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Births and Birth Rates

During 1976 there were 3,167,788 registered live births in the United States. This was only a slight increase (less than 1 percent) over the 3,144,198 births registered in 1975. However, provisional data for 1977 indicate an increase of 5 percent over the final number for 1976.

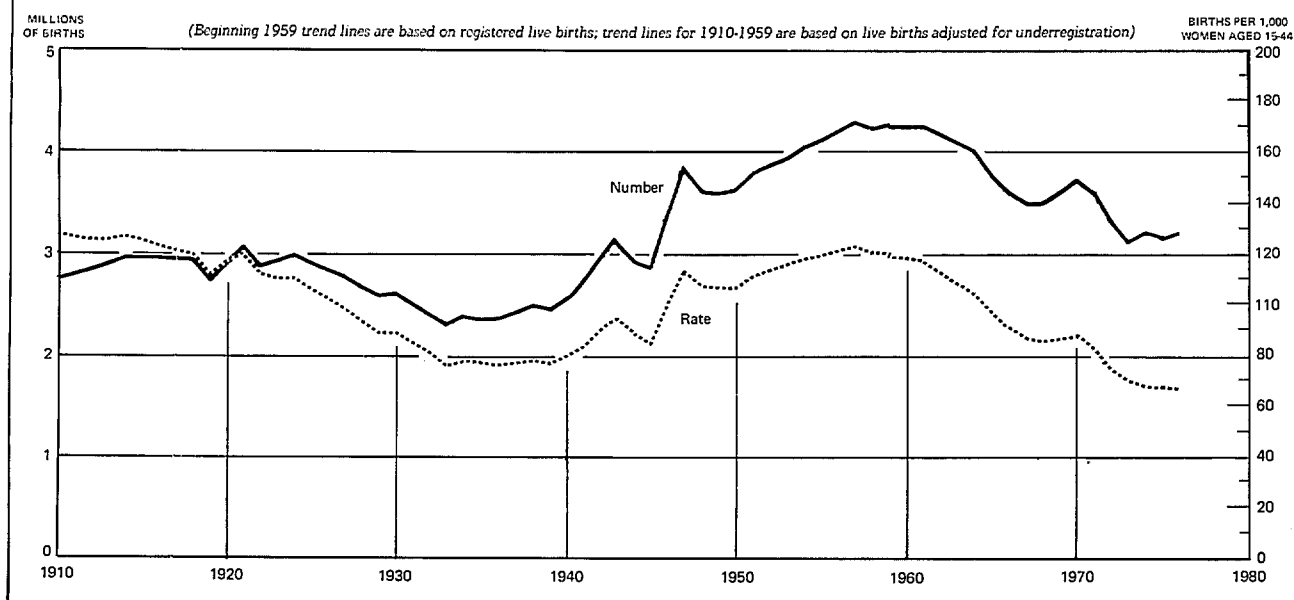
The birth rate was unchanged from 1975—the lowest ever recorded in the United States—14.8 live births per 1,000 population.

The fertility rate reached a new record low

for the fifth consecutive year—65.8 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years. It was 1.3 percent lower than the rate of 66.7 in 1975 and 46 percent below the rate of 122.7 observed in 1957 at the height of the postwar baby boom. The rate has declined each year since 1957 except 1969 and 1970 when slight increases occurred (figure 1). However, provisional data for 1977 indicate an increase of 2 percent over the final rate for 1976.

Birth rates declined for women in all age groups except those aged 30-34 years, for whom

Figure 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND FERTILITY RATES: UNITED STATES, 1910-76



a 2.6-percent increase was found. Decreases were greatest (5 percent or more) among teenagers (15-17 and 18-19 years) and women aged 40 years or older. Birth rates decreased for all birth orders except the third, for which there was a 1.1-percent increase. Fifth and higher birth orders showed the greatest declines—5 percent or more (figures 2 and 3).

Previously postponed births rather than earlier childbearing among younger women or larger families among older women appear to account for the increases in rates. This is suggested by an examination of birth rates for age-birth-order categories. Increases occurred only for first births to women aged 25-29 years and for first through third order births for women aged 30-34 and 35-39 years. The greatest increases (5 to 10 percent) occurred among first and second order births to women 30-34 and 35-39 years. Rates were unchanged within some age-birth-order categories where they were already low: teenagers with high order births and women over age 40 with low order births. The greatest declines were found for sixth and higher order births regardless of age of mother. It is also noteworthy that the rates of first births to teenagers 15-17 and 18-19 years both decreased 5.6 percent.

In 1976 the fertility rate for white women was 62.2 and 87.2 for Negro women. The differential between these rates decreased as a result of the larger decline in the rate among Negro women. The differential has narrowed each year since 1965 except 1970-72 and 1975.

The numbers of births decreased in the New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Central, South Atlantic, and East South Central Divisions. The New England Division had the largest decrease, 1.8 percent. Numbers of births increased in the West North Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific Divisions, with the largest (almost 5 percent) occurring in the latter two divisions. Numbers of births decreased in 20 States and the District of Columbia and increased in 30 States.

Birth rates decreased in the same divisions showing decreases in the numbers of births. Again, the New England Division had the largest

decrease (1.7 percent). The rate was unchanged in 1976 in the West South Central Division and increased from 1 to 3 percent in the remaining divisions. Rates decreased in 23 States, increased in 19 States and the District of Columbia, and were unchanged in 8 States.

Sex Ratio of Births

In 1976 the sex ratio of births was 1,053 males per 1,000 females. This ratio varies little from year to year and is consistently higher for white than for Negro births. In 1976 these ratios by race were 1,058 and 1,027, respectively.

Month of Birth

The seasonally adjusted birth rate by month ranged from 14.5 to 15.1 in 1976. Generally it was higher during the second half than the first half of the year. The seasonally adjusted fertility rate ranged from 64.4 to 67.2; it, too, was higher in the latter part of the year.

Attendant at Birth

In 1976, 98.6 percent of all live births were classified as having been delivered by physicians in hospitals. Physicians outside of hospitals delivered 0.4 percent, and midwives and other and unspecified persons delivered the remaining 1.0 percent.

Age of Father

The birth rate for men decreased 1 percent during 1976, from 54.4 live births per 1,000 men aged 15-54 years to 53.8. The rate among white men decreased from 50.3 to 49.9 and among Negro men from 83.0 to 81.4. Among both white and Negro men the highest rates occurred for those aged 25-29 years (118.5 and 162.0, respectively).

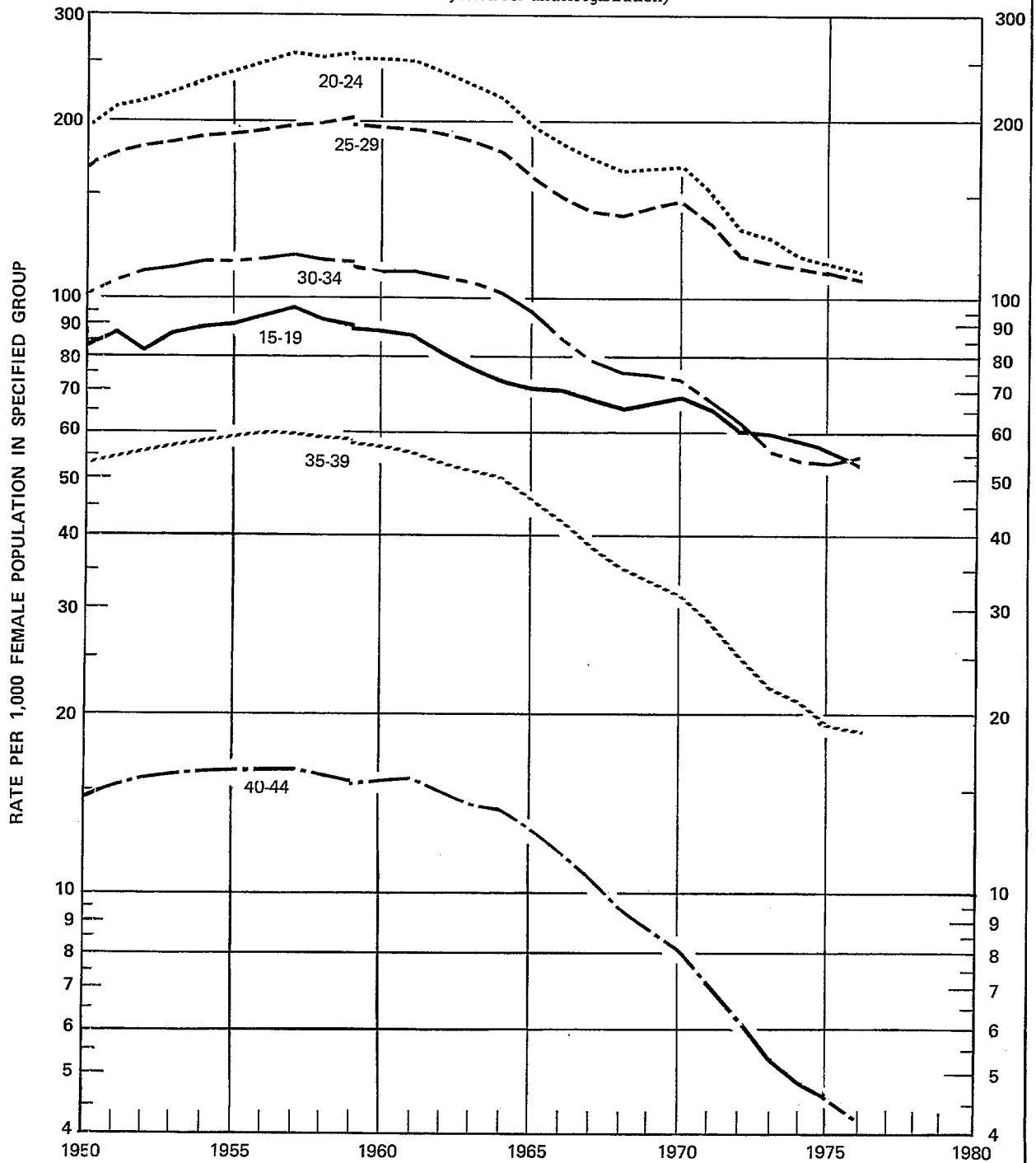
Although the birth rate for men aged 30-34 increased 1.7 percent, the rates for all other age groups declined or remained unchanged.

