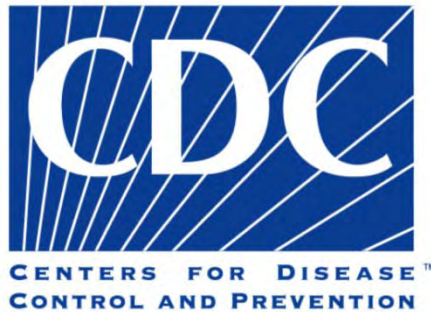


**User Guide
to the
2008 Natality
Public Use File**



2008 Natality Detail Data Set

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Introduction

United States birth data available in this file represent all births registered in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and New York City. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) receives these data as electronic files, prepared from individual records processed by each registration area, through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program.

Birth data for the U.S. are limited to births occurring within the United States to U.S. residents and nonresidents. Births to nonresidents of the United States are excluded from all tabulations by place of residence. Births occurring to U.S. citizens outside of the United States are not included in this file. For more detailed information on the 2008 Natality file see the "Detailed Technical Notes – Natality: United States, 2008" in this User Guide.

Availability of Geographic Detail

Beginning with the 2005 data year, the U.S. micro-data natality file no longer includes geographic detail (e.g., mother's state of residence). Tabulations of birth data by residence of mother for states and for counties with populations of 100,000 or more are available using the VitalStats online data access tool described below. Certain geographic level data may also be available upon request: See "NCHS Data Release and Access Policy for Microdata and Compressed Vital Statistics Files," available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs_data_release.htm.

The territories file, which includes data on births occurring in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, includes limited geographical detail. Information identifying individual territories and counties (or their equivalent) with populations of 100,000 or more by place of occurrence and residence are available in this file.

VitalStats

VitalStats is an online data access tool which provides access to a collection of interactive pre-built tables, and the ability to build tables from over 100 public use birth variables including limited geographic detail. Interactive charting and mapping tools are a key part of the system, and provide powerful options for visualizing and manipulating tabulated data. Tabulated data

can be exported to Excel for further analysis. VitalStats is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/VitalStats.htm>.

The 1989 and 2003 Revisions of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth

This data file includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised) and the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (revised). The 2003 revision is described in detail elsewhere. (See the 2003 Revision website at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vital_certificate_revisions.htm.) Twenty-seven states and Puerto Rico had implemented the revised birth certificate as of January 1, 2008: California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York (including New York City), North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. The 27 revised states (excluding Puerto Rico) represent 65 percent of births to U.S. residents. Where comparable, revised data are combined with data from the remaining 23 unrevised states, and the District of Columbia. (Data from revised states are denoted by “R;” data from unrevised states are denoted by “U” in the “Rev” column of the file layout.) Where data for the 1989 and 2003 certificate revisions are not comparable (e.g., educational attainment of the mother), unrevised and revised data are shown in separate fields in the data file. Also see discussion of reporting flags. Selected items new to the 2003 Revision are included in this data file. Tables presenting these data are not shown in “Births: Final data for 2008” [1] but are included in this guide as documentation tables; see **Documentation Table 1 to Documentation Table 8**. A report “Expanded Health Data from the New Birth Certificate, 2006” presented 2006 data for these items [2]; 2007 data are presented in Tables R-1 through R-6 of the 2007 User Guide [3]. For further information please contact us at births@cdc.gov or (301)458-4111.

Beginning with the 2007 data year, data items exclusive to the 1989 (i.e., maternal anemia, ultrasound, alcohol use) are no longer available in public use files, but are available upon request.

Incomplete National Reporting: Selecting reporting areas for the 2007 natality file

The use of reporting flags

As a result of the delayed, phased transition to the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Births, the 2008 natality file includes data for reporting areas that use the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (revised) and data for reporting areas that use the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised). Although many data items are comparable across certificate revisions and are available for the entire United States, many other items are not collected or not collected in a comparable form in all areas. Reporting flags were developed to help the user identify those records (i.e. births) to residents of all reporting areas collecting the specified item in a comparable form. The national reporting area is defined as the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and New York City; (NYC is an independent reporting area from New York State). Reporting flags are available for most items on the file. Positions for reporting flags are noted along with each data item in the file layout.

