

Births: Preliminary Data for 2010

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Abstract

Objectives—This report presents preliminary data for 2010 on births in the United States. U.S. data on births are shown by age, live-birth order, race, and Hispanic origin of mother. Data on marital status, cesarean delivery, preterm births, and low birthweight are also presented.

Methods—Data in this report are based on approximately 100 percent of births for 2010. Records for the few states with approximately 99.99 percent of records received are weighted to independent control

counts of all births received in state vital statistics offices in 2010. Comparisons are made with final 2009 data.

Results—The preliminary number of U.S. births in 2010 was 4,000,279, 3 percent less than in 2009; the general fertility rate (64.1 per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years) and the total fertility rate (1,932.0 births per 1,000 women) also declined in 2010 (by 3 percent each). The number of births and rates declined for all race and Hispanic origin groups in 2010. • The birth rate for U.S. teenagers aged 15–19 dropped 9 percent to 34.3 per 1,000, a record low for the nation, and declined to historic lows for younger and older teenagers and for all race and

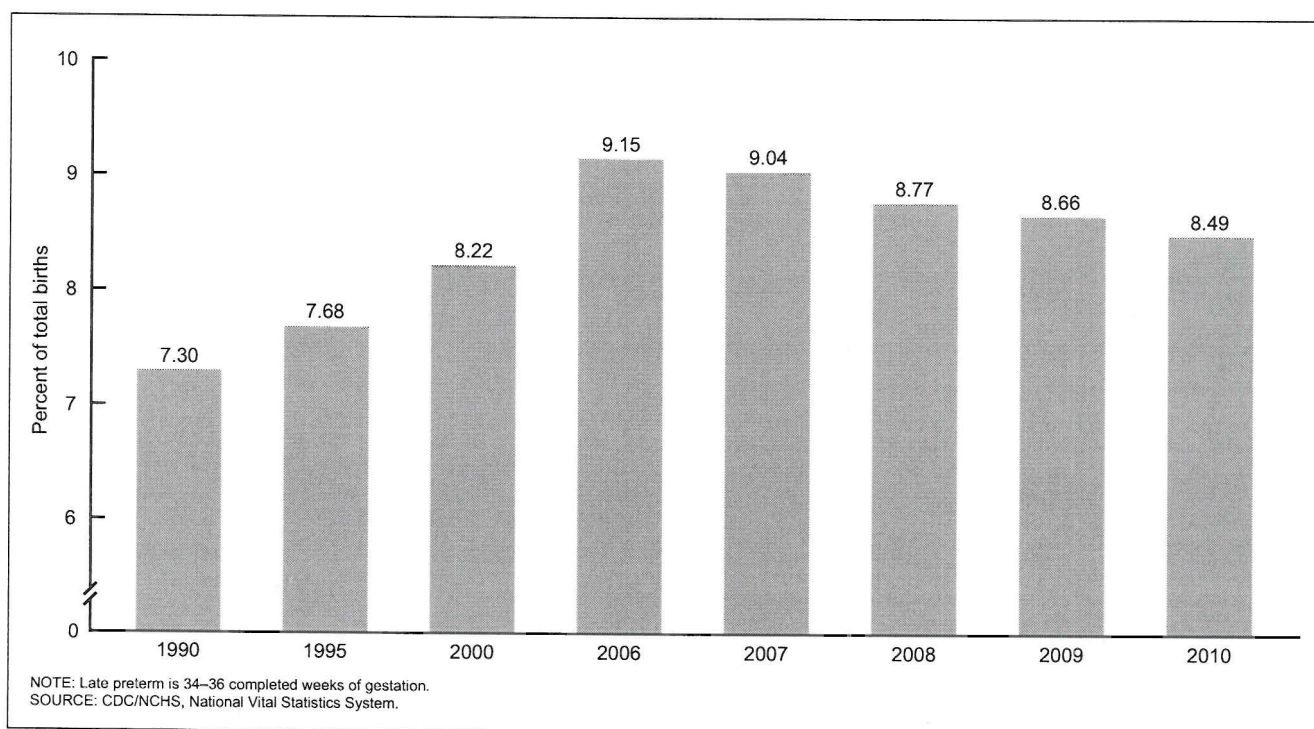


Figure 1. Late preterm birth rates: United States, selected years final 1990–2009 and preliminary 2010

Table S-2. Birth rates, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, final 2000–2009 and preliminary 2010

[Data for 2010 are based on a continuous file of records received from the states. Total fertility rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5. Rates are births per 1,000 women in specified age and race and Hispanic origin group. Population enumerated as of April 1 for 2000 and 2010 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years. Rates for 2001–2009 have been revised using (intercensal) population estimates based on the 2000 and 2010 censuses, and may differ from rates previously published; see “Technical Notes”]