Weight at Birth

The median birth weight in 1976 was 3,340 grams (approximately 7 pounds 6 ounces). The

Figure 2. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER: UNITED STATES, 1950-76

(Beginning 1959 trend lines are based on registered live births; trend lines for 1950-59 are based on live births adjusted for underregistration)



median weights for white and Negro infants were 3,380 and 3,150 grams, respectively, a difference of 8 ounces.

Infants of low birth weight are those weighing 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces) or less at birth. The proportions of all live births in this category decreased from 7.4 percent in 1975 to 7.3 percent in 1976. Among white infants the proportion of those with low birth weight was less than half that of Negro infants (6.1 and 13.0 percent, respectively).

Multiple Births

In 1976 there were 61,750 live births in multiple deliveries (twins, triplets, etc.). The multiple birth ratio, which is the number of live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 total live births, was 19.5. For white births the ratio was 18.8 and for Negro births 23.3.

Illegitimate Births

An estimated 468,100 illegitimate births occurred in the United States in 1976, an increase of 5 percent over 1975. National estimates are based on information provided on the birth certificates of 38 reporting States and the District of Columbia. The number of both white and Negro illegitimate births increased but at a slower pace than during the previous year; these increases were 6 and 4 percent, respectively, compared with 11 and 5 percent in 1975.

The number of illegitimate births increased among most age groups: the largest increases were found among women aged 20-24 and 25-29 years (over 8 percent). However, women aged 15 years and those 14 years or younger had fewer illegitimate births in 1976 than in 1975 (4 and 6 percent, respectively). Negro teenagers of all ages had fewer illegitimate births in 1976 than in the previous year; among white teenagers only those 15 years or younger had a smaller number of such births. Increases of 8 and 9 percent were found among white women in age groups 20-24 to 35-39 years. Among Negro women in these age groups increases ranged between 2 and 14 percent.

The illegitimacy rate, a measure of the probability of having an illegitimate birth, decreased less than 1 percent, from 24.8 illegitimate births per 1,000 unmarried women in 1975 to 24.7 in 1976, resuming the decline begun in 1970 and interrupted only in 1975. The decrease from 1975 to 1976 was due solely to the 3-percent decrease among Negro women (from 85.6 to 83.2); during the same period the rate for white women increased 1 percent, from 12.6 to 12.7.

The illegitimacy rate for teenagers aged 15-19 years declined for the first time since 1962. The decrease was a reflection of a decrease in the rate for Negro women, since the rate for white teenagers increased. The rate for white teenagers 15-17 and 18-19 years increased 2 percent, while the rate for Negro teenagers in these age groups decreased 4 percent. Rates among other age groups also decreased, primarily due to the decreases among Negro women. The one exception was the age group 20-24 years for which a 2-percent increase was found. Rates for white women increased approximately 2 percent for all age groups except 25-29 years and 40 years and over, for whom 5 and 7 percent decreases were found. Among Negro women the only increase occurred for women aged 25-29 years.

During 1976 the illegitimacy ratio increased nearly 4 percent, from 142.5 to 147.8 illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births. For white births the ratio increased 5 percent, from 73.0 to 76.8; for Negro births the increase was 3 percent, from 487.9 to 503.1.

Interval Since Last Live Birth

In 1976, 43 States and the District of Columbia required reporting of the date of last live birth, which is used to compute the interval since last live birth for second and higher order births.

The mean interval since last live birth increased from 44.6 months in 1975 to 45.1 months in 1976. It increased for both racial groups as well: from 44.6 to 45.1 months for white births and from 45.1 to 46.2 for Negro births.

Second order births had the shortest mean interval since the previous birth, 42.3 months. Mean interval increased with subsequent birth orders through the fifth order, where it was 52.1 months; thereafter, it decreased to 44.3 months among births of eighth or higher order.

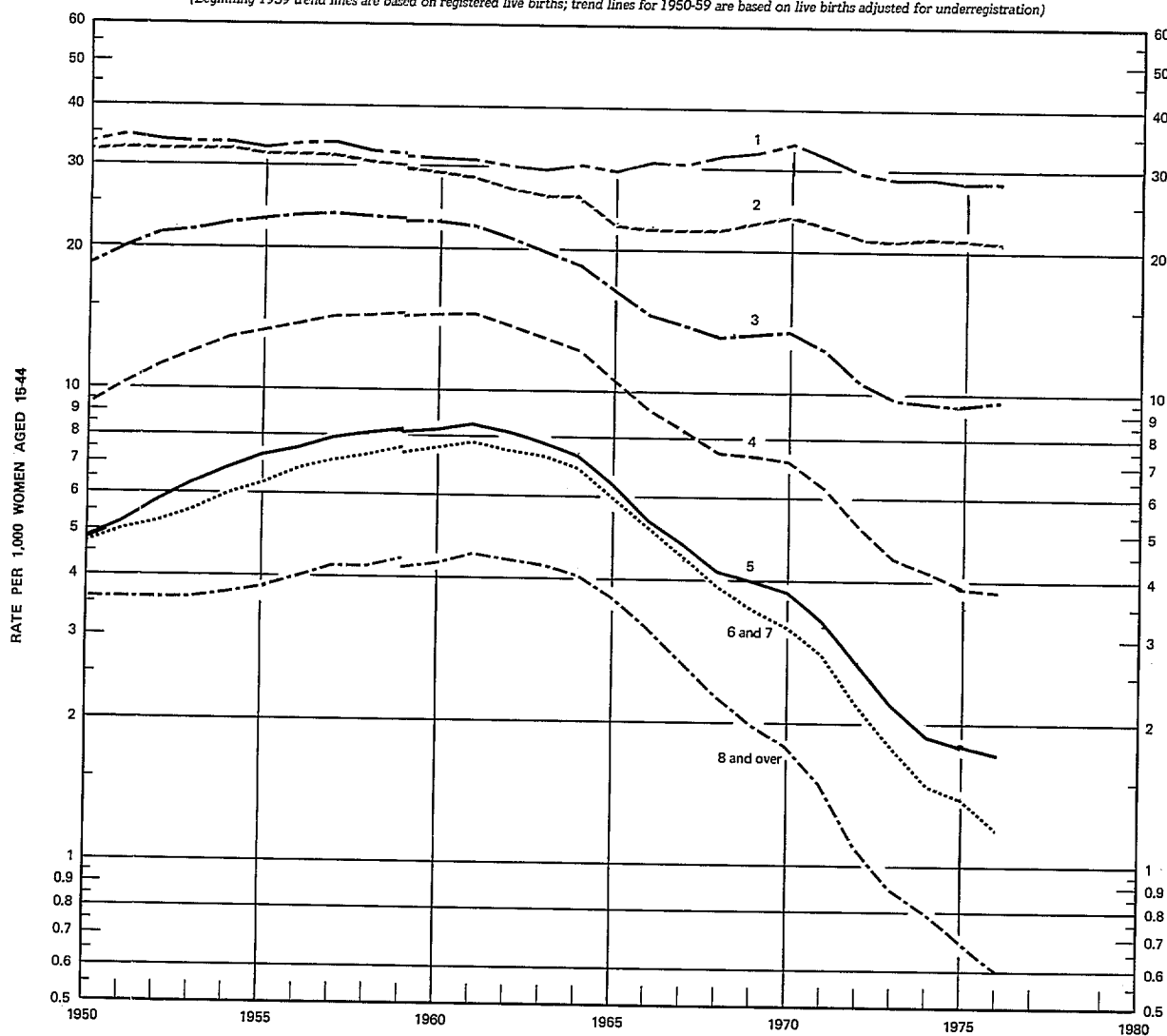
The proportion of second and higher order births occurring within 24 months of a previous live birth increased among births of all races and

among white births but decreased among Negro births. This proportion of all births increased from 26.2 to 26.3 percent. Among white births the proportion increased from 25.1 to 25.3 percent, while among Negro births it decreased from 30.8 to 30.1.

The proportion of births occurring within 24 months of a previous live birth increased with increasing birth order, from 25.3 percent among

Figure 3. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER: UNITED STATES, 1950-76

(Beginning 1959 trend lines are based on registered live births; trend lines for 1950-59 are based on live births adjusted for underregistration)



second births to 34.4 percent among births of eighth or higher order.

Educational Attainment of Mother and Father

Reporting of educational attainment of parents on the birth certificate was required by 44 States and the District of Columbia in 1976. In these reporting areas, the proportion of births to parents with at least 12 years of school has increased and the proportion to those with 8 years of school or less has decreased every year since educational attainment data became available in 1969. In 1976, 72.6 percent of births were to mothers who had completed 12 years or more of formal education in public schools or the equivalent in accredited private or parochial schools. The proportion of births to fathers in this educational category was 79.4 percent. Births to mothers with 8 or fewer years of school accounted for 5.4 percent of all births, while births to fathers in this category accounted for 5.6 percent.