Translating “blanks”

In the 2008 natality file, for data items which are not common or comparable across certificate revisions, births to residents of a revised state occurring in an unrevised state, and births to residents of an unrevised state occurring in a revised state, are represented by “blanks.” Blanks should be treated as “unknowns” for tabulation.

In sum, the correct use of reporting flags and translation of blanks will result in an accurate tally of births for items with incomplete national reporting. For an example of SAS code that may be used to incorporate the correct use of reporting flags and the translation of blanks see below.

Example of SAS code using reporting flags (and translational blanks)

The example below is for the revised prenatal care item. Prenatal care data based on the revised certificate are not considered comparable with data based on the unrevised certificate, and are presented separately. Accordingly, use of the reporting flag for this item will produce 2008 data for the month prenatal care began for the 27 revised States which had implemented the revised Certificate as of January 1, 2008.

Sample SAS program (revised)

```
01 DATA work;  
02 INFILE 'c:nat08us.dat' LRECL=775;  
03 INPUT
```

```

04 restatus 138
05 precare 245-246
06 f_mpcb 668;
07
08 /*Exclude foreign residents*/
09 IF restatus NE 4;
10 /*Select reporting area*/
11 IF f_mpcb=1;
12 /*Convert blanks to unknown*/
13 IF precare=. THEN precare=99;
14
15 PROC FREQ;
16 TABLE precare;
17 RUN;

```

In this example, “restatus” is used to exclude births to foreign residents (this is standard practice for all NCHS tabulations). Also in this example, blanks are represented by numeric values SAS codes = (.). However, for some items in the file, e.g., obstetric procedures, blanks are represented by character values for which the SAS code is empty (‘ ’).

To produce 2008 data for the month prenatal care began for unrevised states, change the following lines as shown (changes are bolded):

Sample SAS program (unrevised)

```

01 DATA work;
02 INFILE 'c:nat08us.dat' LRECL=775;
03 INPUT
04 restatus 138
05 MPCB 256-257
06 f_mpcb_u 669;
07
08 /*Exclude foreign residents*/
09 IF restatus NE 4;
10 /*Select reporting area*/
11 IF f_mpcb_u=1;
12 /*Convert blanks to unknown*/
13 IF MCPB=. THEN MCPB=99;
14
15 PROC FREQ;
16 TABLE MPCB;
17 RUN;

```

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ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/DVS/natality/UserGuide2007.pdf.

2008 Natality
Machine / File / Data Characteristics

All Files:

Record format: Fixed Format

Code scheme: Numeric/Alphabetic/Blank

Record length: 775

	<u>United States</u>	<u>Territories</u>
All births:		
Record count:	4,255,156	53,588
By occurrence:	4,255,156	53,588
By residence:	4,247,694	53,458
To foreign residents:	7,462	130

2008 LIST OF DATA ELEMENTS AND LOCATIONS

<u>Data Items</u>	<u>Locations</u>
1. General	
a) Data year	15-18
b) Resident status	138
2. Prenatal Care	
a) Month began	245-247, 256-259
b) Number of visits	270-273
3. Child	
a) Sex	436-437
b) Number at delivery	423, 425
c) Birthweight	463-466, 471-473
d) Apgar score	415-417
e) Gestation	451-457
f) Month/year of birth	15-20
g) Day of week of birth	29
4. Mother	
a) Age	89-93
b) Race	139-144
c) Marital status	153
d) Education	155-158
e) Hispanic origin	148-149
5. Pregnancy History	
a) Total birth order	217
b) Live birth order	212
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a) Age	184-187
b) Race	188-191, 199-200
c) Hispanic origin	195-196
7. Other Items	
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b) Attendant at birth	410
c) Place of delivery	41-42
8. Medical and Health Data	

a) Method of delivery	390-403
b) Medical risk factors	313-344
c) Other risk factors	
i. Tobacco	284-294
ii. Weight gain during pregnancy	276-278
d) Obstetric procedures	351-361
e) Complications/characteristics of labor and/or delivery	365-389
f) Abnormal conditions of the newborn	476-482
g) Congenital anomalies	492-525

