

Births: Final Data for 2019

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Abstract

Objectives—This report presents 2019 data on U.S. births according to a wide variety of characteristics. Trends in fertility patterns and maternal and infant characteristics are described and interpreted.

Methods—Descriptive tabulations of data reported on the birth certificates of the 3.75 million births that occurred in

2019 are presented. Data are presented for maternal age, live-birth order, race and Hispanic origin, marital status, tobacco use, prenatal care, source of payment for the delivery, method of delivery, gestational age, birthweight, and plurality. Selected data by mother's state of residence and birth rates by age are also shown. Trend data for 2010 through 2019 are presented for selected items. Trend data by race and Hispanic origin are shown for 2016–2019.

Figure 1. Method of delivery: United States, 2016–2019

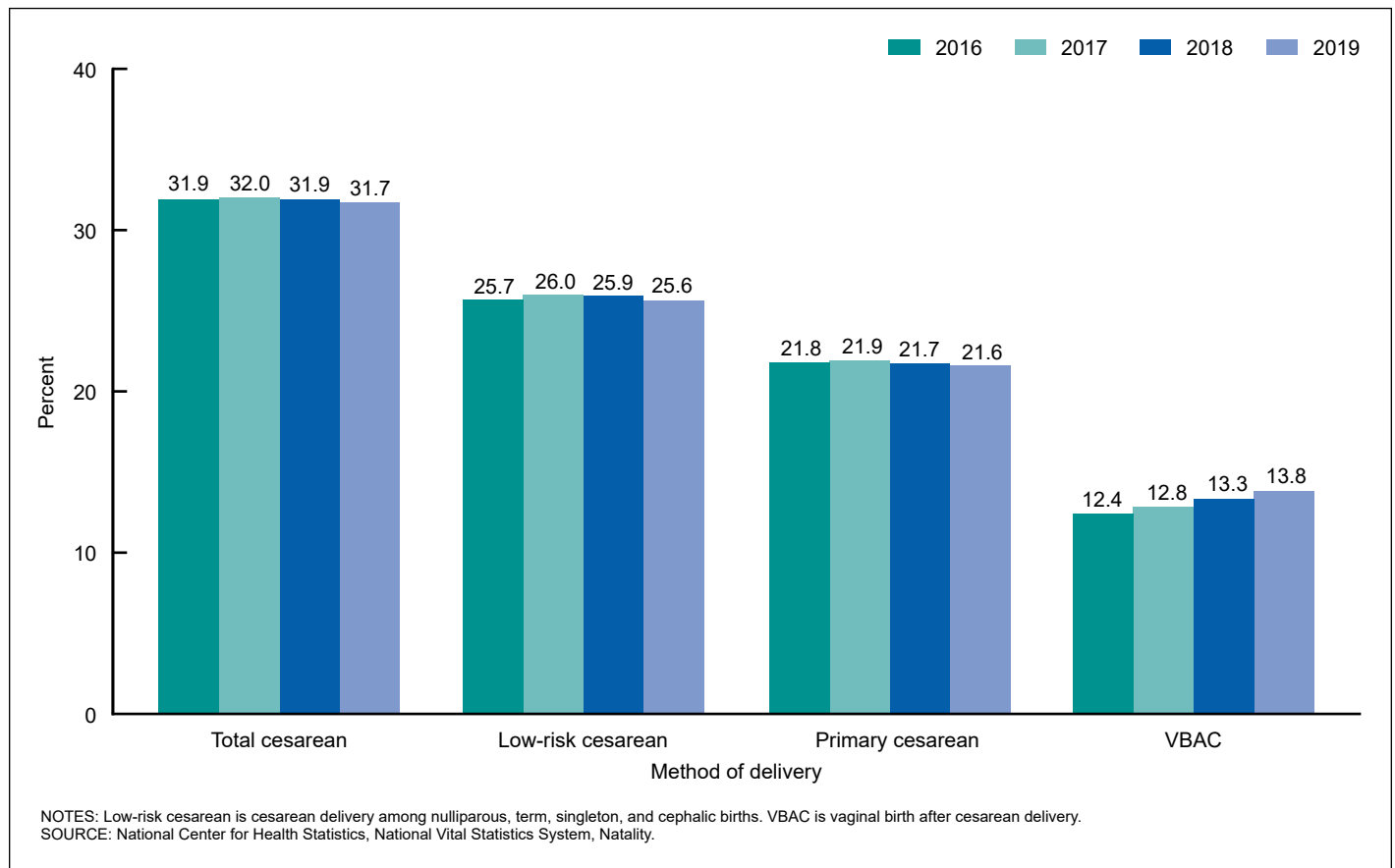


Table 5. Birth rates, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019

[Rates are births per 1,000 women in specified age and race and Hispanic-origin group. Fertility rate computed by relating total births, regardless of age of mother, to women aged 15–44 years. Populations estimated as of July 1. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed]