There was still a large racial difference in education of parents but it decreased in 1976 as it had each year since 1969. While 76.1 percent of white infants were born to mothers with 12 years of schooling or more, only 56.7 percent of Negro infants were born to mothers in this category. The differential was smaller for education of father: 80.7 percent of white births were to fathers with at least 12 years of school compared with 69.7 percent of Negro births.

The median number of years of school completed by parents in 1976 was as follows: for white mothers, 12.6; for Negro mothers, 12.2; for white fathers, 12.8; and for Negro fathers, 12.4.

The median varied by age of mother. From a low of 11.2 years for women 15-19 years it rose to a peak of 12.8 among women aged 25-29 and 30-34 years and then decreased to 12.3 for women 40 years and older. There was a wide variation within the teenage years, ranging from 9.9 for 15-year-olds to 12.2 for 19-year-olds. Patterns by age for white and Negro mothers were for the most part similar to the pattern found for all mothers. Although the median for

women 15-19 years was lower for Negro than for white mothers, for each single year of age 15 to 19 years the median was the same or higher for Negro mothers. This apparent discrepancy is due to the larger proportion of Negro than white mothers at the younger ages within the age group 15-19 years.

The median number of years of school completed by mothers was 12.5 for first births and 12.6 for second births, and it then decreased with increasing birth order to 10.8 for births of eighth or higher order.

Month of Pregnancy Prenatal Care Began

In 1976, 44 States and the District of Columbia required reporting of the month of pregnancy in which prenatal care began. The proportion of infants born to mothers having no prenatal care increased slightly in 1976, from 1.3 to 1.4 percent. However, the proportion of births to mothers beginning care during the first 3 months of pregnancy increased also, from 72.4 to 73.5 percent.

There was a large racial difference in the trimester in which prenatal care began: for white births 76.8 percent were to mothers beginning care in the first trimester compared with 57.7 percent for Negro births.

The trimester in which prenatal care began varied considerably by age of mother. The proportion of infants born to mothers who began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy increased from 31.9 percent among mothers under 15 years to 82.3 percent among mothers aged 25-29 years and then decreased to 61.9 percent among mothers 40 years and older. A similar pattern was found for both racial groups.

Number of Prenatal Visits

In 1976 the reporting area for number of prenatal visits included 41 States and the District of Columbia. The median number of prenatal visits for mothers having some prenatal care was 10.8, unchanged from 1975. The median for white births was also unchanged

from 1975, 11.1 visits. For Negro births it increased from 9.1 to 9.2 visits.

The number of prenatal visits is correlated with the trimester of pregnancy in which prenatal care began in the 39 States and the District of Columbia in which both items were reported. When prenatal care began during the first trimester the median number of prenatal visits per birth was 11.5; during the second trimester, 8.4; and during the third trimester, 4.7. Much of the racial difference found for the median number of visits can be attributed to differences in the timing of the first prenatal visit. In 1976 the median number of visits by trimester for white births was 11.6, 8.8, and 5.0, respectively, and for Negro births 10.6, 7.6, and 4.3, respectively.

Period of Gestation

In 1976, 42 States and the District of Columbia reported the first day of the mother's last normal menstrual period (LMP) from which length of gestation is computed. The proportion of births that were premature (before 37 weeks of gestation) decreased from 8.9 percent in 1975 to 8.8 percent in 1976. The proportion of infants that were premature was twice as high for Negro as for white infants (15.9 and 7.4 percent, respectively).

Of all births in the LMP reporting areas, 34.6 percent were born at gestations of 37-39 weeks; 22.5 percent, at 40 weeks; 25.2 percent, at 41-42 weeks; and 8.9 percent were born at gestations of 43 weeks or more.

SOURCES OF DATA

Data shown in this report for 1976 are based on 100 percent of the birth certificates from Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York (exclusive of New York City), North Carolina,

Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; these States provided data through the Cooperative Health Statistics System. Data from the remaining areas are based on a 50-percent sample of birth certificates filed in those areas.

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Table 1. LIVE BIRTHS, BIRTH RATES, AND FERTILITY RATES, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-76

[Birth rates per 1,000 population in specified group. Fertility rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in specified group. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States]

Year	Number				Birth rate				Fertility rate			
	Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other	
			Total	Negro			Total	Negro			Total	Negro
1976 ¹	3,167,788	2,567,614	600,174	514,479	14.8	13.8	21.1	20.8	65.8	62.2	87.6	87.2
1975 ¹	3,144,198	2,551,996	592,202	511,581	14.8	13.8	21.2	20.9	66.7	63.0	89.3	89.2
1974 ¹	3,159,958	2,575,792	584,166	507,162	14.9	14.0	21.4	21.0	68.4	64.7	91.0	90.8
1973 ¹	3,136,965	2,551,030	585,935	512,597	14.9	13.9	21.9	21.5	69.2	65.3	94.3	94.3
1972 ¹	3,258,411	2,655,558	602,853	531,329	15.6	14.6	22.9	22.6	73.4	69.2	100.3	100.5
1971 ²	3,555,970	2,919,746	636,224	564,960	17.2	16.2	24.7	24.5	81.8	77.5	109.5	110.1
1970 ²	3,731,386	3,091,264	640,122	572,362	18.4	17.4	25.1	25.3	87.9	84.1	113.0	115.4

¹Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.

²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 2. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race	Total	Age of mother									
		Under 15 years	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
			Total	15-17 years	18-19 years						
Total	3,167,788	11,928	558,744	215,493	343,251	1,091,602	972,130	391,896	115,662	24,383	1,443
First child	1,324,811	11,321	431,219	186,676	244,543	517,376	288,086	63,396	11,654	1,666	93
Second child	1,004,107	278	101,264	22,692	78,572	395,711	370,094	114,852	19,475	2,325	108
Third child	456,310	13	14,844	1,941	12,903	124,123	193,368	98,497	22,368	2,992	105
Fourth child	181,656	16	1,900	131	1,769	31,392	70,946	54,773	19,372	3,134	123
Fifth child	78,998	-	231	11	220	7,707	25,674	27,774	14,353	3,118	141
Sixth child	38,069	-	31	-	31	1,826	9,308	14,290	9,808	2,666	140
Seventh child	20,188	-	10	1	9	419	3,672	7,422	6,390	2,133	142
Eighth child and over ..	27,965	-	25	-	25	259	2,102	7,553	11,305	6,145	576
Not stated	35,684	300	9,220	4,041	5,179	12,789	8,880	3,339	937	204	15
White	2,567,614	5,054	393,275	139,901	253,374	888,219	835,398	332,359	93,229	19,014	1,066
First child	1,083,218	4,844	314,341	125,176	189,165	442,079	255,774	55,023	9,688	1,391	78
Second child	833,684	97	65,267	11,858	53,409	323,610	326,916	99,814	16,030	1,880	70
Third child	367,935	3	7,499	744	6,755	89,206	163,684	86,151	18,812	2,493	87
Fourth child	139,860	8	773	38	735	18,684	55,004	46,282	16,370	2,645	94
Fifth child	58,416	-	89	3	86	3,839	17,811	22,128	11,850	2,584	115
Sixth child	27,162	-	14	-	14	782	5,807	10,613	7,675	2,167	104
Seventh child	13,860	-	4	-	4	184	2,086	5,138	4,747	1,593	108
Eighth child and over ..	17,611	-	19	-	19	139	1,076	4,502	7,362	4,113	400
Not stated	25,868	102	5,269	2,082	3,187	9,696	7,240	2,708	695	148	10
All other	600,174	6,874	165,469	75,592	89,877	203,383	136,732	59,537	22,433	5,369	377
First child	241,593	6,477	116,878	61,500	55,378	75,297	32,312	8,373	1,966	275	15
Second child	170,423	181	35,997	10,834	25,163	72,101	43,178	15,038	3,445	445	38
Third child	88,375	10	7,345	1,197	6,148	34,917	29,684	12,346	3,556	499	18
Fourth child	41,796	8	1,127	93	1,034	12,708	15,942	8,491	3,002	489	29
Fifth child	20,582	-	142	8	134	3,868	7,863	5,646	2,503	534	26
Sixth child	10,907	-	17	-	17	1,044	3,501	3,677	2,133	499	36
Seventh child	6,328	-	6	1	5	235	1,586	2,284	1,643	540	34
Eighth child and over ..	10,354	-	6	-	6	120	1,026	3,051	3,943	2,032	176
Not stated	9,816	198	3,951	1,959	1,992	3,093	1,640	631	242	56	5
Negro	514,479	6,661	153,936	71,429	82,507	178,902	108,124	44,596	17,514	4,436	310
First child	206,729	6,269	107,996	57,867	50,129	63,857	22,000	5,145	1,274	178	10
Second child	143,674	178	33,820	10,379	23,441	63,700	33,506	9,904	2,225	318	23
Third child	75,930	10	7,027	1,167	5,860	31,787	24,859	9,267	2,574	389	17
Fourth child	36,517	8	1,087	91	996	11,748	13,815	7,002	2,415	417	25
Fifth child	18,151	-	136	8	128	3,613	6,982	4,808	2,134	452	26
Sixth child	9,661	-	17	-	17	999	3,160	3,184	1,838	433	30
Seventh child	5,648	-	6	1	5	228	1,462	2,047	1,397	483	25
Eighth child and over ..	9,103	-	4	-	4	113	953	2,712	3,451	1,718	152
Not stated	9,066	196	3,843	1,916	1,927	2,857	1,387	527	206	48	2