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Position	Len	Field	Description	Reporting Flag Position	Rev*	Values	Definition
1-6	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
7	1	REVISION	Revision		U,R	A S	Data based on the 2003 revision of the US Standard Birth Certificate (Revised) Data based on the 1989 revision of the US Standard Birth Certificate (Unrevised)
8-14	7	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
15-18	4	DOB_YY	Birth Year		U,R	2008	Year of birth
19-20	2	DOB_MM	Birth Month		U,R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12	January February March April May June July August September October November December
21-28	8	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
29	1	DOB_WK	Weekday		U,R	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
30-31	2	OTERR	Occurrence Territory/Possession <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>		U,R		
			<u>Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			AS GU	American Samoa Guam
*U,R	Includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised), and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (revised).						
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						MP PR VI	Northern Marianas Puerto Rico Virgin Islands
32-36	5	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
37-39	3	OCNTY	Occurrence County <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>		U,R		
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			021 025 031 097 113 127 999	Bayamo'n Caguas Carolina Mayaguez Ponce San Juan County of less than 100,000
			<u>Other Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			000 999	No county level geography County of less than 100,000
40	1	OCNTYPOP	Occurrence County Pop <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>		U,R	0 1 2 3 9	County of 1,000,000 or more County of 500,000 to 1,000,000 County of 250,000 to 500,000 County of 100,000 to 250,000 County less than 100,000
41	1	BFACIL	Birth Place		R	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 Blank	Hospital Freestanding Birthing Center Home (intended) Home (not intended) Home (unknown if intended) Clinic / Doctor's Office Other Unknown Not on certificate
42	1	UBFACIL	Birth Place		U,R	1 2	Hospital Freestanding Birthing Center
*U,R	Includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised), and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (revised).						
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						3	Clinic / Doctor's Office
						4	Residence
						5	Other
						9	Unknown
43-58	16	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
59	1	BFACIL3	Birth Place Recode		U,R	1	In Hospital
						2	Not in Hospital
						3	Unknown or Not Stated
60-86	27	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
87	1	MAGE_IMPFLG	Mother's Age Imputed		U,R	Blank	Age not imputed
						1	Age imputed
88	1	MAGE_REPFLG	Reported Age of Mother Flag		U,R	Blank	Reported age not used
						1	Reported age used
89-90	2	MAGER	Mother's Single Year of Age		U,R	12	10-12 years
						13	13 years
						14	14 years
						15	15 years
						16	16 years
						17	17 years
						18	18 years
						19	19 years
						20	20 years
						21	21 years
						22	22 years
						23	23 years
						24	24 years
						25	25 years
						26	26 years
						27	27 years
						28	28 years
						29	29 years
						30	30 years
						31	31 years
						32	32 years