Year and race	Total fertility rate	Age of mother									
		15–19 years			20–24 years	25–29 years	30–34 years	35–39 years	40–44 years	45–49 years ¹	
		10–14 years	Total	15–17 years							18–19 years
All races and origins²											
2010	1,932.0	0.4	34.3	17.3	58.3	90.0	108.3	96.6	45.9	10.2	0.7
2009	2,002.0	0.5	37.9	19.6	64.0	96.2	111.5	97.5	46.1	10.0	0.7
2008	2,072.0	0.6	40.2	21.1	68.2	101.8	115.0	99.4	46.8	9.9	0.7
2007	2,120.0	0.6	41.5	21.7	71.7	105.4	118.1	100.6	47.6	9.6	0.6
2006	2,108.0	0.6	41.1	21.6	71.2	105.5	118.0	98.9	47.5	9.4	0.6
2005	2,057.0	0.6	39.7	21.1	68.4	101.8	116.5	96.7	46.4	9.1	0.6
2004	2,051.5	0.6	40.5	21.8	68.7	101.5	116.5	96.2	45.5	9.0	0.5
2003	2,047.5	0.6	41.1	22.2	69.6	102.3	116.7	95.7	43.9	8.7	0.5
2002	2,020.5	0.7	42.6	23.1	72.2	103.1	114.7	92.6	41.6	8.3	0.5
2001	2,030.5	0.8	45.0	24.5	75.5	105.6	113.8	91.8	40.5	8.1	0.5
2000	2,056.0	0.9	47.7	26.9	78.1	109.7	113.5	91.2	39.7	8.0	0.5
Non-Hispanic white³											
2010	1,791.0	0.2	23.5	10.0	42.6	74.9	105.8	99.9	44.1	9.2	0.6
2009	1,830.0	0.2	25.7	11.0	46.2	79.2	107.1	99.7	44.4	9.1	0.6
2008	1,874.5	0.2	26.7	11.6	48.6	82.8	109.7	100.8	45.2	8.9	0.6
2007	1,908.0	0.2	27.2	11.9	50.4	85.1	112.0	101.5	46.3	8.7	0.6
2006	1,900.5	0.2	26.7	11.8	49.4	85.1	112.2	100.0	46.8	8.5	0.6
2005	1,869.0	0.2	26.0	11.5	48.0	82.7	111.7	98.4	46.0	8.3	0.5
2004	1,871.0	0.2	26.7	12.0	48.6	83.0	112.1	98.3	45.1	8.3	0.5
2003	1,874.5	0.2	27.4	12.4	50.0	84.1	112.7	98.4	43.5	8.1	0.5
2002	1,839.5	0.2	28.6	13.1	52.0	84.7	110.3	95.0	40.9	7.7	0.5
2001	1,846.0	0.3	30.3	14.0	54.7	87.0	109.6	94.3	39.8	7.5	0.4
2000	1,866.0	0.3	32.6	15.8	57.5	91.2	109.4	93.2	38.8	7.3	0.4
Non-Hispanic black³											
2010	1,971.5	1.0	51.5	27.4	85.6	119.4	102.5	73.6	36.4	9.2	0.7
2009	2,045.5	1.1	56.7	31.0	93.5	125.9	105.9	73.9	36.1	8.9	0.6
2008	2,115.0	1.4	60.4	33.6	100.0	131.5	108.8	75.3	36.3	8.7	0.6
2007	2,142.0	1.4	62.0	34.6	105.2	134.5	110.5	74.7	36.2	8.5	0.6
2006	2,128.5	1.5	61.9	35.2	105.0	134.4	110.0	73.2	35.9	8.3	0.5
2005	2,030.5	1.6	59.4	34.1	100.2	127.9	105.5	68.8	34.2	8.2	0.5
2004	2,029.0	1.6	61.8	36.4	101.5	127.8	104.9	67.8	33.6	7.8	0.5
2003	2,036.5	1.6	63.7	38.2	103.4	128.8	103.9	67.7	33.4	7.7	0.5
2002	2,053.0	1.9	67.7	40.6	109.5	131.4	103.1	66.5	32.1	7.5	0.4
2001	2,106.5	2.1	73.1	44.8	115.8	137.3	102.7	66.4	32.0	7.3	0.4
2000	2,178.5	2.4	79.2	50.1	121.9	145.4	102.8	66.5	31.8	7.2	0.4
American Indian or Alaska Native^{3,4}											
2010	1,404.0	0.5	38.7	20.1	66.1	91.0	74.4	48.4	22.3	5.2	0.3
2009	1,498.5	0.6	43.8	23.7	73.6	96.6	79.5	50.9	22.7	5.3	0.3
2008	1,573.5	0.7	47.4	25.9	80.4	103.0	83.4	51.4	23.2	5.3	0.3
2007	1,625.5	0.7	49.4	26.2	86.4	106.0	86.4	52.7	24.3	5.3	0.3
2006	1,628.0	0.7	47.0	26.0	81.0	106.9	89.2	52.1	24.0	5.4	0.3
2005	1,586.5	0.8	46.0	26.3	78.1	103.0	86.6	51.9	23.3	5.4	0.3
2004	1,613.5	0.8	47.4	26.7	80.1	105.6	87.2	52.0	23.9	5.6	0.2
2003	1,643.5	0.9	49.2	28.0	82.3	107.2	89.5	52.9	23.4	5.2	0.4
2002	1,678.5	0.8	51.0	28.9	85.6	110.9	89.1	53.8	24.1	5.7	0.3
2001	1,717.0	0.9	54.7	30.3	93.1	114.1	89.4	54.3	24.1	5.6	0.3
2000	1,772.5	1.1	58.3	34.1	97.1	117.2	91.8	55.5	24.6	5.7	0.3

See footnotes at end of table.