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Table 3. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified age and racial groups. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for age of mother and live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race	15-44 years ¹	Age of mother									
		10-14 years	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
			Total	15-17 years	18-19 years						
Total	65.8	1.2	53.5	34.6	81.3	112.1	108.8	54.5	19.0	4.3	0.2
First child.....	27.9	1.2	42.0	30.6	58.8	53.8	32.5	8.9	1.9	0.3	0.0
Second child.....	21.1	0.0	9.9	3.7	18.9	41.1	41.8	16.1	3.2	0.4	0.0
Third child	9.6	0.0	1.4	0.3	3.1	12.9	21.8	13.8	3.7	0.5	0.0
Fourth child	3.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	3.3	8.0	7.7	3.2	0.6	0.0
Fifth child	1.7	-	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	2.9	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.0
Sixth and seventh child	1.2	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.5	3.0	2.7	0.8	0.0
Eighth child and over	0.6	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.9	1.1	0.1
White	62.2	0.6	44.6	26.7	70.7	107.0	108.4	53.5	17.7	3.8	0.2
First child.....	26.5	0.6	36.1	24.2	53.5	53.9	33.5	8.9	1.9	0.3	0.0
Second child.....	20.4	0.0	7.5	2.3	15.1	39.4	42.8	16.2	3.1	0.4	0.0
Third child	9.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	1.9	10.9	21.4	14.0	3.6	0.5	0.0
Fourth child	3.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.3	7.2	7.5	3.1	0.5	0.0
Fifth child	1.4	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.3	3.6	2.3	0.5	0.0
Sixth and seventh child	1.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.1	1.0	2.6	2.4	0.8	0.0
Eighth child and over	0.4	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.1
All other	87.6	4.3	102.4	77.1	141.5	141.7	111.6	60.7	27.0	7.0	0.5
First child.....	35.9	4.2	74.1	64.4	89.2	53.3	26.7	8.6	2.4	0.4	0.0
Second child.....	25.3	0.1	22.8	11.3	40.5	51.0	35.7	15.5	4.2	0.6	0.1
Third child	13.1	0.0	4.7	1.3	9.9	24.7	24.5	12.7	4.3	0.7	0.0
Fourth child	6.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	1.7	9.0	13.2	8.7	3.7	0.6	0.0
Fifth child	3.0	-	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.7	6.5	5.8	3.0	0.7	0.0
Sixth and seventh child	2.5	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	4.2	6.1	4.6	1.4	0.1
Eighth child and over	1.5	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.1	0.8	3.1	4.8	2.7	0.2
Negro	87.2	4.7	107.0	81.5	146.8	143.4	105.5	54.7	24.6	6.8	0.5
First child.....	35.8	4.5	77.0	67.9	91.3	52.0	21.7	6.4	1.8	0.3	0.0
Second child.....	24.8	0.1	24.1	12.2	42.7	51.9	33.1	12.3	3.2	0.5	0.0
Third child	13.1	0.0	5.0	1.4	10.7	25.9	24.6	11.5	3.7	0.6	0.0
Fourth child	6.3	0.0	0.8	0.1	1.8	9.6	13.7	8.7	3.4	0.6	0.0
Fifth child	3.1	-	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.9	6.9	6.0	3.0	0.7	0.0
Sixth and seventh child	2.6	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.6	6.5	4.6	1.4	0.1
Eighth child and over	1.6	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.1	0.9	3.4	4.9	2.6	0.2

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15-44 years.

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Table 4. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES AND BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF MOTHER, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-76

[Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5 year age groups multiplied by 5. Birth rates are live births per 1,000 women in specified group, enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Year and race	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
		10-14 years	15-19 years			20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
			Total	15-17 years	18-19 years						
TOTAL											
1976 ¹	1,768.2	1.2	53.5	34.6	81.3	112.1	108.8	54.5	19.0	4.3	0.2
1975 ¹	1,799.0	1.3	56.3	36.6	85.7	114.7	110.3	53.1	19.4	4.6	0.3
1974 ¹	1,856.6	1.2	58.1	37.7	89.3	119.0	113.3	54.4	20.2	4.8	0.3
1973 ¹	1,895.6	1.3	59.7	38.9	91.8	120.7	113.6	56.1	22.0	5.4	0.3
1972 ¹	2,021.9	1.2	62.0	39.2	97.3	131.0	118.7	60.2	24.8	6.2	0.4
1971 ²	2,274.6	1.1	64.7	38.3	105.6	150.6	134.8	67.6	28.7	7.1	0.4
1970 ²	2,480.0	1.2	68.3	38.8	114.7	167.8	145.1	73.3	31.7	8.1	0.5
WHITE											
1976 ¹	1,679.0	0.6	44.6	26.7	70.7	107.0	108.4	53.5	17.7	3.8	0.2
1975 ¹	1,708.2	0.6	46.8	28.3	74.4	109.7	110.0	52.1	18.1	4.1	0.2
1974 ¹	1,767.5	0.6	48.3	29.0	77.7	114.2	113.5	53.5	18.9	4.4	0.2
1973 ¹	1,798.3	0.6	49.3	29.5	79.6	115.4	113.7	54.9	20.7	4.9	0.3
1972 ¹	1,918.2	0.5	51.2	29.4	84.5	125.6	118.4	58.8	23.3	5.6	0.3
1971 ²	2,168.4	0.5	53.8	28.6	92.4	145.4	134.6	65.7	26.9	6.4	0.4
1970 ²	2,385.0	0.5	57.4	29.2	101.5	163.4	145.9	71.9	30.0	7.5	0.4
NEGRO											
1976 ¹	2,235.3	4.7	107.0	81.5	146.8	143.4	105.5	54.7	24.6	6.8	0.5
1975 ¹	2,284.0	5.1	113.8	86.6	156.0	145.1	105.4	54.1	25.4	7.5	0.5
1974 ¹	2,332.5	5.0	118.3	91.0	162.0	148.7	104.8	54.8	26.8	7.5	0.6
1973 ¹	2,437.0	5.4	124.5	96.8	169.5	154.6	105.9	58.6	29.2	8.6	0.6
1972 ¹	2,621.2	5.1	130.8	99.9	181.7	166.2	113.9	64.6	33.2	9.8	0.7
1971 ²	2,913.6	5.1	135.1	99.7	193.8	187.3	129.0	75.1	38.8	11.6	0.9
1970 ²	3,098.7	5.2	147.7	101.4	204.9	202.7	136.3	79.6	41.9	12.5	1.0

¹Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample in all other States; see Sources of Data.

²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 5. BIRTH RATES BY LIVE-BIRTH ORDER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-76

[Rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, enumerated as of April 1 for 1970 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Year and race	Total	Live-birth order						
		1	2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and over
TOTAL								
1976 ¹	65.8	27.9	21.1	9.6	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1975 ¹	66.7	28.4	21.2	9.5	3.9	1.8	1.4	0.7
1974 ¹	68.4	28.9	21.5	9.6	4.2	1.9	1.5	0.8
1973 ¹	69.2	28.8	21.1	9.8	4.6	2.2	1.8	0.9
1972 ¹	73.4	29.9	21.5	10.7	5.3	2.7	2.2	1.2
1971 ²	81.8	32.1	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
WHITE								
1976 ¹	62.2	26.5	20.4	9.0	3.4	1.4	1.0	0.4
1975 ¹	63.0	26.9	20.5	8.9	3.6	1.5	1.1	0.5
1974 ¹	64.7	27.4	21.0	9.0	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.6
1973 ¹	65.3	27.2	20.5	9.3	4.2	2.0	1.5	0.7
1972 ¹	69.2	28.2	21.0	10.2	4.9	2.3	1.8	0.8
1971 ²	77.5	30.6	22.6	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
NEGRO								
1976 ¹	87.2	35.8	24.8	13.1	6.3	3.1	2.6	1.6
1975 ¹	89.2	37.4	24.6	12.8	6.3	3.3	2.9	1.9
1974 ¹	90.8	38.1	24.4	12.7	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.2
1973 ¹	94.3	39.2	24.1	13.1	7.1	4.0	3.9	2.8
1972 ¹	100.5	40.9	24.8	13.7	7.9	4.8	4.8	3.6
1971 ²	110.1	41.8	26.7	15.6	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

¹Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample in all other States; see Sources of Data.

²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

Table 6. LIVE BIRTHS BY SEX AND SEX RATIO, BY RACE: UNITED STATES, 1970-76

Year	Total			White			All other			Negro		
	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females	Male	Female	Males per 1,000 females
1976 ¹	1,624,436	1,543,352	1,053	1,319,717	1,247,897	1,058	304,719	295,455	1,031	260,661	253,818	1,027
1975 ¹	1,613,135	1,531,063	1,054	1,312,308	1,239,688	1,059	300,827	291,375	1,032	259,610	251,971	1,030
1974 ¹	1,622,114	1,537,844	1,055	1,325,019	1,250,773	1,059	297,095	287,071	1,035	257,277	249,885	1,030
1973 ¹	1,608,326	1,528,639	1,052	1,311,032	1,239,998	1,057	297,294	288,641	1,030	259,877	252,720	1,028
1972 ¹	1,669,927	1,588,484	1,051	1,364,578	1,290,980	1,057	305,349	297,504	1,026	268,842	262,487	1,024
1971 ²	1,822,910	1,733,060	1,052	1,499,958	1,419,788	1,056	322,952	313,272	1,031	286,430	278,530	1,028
1970 ²	1,915,378	1,816,008	1,055	1,590,140	1,501,124	1,059	325,238	314,884	1,033	290,508	281,854	1,031

¹Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample in all other States; see Sources of Data.

²Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 7. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND OBSERVED AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BIRTH AND FERTILITY RATES, BY MONTH: UNITED STATES, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Rates on an annual basis per 1,000 population for specified month. Birth rates based on the total population. Fertility rates based on women aged 15-44 years]

Month	Total	Number			Observed		Seasonally adjusted	
		White	All other		Birth rate	Fertility rate	Birth rate	Fertility rate
			Total	Negro				
Total	3,167,788	2,567,614	600,174	514,479	14.8	65.8	...	...
January	257,181	206,508	50,673	43,841	14.2	63.6	14.6	65.5
February	242,868	196,686	46,182	39,565	14.3	64.1	14.6	65.2
March	258,146	211,169	46,977	40,005	14.2	63.7	14.6	65.2
April	243,611	200,149	43,462	36,684	13.9	62.0	14.5	64.8
May	251,603	205,981	45,622	38,507	13.9	61.8	14.5	64.4
June	256,556	209,388	47,168	40,229	14.6	65.0	14.9	66.3
July	277,250	224,059	53,191	45,963	15.2	67.9	14.6	65.2
August	281,987	226,984	55,003	47,395	15.5	68.9	14.7	65.3
September	282,457	228,374	54,083	46,512	16.0	71.3	14.9	66.3
October	278,295	225,256	53,039	45,761	15.3	67.9	15.0	66.8
November	263,506	212,256	51,250	44,243	14.9	66.3	15.1	67.2
December	274,328	220,804	53,524	45,774	15.0	66.7	15.1	67.0

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Table 8. LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE AND BIRTH RATES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, 1976

[By place of residence. Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Rates per 1,000 estimated midyear population in each area]

Division and State	Number			Birth rate	Division and State	Number			Birth rate
	Total	White	Negro			Total	White	Negro	
United States	3,167,788	2,567,614	514,479	14.8	South Atlantic—Con.				
New England.....	145,390	134,585	9,188	11.9	Virginia.....	70,038	52,574	16,147	13.9
Maine.....	15,012	14,774	61	14.0	West Virginia	28,569	27,357	1,096	15.7
New Hampshire.....	11,217	11,037	87	13.6	North Carolina.....	80,594	55,115	23,364	14.7
Vermont.....	6,737	6,682	29	14.2	South Carolina.....	47,788	28,637	18,780	16.8
Massachusetts.....	66,012	60,910	4,297	11.4	Georgia.....	79,258	50,810	27,729	15.9
Rhode Island	10,806	10,064	583	11.7	Florida.....	104,655	76,226	27,266	12.4
Connecticut.....	35,606	31,118	4,131	11.4	East South Central	218,697	159,144	58,399	16.0
Middle Atlantic.....	474,777	382,207	85,209	12.7	Kentucky.....	55,198	50,035	4,889	16.1
New York.....	235,688	182,496	48,083	13.0	Tennessee	62,582	48,819	13,396	14.9
New Jersey	90,800	72,332	17,382	12.4	Alabama.....	57,974	37,455	20,304	15.8
Pennsylvania.....	148,289	127,379	19,744	12.5	Mississippi.....	42,943	22,835	19,810	18.2
East North Central	602,746	505,073	91,074	14.7	West South Central	366,367	287,430	72,174	17.3
Ohio.....	155,491	134,289	20,158	14.5	Arkansas.....	34,162	25,279	8,676	16.2
Indiana.....	80,713	72,081	8,235	15.2	Louisiana.....	69,754	41,839	27,336	18.2
Illinois.....	170,257	130,987	36,536	15.2	Oklahoma.....	43,705	35,269	4,372	15.8
Michigan.....	131,370	107,641	22,351	14.4	Texas.....	218,746	185,043	31,790	17.5
Wisconsin.....	64,915	60,075	3,794	14.1	Mountain.....	185,285	167,618	5,370	18.8
West North Central	248,698	226,355	16,282	14.8	Montana.....	12,600	11,247	55	16.7
Minnesota.....	56,598	54,007	1,145	14.3	Idaho.....	17,347	16,960	58	20.9
Iowa.....	41,635	40,309	910	14.5	Wyoming.....	7,380	7,031	95	18.9
Missouri.....	68,879	57,808	10,420	14.4	Colorado.....	41,003	38,249	1,833	15.9
North Dakota	10,692	9,809	110	16.6	New Mexico.....	22,054	18,332	583	18.9
South Dakota	11,671	10,030	59	17.0	Arizona.....	39,969	33,522	1,633	17.6
Nebraska.....	23,804	22,378	993	15.3	Utah.....	35,273	34,099	157	28.7
Kansas.....	35,419	32,014	2,645	15.3	Nevada.....	9,659	8,178	956	15.8
South Atlantic.....	481,403	335,544	138,844	14.2	Pacific.....	444,425	369,658	37,939	15.5
Delaware.....	8,087	6,184	1,826	13.9	Washington.....	52,987	47,977	1,963	14.7
Maryland.....	52,714	37,149	14,509	12.7	Oregon.....	34,863	32,993	727	15.0
District of Columbia.....	9,700	1,492	8,127	13.8	California.....	332,256	278,478	34,653	15.4
					Alaska.....	7,942	5,813	232	20.8
					Hawaii.....	16,377	4,397	364	18.5

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Table 9. LIVE BIRTHS BY AGE OF FATHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Age of mother and race	Total	Age of father										
		Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over	Not stated
Total.....	3,167,788	227	146,887	760,907	1,002,606	555,836	217,785	82,559	31,621	11,260	5,973	352,127
Under 15 years	11,928	90	2,539	837	131	39	23	5	2	4	-	8,258
15-19 years	558,744	92	124,354	213,992	38,833	7,702	2,383	814	331	146	107	169,990
20-24 years	1,091,602	20	18,731	487,962	382,915	68,260	16,515	5,471	2,089	874	502	108,263
25-29 years	972,130	16	1,072	52,378	531,341	269,453	53,786	14,328	5,481	2,055	1,199	41,021
30-34 years	391,896	7	162	4,814	44,418	193,751	95,725	24,319	8,090	3,059	1,558	15,993
35-39 years	115,662	2	24	839	4,495	15,397	46,413	28,082	9,079	3,001	1,621	6,709
40-44 years	24,383	-	5	78	442	1,193	2,860	9,378	5,936	1,842	859	1,790
45-49 years	1,443	-	-	7	31	41	80	162	613	279	127	103
White	2,567,614	109	119,203	643,872	878,171	484,232	182,507	67,009	25,068	8,516	4,115	154,812
Under 15 years	5,054	27	1,424	614	95	31	18	3	-	2	-	2,840
15-19 years	393,275	49	100,740	175,917	31,471	6,216	1,823	608	269	117	80	75,985
20-24 years	888,219	12	15,970	418,958	330,427	56,444	13,042	4,171	1,533	633	361	46,668
25-29 years	835,398	12	898	43,706	474,441	236,607	44,060	11,188	4,166	1,518	814	17,988
30-34 years	332,359	7	150	3,920	37,781	171,222	82,089	19,832	6,533	2,324	1,100	7,401
35-39 years	93,229	2	16	683	3,575	12,732	39,121	23,392	7,218	2,307	1,089	3,094
40-44 years	19,014	-	5	69	357	946	2,303	7,688	4,864	1,402	599	781
45-49 years	1,066	-	-	5	24	34	51	127	485	213	72	55
Negro	514,479	110	24,732	101,335	100,266	52,570	25,819	11,936	5,209	2,233	1,376	188,893
Under 15 years	6,661	63	1,064	207	34	6	5	2	2	2	-	5,276
15-19 years	153,936	39	21,278	33,897	6,250	1,215	475	172	60	22	26	90,502
20-24 years	178,902	4	2,252	59,947	44,001	9,236	2,883	1,082	463	205	101	58,728
25-29 years	108,124	4	127	6,577	44,653	23,900	6,896	2,353	1,030	434	261	21,889
30-34 years	44,596	-	7	595	4,668	16,178	9,621	3,294	1,199	606	347	8,081
35-39 years	17,514	-	4	101	604	1,844	5,492	3,653	1,462	539	399	3,416
40-44 years	4,436	-	-	9	51	185	427	1,353	885	368	204	954
45-49 years	310	-	-	2	5	6	20	27	108	57	38	47

Table 10. BIRTH RATES BY AGE OF FATHER: UNITED STATES, 1970-76

[Rates are live births per 1,000 men for specified group. Figures for age of father not stated are distributed]

Year	15-54 years ¹	Age of father								
		15-19 years ²	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55 years and over
1976 ³	53.8	19.7	93.9	123.7	84.1	40.0	16.3	6.0	2.1	0.3
1975 ³	54.4	21.1	97.8	126.6	82.7	40.1	16.6	6.1	2.1	0.4
1974 ³	55.5	21.9	102.8	131.3	84.9	40.8	16.8	6.2	2.2	0.4
1973 ³	56.1	22.5	105.6	132.2	86.8	42.5	17.9	6.6	2.2	0.4
1972 ³	59.4	23.3	114.3	139.6	92.4	46.6	19.9	7.3	2.5	0.4
1971 ⁴	66.3	23.7	130.7	161.5	104.1	53.1	22.7	8.1	2.8	0.5
1970 ⁴	71.5	25.6	146.6	175.0	112.3	57.6	24.9	9.1	3.1	0.6

¹Rates computed by relating total births, regardless of age of father, to men aged 15-54 years.²Rates computed by relating births to fathers under 20 years of age to men aged 15-19 years.³Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data.⁴Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

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Table 11. PERCENT LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data]