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						33	33 years
						34	34 years
						35	35 years
						36	36 years
						37	37 years
						38	38 years
						39	39 years
						40	40 years
						41	41 years
						42	42 years
						43	43 years
						44	44 years
						45	45 years
						46	46 years
						47	47 years
						48	48 years
						49	49 years
						50	50-54 years**
			** Includes births to women aged 50 to 64 years.				
91-92	2	MAGER14	Mother's Age Recode 14		U,R	01	Under 15 years
						03	15 years
						04	16 years
						05	17 years
						06	18 years
						07	19 years
						08	20-24 years
						09	25-29 years
						10	30-34 years
						11	35-39 years
						12	40-44 years
						13	45-49 years
						14	50-54 years**
			** Includes births to women aged 50 to 64 years.				
93	1	MAGER9	Mother's Age Recode 9		U,R	1	Under 15 years
						2	15-19 years
						3	20-24 years
						4	25-29 years
						5	30-34 years
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Position	Len	Field	Description	Reporting Flag Position	Rev*	Values	Definition
						6	35-39 years
						7	40-44 years
						8	45-49 years
						9	50-54 years**
			** Includes births to women aged 50 to 64 years.				
94-95	2	MBCNTRY	Mother's Birth Country <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>	R,S		AA-ZZ	A complete list of countries is shown in the Geographic Code Outline, which follows the record layout.
						YY	Unspecified foreign country
						ZZ	Not classifiable
			** Also includes unrevised territories/possessions that use new geographic coding				
96-108	13	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
109-110	2	MRTERR	Mother's Residence Territory/Possession <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>	U,R			
			<u>Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			AS	American Samoa
						GU	Guam
						MP	Northern Marianas
						PR	Puerto Rico
						VI	Virgin Islands
						US	United States (births to residents of the 50 states or DC)
						XX	Not Applicable
						ZZ	Not Classifiable
111-113	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
114-116	3	MRCNTY	Mother's County of Residence <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>	U,R			
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			021	Bayamo'n
						025	Caguas
						031	Carolina
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						097	Mayaguez
						113	Ponce
						127	San Juan
						999	County of less than 100,000 population or foreign resident
			<u>Other Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			000	No county level geography
						999	County of less than 100,000 population or foreign resident
117-131	15	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
132	1	RCNTY_POP	Population of Residence County <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>		U,R	0	County of 1,000,000 or more
						1	County of 500,000 to 1,000,000
						2	County of 250,000 to 500,000
						3	County of 100,000 to 250,000
						9	County less than 100,000
						Z	Foreign resident
133-136	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
137	1	RECTYPE	Record Type <i>(This item is available in the territory/possession file only, geographic codes are not available in the U.S. file)</i>		U,R	1	RESIDENT: Territory/Possession and county of occurrence and residence are the same.
						2	NONRESIDENT: Territory/Possession and county of occurrence and residence are different.
138	1	RESTATUS	Residence Status <u>United States</u>		U,R	1	RESIDENT: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same.
						2	INTRASTATE NONRESIDENT: State of occurrence and residence are the same but county is different.
						3	INTERSTATE NONRESIDENT: State of occurrence and residence are different but both are one of the 50 US states or District of Columbia.
						4	FOREIGN RESIDENT: The state of residence is not one of the 50 US states or District of Columbia.
			<u>Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			1	RESIDENT: State and county of occurrence and residence are the same. (Unique to Guam, all US residents are considered residents of Guam and thus
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							are assigned 1.)
						2	INTRATERRITORY NONRESIDENT: Territory of occurrence and residence are the same but county is different.
						3	INTERTERRITORY RESIDENT: Territory of occurrence and residence are different but both are US Territories.
						4	FOREIGN RESIDENT: The residence is not a US Territory.
139-140	2	MBRACE	Mother's Bridged Race Includes only states reporting multiple race. Codes 01-14 used for individuals reporting only one race. Codes 21-24 used for individuals reporting more than one race that have been bridged to a single race. Code 24 also used for individuals reporting more than one Asian/Pacific Islander group; see "Technical Appendix." ** Also includes unrevised states that report multiple race.		R**	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 21 22 23 24 Blank	White – single race Black – single race American Indian / Alaskan Native – single race Asian Indian – single race Chinese – single race Filipino – single race Japanese – single race Korean – single race Vietnamese – single race Other Asian – single race Hawaiian – single race Guamanian – single race Samoan – single race Other Pacific Islander – single race White – bridged multiple race Black – bridged multiple race American Indian / Alaskan Native – bridged multiple race Asian / Pacific Islander – bridged multiple race Not on certificate
141-142	2	MRACE	Mother's Race Includes only states exclusively reporting single race. Some areas report additional Asian or Pacific Islander (API) codes for race. Codes 18-68 replace old code 08 for these areas. Code 78 replaces old code 08 for all other areas. See reporting flag at pos.650 for expanded API reporting area.		U		
			<u>United States</u>			01 02 03	White Black American Indian / Alaskan Native
*U,R			Includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised), and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (revised).				
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						04	Chinese
						05	Japanese
						06	Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian)
						07	Filipino
						18	Asian Indian
						28	Korean
						38	Samoan
						48	Vietnamese
						58	Guamanian
						68	Other Asian / Pacific Islander in areas reporting codes 18-58.
						78	Combined other Asian / Pacific Islander, includes 18-68 for areas that do not report them separately.
						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						00	Other races
						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>Guam</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						03	American Indian / Alaskan Native
						04	Chinese
						05	Japanese
						06	Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian)
						07	Filipino
						08	Other Asian or Pacific Islander
						58	Gumanian
						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>All other Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						03	American Indian / Alaskan Native
						04	Chinese
						05	Japanese
						06	Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian)
						07	Filipino
						08	Other Asian or Pacific Islander

