

TABLE 1-1. Live births, births to unmarried mothers, low birthweight infants, and births with no prenatal care, U.S., selected years 1945-1965, 1970-2016

Year	Live births		Births to unmarried mothers		Low birthweight ³		No prenatal care ⁴	
	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Ratio ²	Number	Ratio ²	Number	Ratio ²
1945	2,735,456	20.6	117,400	42.9	—	—	—	—
1950	3,554,149	23.6	141,600	39.8	—	—	—	—
1955	4,047,295	24.6	183,300	45.3	327,484	80.9	—	—
1960	4,257,850	23.7	224,300	52.7	311,014	73.0	—	—
1965	3,760,358	19.4	291,200	77.4	238,384	63.4	—	—
1970	3,731,368	18.4	398,700	106.9	219,556	58.8	49,658	13.3
1971	3,555,970	17.2	401,400	112.9	202,117	56.8	45,260	12.7
1972	3,258,411	15.6	403,200	123.7	202,185	62.1	40,065	12.3
1973	3,136,965	14.8	407,300	129.8	200,726	64.0	37,635	12.0
1974	3,159,958	14.8	418,100	132.3	198,887	62.9	36,024	11.4
1975	3,144,198	14.6	447,900	142.5	206,688	65.7	34,720	11.0
1976	3,167,788	14.6	468,100	147.8	211,997	66.9	39,065	12.3
1977	3,326,632	15.1	515,700	155.0	211,997	63.7	41,107	12.4
1978	3,333,279	15.0	543,900	163.2	234,291	70.3	44,703	13.4
1979	3,494,398	15.6	597,800	171.1	239,710	68.6	43,652	12.5
1980	3,612,258	15.9	665,747	184.3	246,292	68.2	46,211	12.8
1981	3,629,238	15.8	686,605	189.2	246,749	68.0	48,131	13.3
1982	3,680,537	15.9	715,277	194.3	248,104	67.4	54,610	14.8
1983	3,638,933	15.5	737,893	202.8	247,668	68.1	57,849	15.9
1984	3,669,141	15.5	770,355	210.0	246,105	67.1	59,937	16.3
1985	3,760,561	15.8	828,174	202.2	253,554	67.4	61,467	16.3
1986	3,756,547	15.6	878,477	233.9	255,500	68.0	70,327	18.7
1987	3,809,394	15.7	933,013	243.7	262,344	68.9	74,087	19.4
1988	3,909,510	15.9	1,005,299	257.1	270,681	69.2	72,998	18.7
1989	4,040,958	16.2	1,094,169	270.8	284,391	70.4	86,188	21.3
1990	4,158,212	16.7	1,165,384	280.3	289,418	69.6	80,406	19.3
1991	4,110,907	16.2	1,213,769	295.3	292,230	71.1	76,864	18.7
1992	4,065,014	15.9	1,244,876	300.0	287,493	70.7	68,657	16.9
1993	4,000,240	15.5	1,240,172	310.0	288,482	72.1	62,487	15.6
1994	3,952,767	15.2	1,289,592	326.3	287,607	72.8	—	—
1995	3,899,589	14.8	1,253,976	322.0	285,152	73.1	46,692	12.0
1996	3,891,494	14.7	1,260,306	324.0	287,230	73.8	44,543	11.4
1997	3,880,894	14.5	1,257,444	324.0	291,154	75.0	46,240	11.9
1998	3,941,553	14.6	1,293,567	328.0	298,208	75.7	46,163	11.7
1999	3,959,417	14.5	1,308,560	330.0	301,183	76.1	44,247	11.2
2000	4,058,814	14.7	1,347,043	332.0	307,030	75.6	44,629	11.0
2001	4,025,933	14.1	1,349,249	335.1	308,747	76.7	41,728	10.4
2002	4,021,726	13.9	1,365,966	339.6	314,077	78.1	39,107	9.7
2003	4,089,950	14.1	1,415,995	346.0	324,064	79.2	39,456	9.6
2004	4,112,052	14.0	1,470,189	358.0	331,772	80.7	33,164	8.1

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Year	Live births		Births to unmarried mothers		Low birthweight ³		No prenatal care ⁴	
	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Ratio ²	Number	Ratio ²	Number	Ratio ²
2005	4,138,349	14.0	1,527,034	369.0	338,565	81.8	26,613	6.4
2006	4,265,555	14.2	1,641,946	385.0	351,974	82.5	26,984	6.3
2007	4,317,119	14.3	1,714,643	397.0	354,333	82.1	42,998	10.0
2008	4,247,694	14.0	1,726,566	406.0	347,209	81.7	48,642	11.5
2009	4,131,019	13.5	1,693,850	410.0	336,747	81.5	45,101	10.9
2010	4,000,279	13.0	1,633,785	408.0	325,563	81.4	47,511	11.9
2011	3,953,590	12.7	1,607,773	406.7	319,711	80.9	47,737	12.1
2012	3,952,841	12.6	1,609,619	407.2	315,709	79.9	47,821	12.1
2013	3,932,181	12.4	1,595,873	405.8	315,099	80.1	50,734	12.9
2014	3,985,924	12.5	1,604,495	402.5	318,847	80.0	57,606	14.5
2015	3,978,497	12.4	1,601,527	402.5	320,869	80.7	57,630	14.5
2016	3,945,875	12.2	1,569,796	397.8	321,839	81.6	61,226	15.5

¹ Rate per 1,000 population.

² Ratio per 1,000 live births.

³ Low birthweight was defined as 2500 grams or less before 1979, and less than 2500 grams from 1979 forward.

⁴ Prenatal care data were not reported by all states until 1989.

- Data not available.

All data in this table taken from Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume I, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention WONDER (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiological Research) system (<http://wonder.cdc.gov>). Data may vary slightly from that published by the National Center for Health Statistics and the Oregon Center for Health Statistics due to different file closure dates and different population estimate methodologies.