Live-birth order and race of mother	Fertility rate	Age of mother (years)										
		10–14	15–19				20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 ¹
			Total	15–17	18–19							
All races and origins²												
Total	58.3	0.2	16.7	6.7	31.1	66.6	93.7	98.3	52.8	12.0	0.9	
1st child	22.0	0.2	14.0	6.2	25.4	35.6	35.1	30.0	11.8	2.5	0.3	
2nd child	18.8	*	2.3	0.5	5.0	21.3	31.1	33.7	17.5	3.4	0.3	
3rd child	10.0	*	0.3	0.0	0.7	7.3	17.0	19.3	11.6	2.5	0.1	
4th child	4.4	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.9	6.9	8.9	6.0	1.6	0.1	
5th child	1.7	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.4	2.4	3.6	2.8	0.9	0.1	
6th and 7th child	1.1	*	*	*	*	0.1	1.0	2.3	2.1	0.7	0.1	
8th child and over	0.4	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.1	
Non-Hispanic, single race³												
White	55.3	0.1	11.4	3.8	22.3	56.1	90.8	101.5	51.1	10.3	0.8	
1st child	21.6	0.1	9.7	3.6	18.5	31.1	37.6	33.5	12.5	2.4	0.2	
2nd child	18.6	*	1.5	0.2	3.4	17.8	30.5	36.6	18.1	3.2	0.2	
3rd child	9.0	*	0.2	0.0	0.4	5.6	14.8	18.6	10.9	2.0	0.1	
4th child	3.6	*	0.0	*	0.0	1.3	5.4	7.6	4.9	1.1	0.1	
5th child	1.3	*	*	*	*	0.2	1.7	2.9	2.1	0.6	0.0	
6th and 7th child	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.6	1.8	1.7	0.5	0.0	
8th child and over	0.3	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.1	
Black	61.4	0.4	25.8	11.1	46.4	88.3	96.4	82.9	47.6	12.6	1.1	
1st child	21.3	0.4	21.5	10.3	37.3	45.6	28.0	18.0	8.5	2.2	0.3	
2nd child	17.7	*	3.7	0.8	7.8	27.1	30.4	24.2	12.9	3.0	0.3	
3rd child	11.4	*	0.5	0.1	1.2	10.8	20.4	19.2	11.2	2.8	0.2	
4th child	5.9	*	0.1	*	0.1	3.5	10.4	10.8	6.9	1.9	0.1	
5th child	2.7	*	*	*	*	1.0	4.4	5.4	3.6	1.1	0.1	
6th and 7th child	1.8	*	*	*	*	0.3	2.3	4.0	3.0	1.0	0.1	
8th child and over	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.1	
American Indian or Alaska Native	56.2	0.3	29.2	13.5	51.8	86.7	89.1	72.0	36.6	8.0	0.4	
1st child	17.1	0.3	24.0	12.3	40.8	39.7	18.9	10.2	4.1	0.8	*	
2nd child	14.8	*	4.5	1.1	9.3	29.8	25.9	16.0	6.4	1.5	*	
3rd child	10.6	*	0.7	*	1.5	12.3	21.3	17.0	7.6	1.5	*	
4th child	6.4	*	*	*	*	3.8	13.1	12.4	6.3	1.2	*	
5th child	3.5	*	*	*	*	0.9	6.4	7.6	4.7	0.9	*	
6th and 7th child	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	3.0	7.2	5.0	1.3	*	
8th child and over	0.9	*	*	*	*	*	0.5	1.6	2.5	0.7	*	
Asian	55.3	*	2.7	0.9	5.2	23.1	71.4	115.6	71.0	16.5	1.9	
1st child	24.9	*	2.2	0.8	4.2	15.2	41.7	52.3	21.5	4.6	0.6	
2nd child	20.8	*	0.4	0.1	0.8	6.0	21.4	45.9	31.7	6.4	0.6	
3rd child	6.5	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.4	5.9	12.2	12.0	3.3	0.4	
4th child	2.0	*	*	*	*	0.4	1.7	3.5	3.7	1.3	0.2	
5th child	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.5	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.1	
6th and 7th child	0.3	*	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	
8th child and over	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	*	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	74.9	*	26.2	7.7	53.8	121.4	123.5	95.3	54.1	14.2	*	
1st child	22.5	*	21.6	7.3	43.1	59.1	30.8	15.5	7.6	1.6	*	
2nd child	18.3	*	4.0	*	9.1	36.4	34.1	20.3	9.5	2.4	*	
3rd child	13.6	*	*	*	*	18.0	27.4	19.2	10.0	2.5	*	
4th child	8.7	*	*	*	*	5.4	17.2	16.0	8.0	2.1	*	
5th child	5.8	*	*	*	*	2.0	9.0	11.8	7.9	1.7	*	
6th and 7th child	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	4.4	10.5	7.3	2.2	*	
8th child and over	1.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.1	3.8	1.6	*	