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						Blank	Not on certificate
143	1	MRACEREC	Mother's Race Recode Includes individuals reporting only one race and individuals reporting more than one race bridged to a single race.		U,R		
			<u>United States and all Outlying Areas of the United States except Puerto Rico</u>			1 2 3 4	White Black American Indian / Alaskan Native Asian / Pacific Islander
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			1 2 0	White Black Other (not classified as White or Black)
144	1	MRACEIMP	Mother's Race Imputed Flag		U,R	Blank 1 2	Mother's race not imputed Unknown race imputed All other races, formerly coded 09, imputed.
145-147	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
148	1	UMHISP	Mother's Hispanic Origin	569	U,R	0 1 2 3 4 5 9	Non-Hispanic Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Central or South American Other and Unknown Hispanic Origin unknown or not stated
149	1	MRACEHISP	Mother's Race/Hispanic Origin	569	U,R	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Central or South American Other and Unknown Hispanic Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black Non-Hispanic Other Races

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						9	Origin unknown or not stated
150-152	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
153	1	MAR	Mother's Marital Status		U,R		
			<u>United States and all Outlying Areas of the United States except Puerto Rico</u>			1	Yes
						2	No
						9	Unknown or not Stated
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			1	Yes
						2	Unmarried parents living together
						3	Unmarried parents not living together
						9	Unknown or not stated
154	1	MAR_IMP	Mother's Marital Status Imputed Flag		U,R	Blank	Marital Status not imputed
						1	Marital Status imputed
155	1	MEDUC	Mother's Education	571	R		
						1	8 th grade or less
						2	9 th through 12 th grade with no diploma
						3	High school graduate or GED completed
						4	Some college credit, but not a degree
						5	Associate degree (AA, AS)
						6	Bachelor's degree (BA, AB, BS)
						7	Master's degree (MA, MS)
						8	Doctorate (PHD, EdD) or Professional Degree (MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
						9	Unknown
						Blank	Not on certificate
156-157	2	DMEDUC	Mother's Education	647	U		
						00	No formal education
						01-08	Years of elementary school
						09	1 year of high school
						10	2 years of high school
						11	3 years of high school
						12	4 years of high school
						13	1 year of college
						14	2 years of college
						15	3 years of college
						16	4 years of college
						17	5 or more years of college

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						99 Blank	Not stated Not on certificate
158	1	MEDUC_REC	Mother's Education Recode	647	U	1 2 3 4 5 6 Blank	0 – 8 years 9 – 11 years 12 years 13 – 15 years 16 years and over Not stated Not on certificate
159-174	16	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
175	1	FAGERPT_FLG	Father's Reported Age Used		U,R	Blank 1	Father's reported age not used Father's reported age used
176-181	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
182-183	2	FAGECOMB	Father's Combined Age (Revised)		R	09-98 99 Blank	Father's combined age in years Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
184-185	2	UFAGECOMB	Father's Combined Age		U,R	10-98 99	Father's combined age in years Unknown or not stated
186-187	2	FAGEREC11	Father's Age Recode 11		U,R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11	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 55-98 years Not stated
188-189	2	FBRACE	Father's Bridged Race		R**	01 02	White – single race Black – single race
			Includes only states reporting multiple race. Codes				
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			01-14 used for individuals reporting only one race. Codes 21-24 used for individuals reporting more than one race that have been bridged to a single race. Code 24 also used for individuals reporting more than one Asian/Pacific Islander group; see “Technical Appendix.”			03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 21 22 23 24 99	American Indian / Alaskan Native – single race Asian Indian – single race Chinese – single race Filipino – single race Japanese – single race Korean – single race Vietnamese – single race Other Asian – single race Hawaiian – single race Guamanian – single race Samoan – single race Other Pacific Islander – single race White – bridged multiple race Black – bridged multiple race American Indian / Alaskan Native – bridged multiple race Asian / Pacific Islander – bridged multiple race Unknown or not stated, also includes states not reporting multiple race.
			** Also includes unrevised states that report multiple race.			Blank	Not on certificate
190	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
191	1	FRACEREC	Father’s Race Recode Includes individuals reporting only one race and individuals reporting more than one race bridged to a single race.		U,R		
			<u>United States and all Outlying Areas of the United States except Puerto Rico</u>			1 2 3 4 9	White Black American Indian / Alaskan Native Asian / Pacific Islander Unknown or not stated
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			1 2 9 0	White Black Unknown or not stated Other (not classified as White or Black)
192-194	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
			*U,R Includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised), and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (revised).				
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195	1	UFHISP	Father's Hispanic Origin	570	U,R	0 1 2 3 4 5 9	Non-Hispanic Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Central American Other and Unknown Hispanic Origin unknown or not stated
196	1	FRACEHISP	Father's Race/Hisp Origin	570	U,R	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Mexican Puerto Rican Cuban Central or South American Other and Unknown Hispanic Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black Non-Hispanic Other Races Origin unknown or not stated
197-198	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
199-200	2	FRACE	Father's Race <u>United States</u>		U	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 18 28 38 48 58 68 78 99	White Black American Indian / Alaskan Native Chinese Japanese Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian) Filipino Asian Indian Korean Samoan Vietnamese Guamanian Other Asian / Pacific Islander in areas reporting codes 18-58. Combined other Asian / Pacific Islander, includes 18-68 for areas that do not report them separately. Unknown or not stated