Age of mother and race	Percent low birth weight	Total	Birth weight ¹											Not stated
			500 grams or less	501-1,000 grams	1,001-1,500 grams	1,501-2,000 grams	2,001-2,500 grams	2,501-3,000 grams	3,001-3,500 grams	3,501-4,000 grams	4,001-4,500 grams	4,501-5,000 grams	5,001 grams or more	
Total	7.3	3,167,788	3,301	13,602	19,546	44,691	148,235	543,549	1,185,890	886,433	259,061	47,750	6,484	9,246
Under 15 years	14.8	11,928	36	171	212	337	996	3,021	4,586	2,110	359	40	7	53
15-19 years	9.9	558,744	702	3,537	5,209	11,331	34,414	118,666	219,138	130,544	29,235	3,965	372	1,631
20-24 years	7.1	1,091,602	1,094	4,499	6,544	14,710	50,772	192,131	417,903	302,249	83,455	13,612	1,562	3,071
25-29 years	6.0	972,130	938	3,259	4,637	10,863	38,263	149,253	359,423	292,731	90,300	17,396	2,269	2,798
30-34 years	6.5	391,896	371	1,513	2,020	5,041	16,385	58,664	137,891	118,052	40,395	8,942	1,421	1,201
35-39 years	7.9	115,662	141	483	741	1,910	5,871	17,752	38,788	33,475	12,411	3,055	652	383
40-44 years	9.2	24,383	19	130	170	455	1,451	3,832	7,691	6,883	2,772	691	190	99
45-49 years	10.5	1,443	-	10	13	44	83	230	470	389	134	49	11	10
White	6.1	2,567,614	2,032	8,461	12,836	30,424	103,224	397,951	954,073	768,354	233,471	43,597	5,764	7,427
Under 15 years	11.8	5,054	11	49	81	142	308	1,029	2,022	1,135	222	24	6	25
15-19 years	8.1	393,275	370	1,894	2,878	6,590	19,909	72,196	154,527	104,704	25,166	3,531	320	1,190
20-24 years	6.0	888,219	679	2,835	4,387	9,971	35,514	141,997	338,168	262,632	75,618	12,533	1,419	2,466
25-29 years	5.3	835,398	624	2,264	3,395	8,222	29,507	119,662	306,250	262,060	82,879	16,086	2,067	2,382
30-34 years	5.8	332,359	236	1,019	1,471	3,841	12,620	46,751	115,930	103,804	36,323	8,133	1,254	977
35-39 years	7.0	93,229	100	309	495	1,311	4,266	13,374	30,938	28,133	10,784	2,663	545	311
40-44 years	8.3	19,014	12	83	118	319	1,047	2,774	5,911	5,587	2,361	591	142	69
45-49 years	9.4	1,066	-	8	11	28	53	168	327	299	118	36	11	7
Negro	13.0	514,479	1,209	4,850	6,276	13,207	40,964	128,323	197,202	96,767	20,338	3,244	571	1,528
Under 15 years	17.1	6,661	25	121	129	189	668	1,967	2,482	915	125	14	1	25
15-19 years	14.7	153,936	322	1,593	2,248	4,571	13,879	44,118	59,968	22,988	3,445	360	40	404
20-24 years	12.6	178,902	399	1,578	2,055	4,423	14,068	45,205	69,831	33,526	6,350	832	112	523
25-29 years	11.3	108,124	289	913	1,116	2,356	7,525	23,689	41,497	23,588	5,694	973	153	331
30-34 years	11.6	44,596	127	438	468	1,021	3,083	9,012	15,910	10,514	3,086	641	133	163
35-39 years	13.1	17,514	40	158	216	521	1,350	3,410	5,955	4,104	1,290	326	87	57
40-44 years	12.8	4,436	7	47	42	110	361	870	1,455	1,057	334	86	45	22
45-49 years	16.3	310	-	2	2	16	30	52	104	75	14	12	-	3

¹ Equivalents of the gram weight in terms of pounds and ounces are as follows:

500 grams or less = 1 lb. 1 oz. or less
 501-1,000 grams = 1 lb. 2 oz. - 2 lb. 3 oz.
 1,001-1,500 grams = 2 lb. 4 oz. - 3 lb. 4 oz.
 1,501-2,000 grams = 3 lb. 5 oz. - 4 lb. 6 oz.
 2,001-2,500 grams = 4 lb. 7 oz. - 5 lb. 8 oz.
 2,501-3,000 grams = 5 lb. 9 oz. - 6 lb. 9 oz.
 3,001-3,500 grams = 6 lb. 10 oz. - 7 lb. 11 oz.
 3,501-4,000 grams = 7 lb. 12 oz. - 8 lb. 13 oz.
 4,001-4,500 grams = 8 lb. 14 oz. - 9 lb. 14 oz.
 4,501-5,000 grams = 9 lb. 15 oz. - 11 lb. 0 oz.
 5,001 grams or more = 11 lb. 1 oz. or more

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Table 12. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMACY RATES, AND ILLEGITIMACY RATIOS, BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE: UNITED STATES, 1976

[National estimates based on births occurring in the 38 States and District of Columbia which require reporting of legitimacy status. Based on 100 percent of births in selected reporting States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other reporting States; see Sources of Data. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Age of mother	Number ¹				Rates per 1,000 unmarried women in specified group				Ratio per 1,000 live births			
	Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other		Total	White	All other	
			Total	Negro			Total	Negro			Total	Negro
All ages.....	468,100	197,100	271,000	258,800	² 24.7	² 12.7	² 78.1	² 83.2	147.8	76.8	451.5	503.0
Under 15 years.....	10,300	3,500	6,800	6,600	---	---	---	---	863.5	692.5	989.2	990.8
15-19 years.....	225,000	97,600	127,400	122,700	24.0	12.4	84.6	91.6	402.7	248.2	769.9	797.1
15 years.....	22,900	9,200	13,700	13,200	19.3	9.9	69.0	74.6	719.0	528.1	949.3	956.0
16 years.....	41,700	17,900	23,800	22,900					585.6	399.2	902.8	917.0
17 years.....	51,900	22,900	29,000	28,000					461.6	295.0	833.4	857.6
18 years.....	55,900	24,600	31,300	30,200	32.5	17.0	112.4	121.6	363.5	221.9	728.8	761.1
19 years.....	52,600	23,000	29,600	28,400					277.6	161.4	630.7	663.1
20-24 years.....	145,400	58,900	86,500	82,400	32.2	16.0	103.1	109.3	133.2	66.3	425.3	460.6
25-29 years.....	55,400	22,800	32,700	30,800	27.5	14.4	76.8	81.1	57.0	27.3	239.2	284.9
30-34 years.....	21,000	9,400	11,600	10,700	17.8	10.2	44.3	45.9	53.6	28.3	194.8	239.9
35-39 years.....	8,600	3,900	4,700	4,400	8.9	5.5	18.8	19.0	74.4	41.8	209.5	251.2
40 years and over.....	2,300	1,000	1,300	1,200	³ 2.5	³ 1.4	³ 6.9	³ 7.0	89.1	49.8	226.2	252.8

¹Due to rounding estimates to the nearest hundred, figures by race may not add to totals.

²Rates computed by relating total illegitimate births, regardless of age of mother, to unmarried women 15-44 years.

³Rates computed by relating illegitimate births to mothers aged 40 years and over to unmarried women aged 40-44 years.

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Table 13. LIVE BIRTHS BY INTERVAL SINCE LAST LIVE BIRTH, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 43 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to second and higher order births occurring within the areas reporting date of last live birth to residents of these areas. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother]

Interval since last live birth and race	Total, second and higher order births ¹	Live-birth order						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8 and over
Total	1,467,172	818,259	371,526	146,819	63,048	30,246	15,937	21,337
0 months (plural deliveries)	19,117	6,578	6,437	3,255	1,417	682	339	409
1-11 months	23,652	12,304	5,999	2,722	1,231	592	332	472
12-17 months	145,664	75,224	37,217	16,776	7,424	3,694	2,157	3,172
18-23 months	176,325	100,789	42,394	17,411	7,238	3,651	1,982	2,860
24-35 months	318,401	196,644	72,470	26,480	10,728	5,299	2,699	4,081
36-47 months	227,922	141,087	54,237	18,073	7,049	3,201	1,817	2,458
48-59 months	155,609	89,145	40,920	14,184	5,708	2,559	1,314	1,779
60-71 months	110,822	58,123	31,402	11,690	4,894	2,122	1,149	1,442
72 months and over	211,634	89,549	64,731	29,535	14,289	6,807	3,295	3,428
Not stated	78,026	48,816	15,719	6,693	3,070	1,639	853	1,236
White	1,185,945	680,418	300,082	113,144	46,571	21,511	10,858	13,361
0 months (plural deliveries)	15,263	5,393	5,278	2,596	1,049	486	225	236
1-11 months	16,477	9,106	4,149	1,701	769	325	181	246
12-17 months	110,779	59,596	28,366	12,065	5,045	2,419	1,395	1,893
18-23 months	142,861	84,391	33,820	13,421	5,344	2,648	1,384	1,853
24-35 months	266,539	169,772	59,512	20,700	8,021	3,909	1,896	2,729
36-47 months	189,811	120,427	44,821	14,113	5,277	2,374	1,256	1,543
48-59 months	127,526	74,482	33,653	11,171	4,329	1,818	936	1,137
60-71 months	89,633	47,572	25,856	9,170	3,732	1,556	824	923
72 months and over	167,544	70,655	53,188	23,537	10,953	4,967	2,230	2,014
Not stated	59,512	39,024	11,439	4,670	2,052	1,009	531	787
Negro	236,888	113,824	60,381	29,041	14,387	7,688	4,535	7,032
0 months (plural deliveries)	3,367	1,009	1,002	600	321	174	104	157
1-11 months	6,300	2,749	1,639	902	416	244	140	210
12-17 months	29,130	12,625	7,462	4,079	2,059	1,110	692	1,103
18-23 months	27,499	13,110	7,150	3,363	1,614	873	517	872
24-35 months	42,375	21,467	10,652	4,834	2,332	1,205	706	1,179
36-47 months	31,511	16,786	7,869	3,345	1,499	721	483	808
48-59 months	23,605	12,188	6,071	2,580	1,213	638	339	576
60-71 months	18,094	8,892	4,702	2,197	1,037	499	294	473
72 months and over	38,670	16,458	9,991	5,315	2,975	1,671	973	1,287
Not stated	16,337	8,540	3,843	1,826	921	553	287	367

¹Excludes not stated birth order.

