	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	
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	

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
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	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	
ALL OTHER									
Registered Births									
Race of mother									
1994	74.5	29.6	22.0	12.1	5.7	2.6	1.9	0.6	
1993	77.3	29.7	22.9	13.0	6.2	2.8	2.0	0.7	
1992	79.5	30.1	23.6	13.7	6.5	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1991	81.5	30.9	24.2	14.1	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1990	83.2	31.7	24.7	14.4	6.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	
1989	82.7	32.0	24.6	14.2	6.5	2.9	1.9	0.6	
1988	80.3	31.3	24.1	13.6	6.2	2.7	1.8	0.6	
1987	77.8	30.6	23.3	13.1	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6	
1986	76.8	30.3	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6	
1985	77.3	30.5	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.7	0.6	
1984(1)	77.0	30.5	23.0	12.8	5.8	2.5	1.7	0.6	
1983(1)	77.9	30.9	23.2	12.9	5.9	2.6	1.8	0.6	
1982(1)	80.3	31.5	24.0	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.8	0.7	
1981(1)	81.1	32.0	24.2	13.4	6.1	2.7	1.9	0.8	
1980(1)	83.9	33.5	24.8	13.7	6.3	2.8	2.0	0.9	

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		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over	
Race of child									
1980 (1)	88.6	35.6	26.2	14.4	6.5	2.9	2.1	0.9	
1979 (1)	88.5	35.7	26.2	14.2	6.4	2.9	2.1	1.0	
1978 (1)	87.0	35.0	25.8	13.8	6.3	2.9	2.2	1.1	
1977 (1)	87.7	35.6	25.7	13.5	6.2	3.0	2.4	1.3	
1976 (1)	85.8	35.2	24.7	12.8	6.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	
1975 (1)	87.7	36.7	24.6	12.6	6.1	3.1	2.8	1.8	
1974 (1)	89.8	37.7	24.7	12.5	6.3	3.3	3.1	2.1	
1973 (1)	93.4	38.8	24.4	13.0	6.9	3.9	3.7	2.6	
1972 (1)	99.5	40.6	25.0	13.7	7.7	4.6	4.6	3.4	
1971 (2)	109.1	41.6	26.8	15.5	9.0	5.6	5.9	4.6	
1970 (2)	113.0	42.4	26.9	15.9	9.7	6.1	6.7	5.3	
1969 (2)	111.6	41.0	25.6	15.4	9.8	6.5	7.2	6.1	
1968 (2)	111.9	39.5	24.6	15.3	10.1	6.8	8.3	7.2	
1967 (3)	117.1	37.6	25.3	16.5	11.2	7.9	9.9	8.8	
1966 (2)	123.5	36.6	25.5	17.7	12.6	9.2	11.4	10.5	
1965 (2)	131.9	35.3	26.2	19.3	14.4	10.7	13.6	12.4	
1964 (2)	140.0	34.4	27.1	20.9	15.8	12.0	15.6	14.3	
1963 (2,5)	143.7	33.5	27.4	21.6	16.8	13.0	16.4	15.0	
1962 (2,5)	147.8	32.9	27.8	22.7	17.7	13.6	17.5	15.6	
1961 (2)	153.0	33.5	28.7	23.6	18.7	14.0	18.4	16.0	
1960 (2)	153.6	33.6	29.3	24.0	18.6	14.1	18.4	15.6	
Births Adjusted for Underregistration(4)									
1955	154.3	34.8	30.5	24.2	19.0	14.5	17.3	14.0	
1950	137.3	33.8	30.3	22.9	15.3	10.4	12.6	12.0	
1945	106.0	27.9	20.1	14.7	11.3	8.7	11.3	11.9	
1940	102.4	28.6	19.6	14.1	10.5	7.8	10.4	11.3	
BLACK									
Registered Births									
Race of mother									
1994	76.9	29.8	22.2	13.1	6.3	2.9	2.0	0.6	
1993	80.5	30.2	23.4	14.1	6.9	3.1	2.2	0.7	
1992	83.2	30.6	24.3	15.0	7.2	3.3	2.2	0.6	
1991	85.2	31.5	25.0	15.4	7.4	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	

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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	
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	

--- 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.

NOTE: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race.