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						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>Puerto Rico</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						00	Other races
						99	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>Guam</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						03	American Indian / Alaskan Native
						04	Chinese
						05	Japanese
						06	Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian)
						07	Filipino
						08	Other Asian or Pacific Islander
						58	Gumanian
						99	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
			<u>All other Outlying Areas of the United States</u>			01	White
						02	Black
						03	American Indian / Alaskan Native
						04	Chinese
						05	Japanese
						06	Hawaiian (includes part Hawaiian)
						07	Filipino
						08	Other Asian or Pacific Islander
						99	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
201-211	11	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
212	1	LBO_REC	Live Birth Order Recode		U,R	1-7	Live birth order
						8	Live birth order of 8 or more
						9	Unknown or not stated
213-216	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
217	1	TBO_REC	Total Birth Order Recode		U,R	1-7	Total birth order
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						8	Total birth order of 8 or more
						9	Unknown or not stated
218-219	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
220-221	2	DLLB_MM	Date of Last Live Birth - Month		R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 88 99	January February March April May June July August September October November December Not applicable Unknown or not stated
222-225	4	DLLB_YY	Date of Last Live Birth - Year		R	nnnn 8888 9999	Year of last live birth Not applicable Unknown or not stated
226-244	19	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
245-246	2	PRECARE	Month Prenatal Care Began	668	R	00 01-10 99 Blank	No prenatal care Month prenatal care began Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
247	1	PRECARE_REC	Month Prenatal Care Began Recode	668	R	1 2 3 4 5 Blank	1 st to 3 rd month 4 th to 6 th month 7 th to final month No prenatal care Unknown or not stated Not on certificate

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248-255	8	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
256-257	2	MPCB	Month Prenatal Care Began	669	U	00 01-10 99 Blank	No prenatal care Month prenatal care began Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
258	1	MPCB_REC6	Month Prenatal Care Began Recode 6	669	U	1 2 3 4 5 6 Blank	1 st to 2 nd month 3 rd month 4 th to 6 th month 7 th to final month No prenatal care Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
259	1	MPCB_REC5	Month Prenatal Care Began Recode 5	669	U	1 2 3 4 5 Blank	1 st trimester (1 st to 3 rd month) 2 nd trimester (4 th to 6 th month) 3 rd trimester (7 th to final month) No prenatal care Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
260-269	10	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
270-271	2	UPREVIS	Number of Prenatal Visits		U,R	00-49 99	Number of prenatal visits Unknown or not stated
272-273	2	PREVIS_REC	Number of Prenatal Visits Recode		U,R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10	No visits 1 to 2 visits 3 to 4 visits 5 to 6 visits 7 to 8 visits 9 to 10 visits 11 to 12 visits 13 to 14 visits 15 to 16 visits 17 to 18 visits
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						11	19 or more visits
						12	Unknown or not stated
274-275	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
276-277	2	WTGAIN	Weight Gain	648	U,R	00-97	Weight gain in pounds
						98	98 pounds and over
						99	Unknown or not stated
278	1	WTGAIN_REC	Weight Gain Recode	648	U,R	1	Less than 16 pounds
						2	16 to 20 pounds
						3	21 to 25 pounds
						4	26 to 30 pounds
						5	31 to 35 pounds
						6	36 to 40 pounds
						7	41 to 45 pounds
						8	46 or more pounds
						9	Unknown or not stated
279	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
280	1	DFPC_IMP	Day of Date First Prenatal Care Imputed		R	Blank	Day of date first prenatal care not imputed
						1	Day of date first prenatal care imputed
281-283	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
284-285	2	CIG_1	Cigarettes 1st Trimester	575	R	00-97	Number of cigarettes daily
						98	98 or more cigarettes daily
						99	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
286-287	2	CIG_2	Cigarettes 2nd Trimester	575	R	00-97	Number of cigarettes daily
						98	98 or more cigarettes daily
						99	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
288-289	2	CIG_3	Cigarettes 3rd Trimester	575	R	00-97	Number of cigarettes daily
						98	98 or more cigarettes daily
						99	Unknown or not stated