NOTE: Excludes data for Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia, which did not require reporting of date of last live birth.

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Table 14. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER AND FATHER AND RACE: TOTAL OF 44 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

Years of school completed	Mother			Father		
	Total	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro
Total.....	2,485,820	1,991,875	436,631	2,485,820	1,991,875	436,631
0-5 years.....	17,414	13,391	2,552	19,317	15,336	3,054
6 years.....	13,891	10,151	2,681	14,624	11,832	2,282
7 years.....	19,731	13,474	5,691	15,517	12,388	2,766
8 years.....	79,169	59,348	17,302	70,001	60,329	8,148
9 years.....	124,448	88,915	32,559	70,242	58,657	10,216
10 years.....	197,083	139,492	53,341	116,706	94,829	19,691
11 years.....	211,284	138,621	67,966	129,956	98,140	29,154
12 years.....	1,084,688	894,422	170,835	873,106	738,725	116,481
13 years.....	165,636	140,962	21,473	126,766	111,084	12,851
14 years.....	148,598	125,855	19,132	177,549	156,374	16,965
15 years.....	64,365	55,611	7,013	66,718	58,312	6,741
16 years.....	208,867	188,300	14,428	242,673	224,442	12,527
17 years or more.....	83,858	73,954	5,888	192,986	177,987	7,746
Not stated.....	66,788	49,379	15,770	369,659	173,440	188,009

NOTE: Excludes data for Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother and father.

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Table 15. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 44 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas. Figures for age of mother not stated are distributed]

Age of mother and race	Total	Years of school completed by mother					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
Total	2,485,820	130,205	532,815	1,084,688	378,599	292,725	66,788
Under 15 years.....	9,505	6,431	2,537	-	-	-	537
15-19 years.....	436,850	33,666	239,189	140,375	11,208	109	12,303
15 years.....	25,265	6,797	17,305	199	-	-	964
16 years.....	56,149	6,467	46,427	1,418	25	-	1,812
17 years.....	88,469	6,397	65,197	14,078	229	-	2,568
18 years.....	120,368	6,855	58,078	50,122	2,119	-	3,194
19 years.....	146,599	7,150	52,182	74,558	8,835	109	3,765
20-24 years.....	851,903	33,371	165,532	456,635	139,104	36,419	20,842
25-29 years.....	769,425	26,797	73,776	327,312	159,818	161,476	20,246
30-34 years.....	307,710	16,922	33,631	117,391	53,639	76,824	9,303
35-39 years.....	90,276	9,492	14,386	35,396	12,502	15,640	2,860
40 years or more	20,151	3,526	3,764	7,579	2,328	2,257	697
White.....	1,991,875	96,364	367,028	894,422	322,428	262,254	49,379
Under 15 years.....	3,710	2,680	826	-	-	-	204
15-19 years.....	297,326	24,751	157,339	101,261	6,719	78	7,178
15 years.....	12,941	4,053	8,363	111	-	-	414
16 years.....	33,791	4,613	27,453	774	14	-	937
17 years.....	58,906	4,923	43,318	9,093	121	-	1,451
18 years.....	84,203	5,408	40,402	35,336	1,093	-	1,964
19 years.....	107,485	5,754	37,803	55,947	5,491	78	2,412
20-24 years.....	683,995	26,263	119,950	376,806	114,413	31,222	15,341
25-29 years.....	659,485	20,618	53,064	280,891	141,481	146,928	16,503
30-34 years.....	259,945	12,774	23,784	99,941	47,178	68,704	7,564
35-39 years.....	72,058	6,839	9,674	29,381	10,681	13,366	2,117
40 years or more	15,356	2,439	2,391	6,142	1,956	1,956	472
Negro.....	436,631	28,226	153,866	170,835	47,618	20,316	15,770
Under 15 years.....	5,654	3,652	1,676	-	-	-	326
15-19 years.....	131,172	8,149	77,162	36,634	4,230	27	4,970
15 years.....	11,883	2,621	8,628	88	-	-	546
16 years.....	21,387	1,743	18,157	623	11	-	853
17 years.....	27,960	1,339	20,643	4,790	99	-	1,089
18 years.....	33,775	1,256	16,470	13,881	978	-	1,190
19 years.....	36,167	1,190	13,264	17,252	3,142	27	1,292
20-24 years.....	151,146	5,650	41,790	72,396	21,817	4,370	5,123
25-29 years.....	91,354	4,573	18,598	40,408	14,879	9,726	3,170
30-34 years.....	38,064	3,201	8,947	14,889	4,954	4,693	1,380
35-39 years.....	15,064	2,106	4,384	5,239	1,429	1,299	607
40 years or more	4,177	895	1,309	1,269	309	201	194

NOTE: Excludes data for Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

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Table 16. LIVE BIRTHS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF MOTHER, LIVE-BIRTH ORDER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 44 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting educational attainment to residents of these areas]

Live-birth order and race	Total	Years of school completed by mother					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
Total	2,485,820	130,205	532,815	1,084,688	378,599	292,725	66,788
First child.....	1,034,453	41,291	229,374	441,224	161,955	137,779	22,830
Second child.....	790,715	31,251	144,380	367,089	129,258	102,326	16,411
Third child.....	359,731	21,337	77,587	164,102	54,125	34,884	7,696
Fourth child.....	141,601	13,052	37,465	60,114	18,027	9,764	3,179
Fifth child.....	60,385	7,788	18,259	23,177	6,530	3,225	1,406
Sixth child.....	28,719	4,997	8,958	10,027	2,752	1,260	725
Seventh child.....	15,013	3,318	4,714	4,727	1,289	566	399
Eighth child and over	20,317	6,020	6,396	5,339	1,344	551	667
Not stated	34,886	1,151	5,682	8,889	3,319	2,370	13,475
White.....	1,991,875	96,364	367,028	894,422	322,428	262,254	49,379
First child.....	838,158	29,991	161,556	369,177	137,290	123,558	16,586
Second child.....	651,628	25,005	104,313	306,800	111,456	91,595	12,459
Third child.....	286,730	16,676	53,226	133,667	46,255	31,186	5,720
Fourth child.....	106,643	9,773	23,967	46,899	15,082	8,732	2,190
Fifth child.....	43,012	5,540	10,859	17,406	5,344	2,929	934
Sixth child.....	19,394	3,345	4,878	7,273	2,287	1,150	461
Seventh child.....	9,613	2,056	2,310	3,418	1,047	524	258
Eighth child and over	11,513	3,222	2,656	3,699	1,067	509	360
Not stated	25,184	756	3,263	6,083	2,600	2,071	10,411
Negro.....	436,631	28,226	153,866	170,835	47,618	20,316	15,770
First child.....	173,703	9,854	62,993	64,510	20,977	9,661	5,708
Second child.....	121,206	4,898	36,834	53,987	14,992	6,973	3,522
Third child.....	64,499	3,732	22,592	27,357	6,599	2,428	1,791
Fourth child.....	31,268	2,689	12,543	11,901	2,546	681	908
Fifth child.....	15,668	1,888	6,909	5,211	1,007	217	436
Sixth child.....	8,405	1,399	3,796	2,497	396	82	235
Seventh child.....	4,939	1,084	2,290	1,195	215	28	127
Eighth child and over	7,924	2,339	3,569	1,503	236	32	245
Not stated	9,019	343	2,340	2,674	650	214	2,798

NOTE: Excludes data for Arkansas, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which did not require reporting of educational attainment of mother.

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Table 17. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AGE OF MOTHER, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 44 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

Age of mother and race	Total	Month of pregnancy prenatal care began					
		1st and 2d month	3d month	4th-6th month	7th-9th month	No prenatal care	Not stated
Total	2,859,675	1,286,381	736,433	572,901	119,142	39,065	105,753
Under 15 years	10,845	1,410	1,835	4,759	1,602	577	662
15-19 years	504,660	136,207	123,060	171,188	39,866	12,359	21,980
15-17 years	194,977	42,222	44,773	75,068	18,181	5,602	9,131
18-19 years	309,683	93,985	78,287	96,120	21,685	6,757	12,849
20-24 years	985,273	442,147	259,875	194,334	39,963	12,927	36,027
25-29 years	877,675	471,535	226,698	121,116	21,673	7,255	29,398
30-34 years	353,488	181,962	91,811	53,813	9,999	3,445	12,458
35-39 years	104,479	45,204	27,310	21,346	4,566	1,836	4,217
40 years and over	23,255	7,916	5,844	6,345	1,473	666	1,011
White	2,314,210	1,110,059	608,975	410,529	82,375	24,956	77,316
Under 15 years	4,552	620	765	1,913	745	272	237
15-19 years	354,709	102,864	90,378	113,813	26,290	7,462	13,902
15-17 years	126,395	28,944	30,431	46,932	11,555	3,245	5,288
18-19 years	228,314	73,920	59,947	66,881	14,735	4,217	8,614
20-24 years	801,188	381,697	216,038	140,831	27,890	8,173	26,559
25-29 years	752,880	420,369	196,377	92,443	15,751	4,892	23,048
30-34 years	298,965	159,870	78,416	41,174	7,316	2,433	9,756
35-39 years	83,886	38,156	22,388	15,693	3,305	1,252	3,092
40 years and over	18,030	6,483	4,613	4,662	1,078	472	722
Negro	468,450	146,857	108,404	143,136	31,156	12,712	26,185
Under 15 years	6,118	770	1,040	2,769	820	303	416
15-19 years	139,756	30,953	30,530	53,679	12,262	4,580	7,752
15-17 years	64,954	12,624	13,649	26,657	6,091	2,216	3,717
18-19 years	74,802	18,329	16,881	27,022	6,171	2,364	4,035
20-24 years	162,368	52,987	38,474	47,603	10,201	4,257	8,846
25-29 years	98,705	39,739	23,663	23,067	4,569	2,061	5,606
30-34 years	40,970	15,971	9,850	9,968	1,993	851	2,337
35-39 years	16,168	5,271	3,800	4,624	988	499	986
40 years and over	4,365	1,166	1,047	1,426	323	161	242