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						Blank	Not on certificate
290	1	TOBUSE	Tobacco Use	667	U	1 2 9 Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
291-292	2	CIGS	Cigarettes per Day		U	00-97 98 99 Blank	Number of cigarettes daily 98 or more cigarettes daily Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
293	1	CIG_REC6	Cigarette Recode		U	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Blank	Non-smoker 1 to 5 cigarettes daily 6 to 10 cigarettes daily 11 to 20 cigarettes daily 21 to 40 cigarettes daily 41 or more cigarettes daily Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
294	1	CIG_REC	Cigarette Recode	575	R	Y N U Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
295-304	10	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
305-307	3	PWGT	Prepregnancy Weight	577	R	074 075-374 375 999	less than 75 pounds 75 – 374 pounds 375 or more pounds Unknown or not stated
308	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
309-311	3	DWGT	Delivery Weight	578	R	099 100-399 400 999	less than 100 pounds 100 – 399 pounds 400 or more pounds Unknown or not stated

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312	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank		
313-319	9	<u>Risk Factors (Revised)</u> The checkbox items below follow this code structure:					Y N U Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
313	1	RF_DIAB	Prepregnancy Diabetes	582	R			
314	1	RF_GEST	Gestational Diabetes	583	R			
315	1	RF_PHYP	Prepregnancy Hypertension					
				584	R			
316	1	RF_GHYP	Gestational Hypertension	585	R			
317	1	RF_ECLAM	Eclampsia	586	R			
318	1	RF_PPTERM	Previous Preterm Birth	587	R			
319	1	RF_PPOUTC	Poor Pregnancy Outcome	588	R			
320-323	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank		
324	1	RF_CESAR	Previous Cesarean Deliveries	593	R	Y N U Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate	
325-326	2	RF_CESARN	Number of Previous Cesarean Deliveries	594	R	00 01-30 99 Blank	None Number of previous cesareans Unknown or not stated Not on certificate	
327	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank		
328-344	17	<u>Risk Factors</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure: The version is all 1989 Standard unless otherwise noted.					1 2 9 Blank	Yes No Unknown Not on certificate
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328-330	3	FILLER	Filler				
331	1	URF_DIAB	Diabetes	684	U,R		
332-334	3	FILLER	Filler				
335	1	URF_CHYPER	Chronic Hypertension	688	U,R		
336	1	URF_PHYPER	Pregnancy Associated Hypertension	689	U,R		
337	1	URF_ECLAM	Eclampsia	690	U,R		
338-344	7	FILLER	Filler				
345-350	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
351-354	4	<u>Obstetric Procedures (Revised)</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure:				Y N U Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
351	1	OP_CERV	Cervical Cerclage	601	R		
352	1	OP_TOCOL	Tocolysis	602	R		
353	1	OP_ECVS	Successful External Cephalic Version	603	R		
354	1	OP_ECVF	Failed External Cephalic Version	604	R		
355-361	7	<u>Obstetric Procedures</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure: The version is all 1989 Standard unless otherwise noted.				1 2 9 Blank	Yes No Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
355-356	2	FILLER	Filler				
357	1	UOP_INDUC	Induction of Labor	703	U,R		
358	1	FILLER	Filler				
359	1	UOP_TOCOL	Tocolysis	705	U,R		
360-361	2	FILLER	Filler				
362-364	3	<u>Onset of Labor</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure:				Y N U	Yes No Unknown or not stated
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						Blank	Not on certificate
362	1	ON_RUPTR	Premature Rupture of Membrane	605	R		
363	1	ON_PRECIP	Precipitous Labor	606	R		
364	1	ON_PROL	Prolonged Labor	607	R		
365-373	9	<u>Characteristics of Labor and Delivery (Revised)</u>					
		The checkbox items below follow this structure:				Y	Yes
						N	No
						U	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
365	1	LD_INDLD	Induction of Labor	608	R		
366	1	LD_AUGM	Augmentation of Labor	609	R		
367	1	LD_NVPR	Non-Vertex Presentation	610	R		
368	1	LD_STER	Steroids	611	R		
369	1	LD_ANTI	Antibiotics	612	R		
370	1	LD_CHOR	Chorioamnionitis	613	R		
371	1	LD_MECS	Meconium Staining	614	R		
372	1	LD_FINT	Fetal Intolerance	615	R		
373	1	LD_ANES	Anesthesia	616	R		
374-389	16	<u>Complications of Labor and Delivery</u>					
		The checkbox items below follow this structure:				1	Yes
		The version is all 1989 Standard unless otherwise noted.				2	No
						9	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
374	1	FILLER	Filler				
375	1	ULD_MECO	Meconium	712	U,R		
376-380	5	FILLER	Filler				
381	1	ULD_PRECIP	Precipitous Labor	718	U,R		
382-383	2	FILLER	Filler				
384	1	ULD_BREECH	Breech	721	U,R		
385-389	5	FILLER	Filler				
390-394	5	<u>Method of Delivery (Revised)</u>					
390	1	ME_ATTFF	Attempted Forceps	617	R	Y	Yes
						N	No
						U	Unknown
						Blank	Not on certificate