NOTE: Excludes data for Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

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Table 18. LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN AND RACE: TOTAL OF 44 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

Race	Total	Month of pregnancy prenatal care began									
		1st and 2d month	3d month	4th month	5th month	6th month	7th month	8th month	9th month	No pre-natal care	Not stated
Total	2,859,675	1,286,381	736,433	303,995	168,222	100,684	65,576	38,195	15,371	39,065	105,753
White.....	2,314,210	1,110,059	608,975	225,397	116,847	68,285	45,368	26,460	10,547	24,956	77,316
Negro	468,450	146,857	108,404	69,292	45,438	28,406	17,451	9,753	3,952	12,712	26,185

NOTE: Excludes data for Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, which did not require reporting of month of pregnancy prenatal care began.

Table 19. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS AND RACE: TOTAL OF 41 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the number of prenatal visits to residents of these areas]

Race	Total	Number of prenatal visits										
		No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	19 visits or more
Total	2,167,393	25,046	43,140	88,293	173,636	281,706	471,341	552,589	232,663	124,906	27,057	28,730
White.....	1,728,838	13,403	23,276	51,406	114,867	212,714	387,753	477,366	205,704	107,832	23,380	23,827
Negro	383,455	10,560	17,486	33,112	52,576	60,457	72,045	63,455	22,262	14,839	3,249	4,406

NOTE: Excludes data for Alaska, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas, which did not require reporting of number of prenatal visits.

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Table 20. LIVE BIRTHS BY NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS, MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 39 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting number of prenatal visits and month of pregnancy prenatal care began to residents of these areas]

Month of pregnancy prenatal care began and race	Total	Number of prenatal visits											
		No visits	1-2 visits	3-4 visits	5-6 visits	7-8 visits	9-10 visits	11-12 visits	13-14 visits	15-16 visits	17-18 visits	19 visits or more	Not stated
Total	2,096,486	24,430	41,894	85,863	168,888	273,933	456,577	529,211	223,480	119,827	26,413	28,210	117,760
1st and 2d month	932,961	...	3,418	8,512	28,474	81,648	194,958	318,104	153,169	85,185	19,113	20,427	19,953
3d month	539,231	...	3,330	10,588	38,225	79,202	153,358	154,556	52,728	25,712	5,403	5,471	10,658
4th-6th month	420,355	...	12,657	40,977	80,522	99,763	99,737	51,403	15,522	7,800	1,619	2,033	8,322
7th-9th month	86,343	...	21,196	24,258	19,717	10,789	4,864	2,016	720	382	85	90	2,226
No prenatal care	24,430	24,430	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated	93,166	...	1,293	1,528	1,950	2,531	3,660	3,132	1,341	748	193	189	76,601
White	1,675,542	13,047	22,564	49,995	111,941	207,546	376,900	458,689	197,869	103,835	22,830	23,426	86,900
1st and 2d month	804,926	...	1,823	5,099	20,049	65,238	167,534	281,641	137,716	75,297	16,801	17,446	16,282
3d month	443,765	...	1,731	6,253	25,956	62,597	128,564	133,318	46,294	21,827	4,565	4,362	8,298
4th-6th month	290,632	...	6,095	22,675	51,355	70,341	74,615	39,581	12,179	5,792	1,230	1,408	5,361
7th-9th month	55,789	...	12,218	15,135	13,422	7,660	3,509	1,495	539	290	62	64	1,395
No prenatal care	13,047	13,047	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated	67,383	...	697	833	1,159	1,710	2,678	2,654	1,141	629	172	146	55,564
Negro	367,134	10,304	16,970	32,127	50,831	57,992	68,437	59,217	21,062	13,832	3,170	4,290	28,902
1st and 2d month	108,890	...	1,413	3,074	7,573	14,403	23,248	30,249	12,410	8,440	2,019	2,638	3,423
3d month	82,620	...	1,459	3,906	11,015	14,428	21,277	17,771	5,405	3,400	752	1,011	2,196
4th-6th month	115,350	...	5,926	16,706	26,155	25,861	21,877	10,315	2,919	1,815	360	578	2,838
7th-9th month	26,121	...	7,664	7,840	5,375	2,570	1,154	453	160	81	23	22	779
No prenatal care	10,304	10,304	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not stated	23,849	...	508	601	713	730	881	429	168	96	16	41	19,666

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Table 21. LIVE BIRTHS BY BIRTH WEIGHT, PERIOD OF GESTATION, AND RACE: TOTAL OF 42 REPORTING STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1976

[Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Sources of Data. Refers only to births occurring within the areas reporting the first day of last normal menstrual period (LMP) to residents of these areas]

Period of gestation and race	Total	Birth weight											Not stated
		500 grams or less	501-1,000 grams	1,001-1,500 grams	1,501-2,000 grams	2,001-2,500 grams	2,501-3,000 grams	3,001-3,500 grams	3,501-4,000 grams	4,001-4,500 grams	4,501-5,000 grams	5,001 grams or more	
Total	2,545,640	2,622	10,822	15,798	36,060	118,886	435,900	950,523	713,353	209,469	38,824	5,203	8,180
Under 20 weeks	699	163	109	33	24	33	70	105	74	21	5	-	62
20-27 weeks	11,573	1,360	5,090	1,727	658	539	655	793	359	117	27	17	231
28-31 weeks	20,303	61	1,409	5,523	5,113	2,193	2,152	2,286	1,054	223	28	15	246
32-35 weeks	86,039	29	336	2,392	11,636	22,675	21,084	17,509	7,921	1,707	284	50	416
36 weeks	57,801	5	34	322	2,027	10,112	19,905	16,465	6,855	1,597	298	41	140
37-39 weeks	695,485	46	124	591	4,584	33,772	157,115	294,456	162,940	34,700	5,037	669	1,451
40 weeks	452,337	12	49	125	879	8,381	59,961	180,693	151,192	42,651	6,776	780	838
41-42 weeks	506,186	20	50	155	752	7,453	52,673	176,978	184,386	66,851	14,091	1,830	947
43 weeks and over	178,442	6	40	112	497	3,665	22,066	62,991	60,216	22,457	5,232	832	328
Not stated	536,775	920	3,581	4,818	9,890	30,063	100,219	198,247	138,356	39,145	7,046	969	3,521
White	2,041,196	1,571	6,654	10,224	24,117	81,332	314,110	755,934	613,184	187,652	35,290	4,576	6,552
Under 20 weeks	417	95	48	17	15	17	43	72	52	17	3	-	38
20-27 weeks	7,209	848	3,308	1,137	348	261	327	465	250	95	20	12	138
28-31 weeks	13,081	42	907	3,815	3,519	1,242	1,149	1,315	698	171	24	13	186
32-35 weeks	59,101	15	216	1,588	8,158	16,327	14,095	11,208	5,639	1,317	216	36	286
36 weeks	42,080	4	15	212	1,421	7,173	14,483	12,005	5,098	1,288	249	25	107
37-39 weeks	550,596	29	70	402	3,226	23,756	115,300	233,616	137,846	30,267	4,363	569	1,152
40 weeks	380,533	10	26	81	609	6,028	45,679	149,531	132,443	38,564	6,174	675	713
41-42 weeks	438,420	18	24	80	522	5,386	40,808	149,242	164,996	61,722	13,165	1,648	809
43 weeks and over	149,389	6	18	70	344	2,496	16,291	51,304	52,502	20,444	4,875	772	267
Not stated	400,370	504	2,022	2,822	5,955	18,646	65,935	147,176	113,660	33,767	6,201	826	2,856
Negro	428,882	996	3,928	5,207	11,013	33,988	106,675	164,159	81,217	17,114	2,716	493	1,376
Under 20 weeks	266	65	58	14	8	14	27	32	18	4	2	-	24
20-27 weeks	4,072	485	1,667	529	294	258	306	315	98	19	5	4	91
28-31 weeks	6,638	18	481	1,585	1,450	886	930	889	305	41	2	1	50
32-35 weeks	24,176	14	111	757	3,169	5,723	6,307	5,626	1,969	327	56	13	104
36 weeks	13,859	1	19	101	547	2,619	4,813	3,928	1,486	262	38	14	31
37-39 weeks	121,156	15	53	174	1,233	8,912	35,775	50,420	20,258	3,455	536	81	244
40 weeks	58,817	1	22	42	247	2,074	12,170	25,540	14,919	3,180	432	83	107
41-42 weeks	55,176	2	24	73	214	1,872	10,253	22,698	15,226	3,839	698	139	108
43 weeks and over	24,568	-	19	39	148	1,062	5,143	10,020	6,204	1,570	268	42	53
Not stated	120,154	395	1,474	1,893	3,703	10,568	30,951	44,691	20,734	4,387	678	116	564

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