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391	1	ME_ATTV	Attempted Vacuum	618	R	Y N U Blank	Yes No Unknown Not on certificate
392	1	ME_PREP	Fetal Presentation	619	R	1 2 3 9 Blank	Cephalic Breech Other Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
393	1	ME_ROUT	Route & Method of Delivery	620	R	1 2 3 4 9 Blank	Spontaneous Forceps Vacuum Cesarean Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
394	1	ME_TRIAL	Trial of Labor Attempted	621	R	Y N X U Blank	Yes No Not applicable Unknown or not stated Not on certificate
395-400	6	<u>Method of Delivery (Unrevised)</u> The checkbox items indented below follow this structure:				1 2 9	Yes No Unknown or not stated
395	1	UME_VAG	Vaginal	730	U		
396	1	UME_VBAC	Vaginal after cesarean	731	U		
397	1	UME_PRIMC	Primary cesarean	732	U		
398	1	UME_REPEC	Repeat cesarean	733	U		
399	1	UME_FORCP	Forceps	734	U,R		
400	1	UME_VAC	Vacuum	735	U,R		
401	1	RDMETH_REC	Delivery Method Recode (Revised)		R	1 2	Vaginal (excludes vaginal after previous cesarean) Vaginal after previous cesarean
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						3	Primary cesarean
						4	Repeat cesarean
						5	Vaginal (unknown if previous cesarean) (2003 Standard only)
						6	Cesarean (unknown if previous cesarean) (2003 Standard only)
						9	Not stated
402	1	UDMETH_REC	Delivery Method Recode (Unrevised)		U	1	Vaginal (excludes vaginal after previous cesarean)
						2	Vaginal after previous cesarean
						3	Primary cesarean
						4	Repeat cesarean
						9	Not stated
403	1	DMETH_REC			U,R	1	Vaginal
						2	Cesarean
						9	Unknown
404-409	6	FILLER	Filler				Blank
410	1	ATTEND	Attendant		U,R	1	Doctor of Medicine (MD)
						2	Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)
						3	Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
						4	Other Midwife
						5	Other
						9	Unknown or not stated
411-414	4	FILLER	Filler				Blank
415-416	2	APGAR5	Five Minute APGAR Score				
			574		U,R	00-10	A score of 0-10
						99	Unknown or not stated
417	1	APGAR5R	Five Minute APGAR Recode				
			574		U,R	1	A score of 0-3
						2	A score of 4-6
						3	A score of 7-8
						4	A score of 9-10
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						5	Unknown or not stated
418-422	5	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
423	1	DPLURAL	Plurality Recode		U,R	1 2 3 4 5	Single Twin Triplet Quadruplet Quintuplet or higher
424	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
425	1	IMP_PLUR	Plurality Imputed		U,R	Blank 1	Plurality is not imputed Plurality is imputed
426-435	10	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
436	1	SEX	Sex of Infant		U,R	M F	Male Female
437	1	IMP_SEX	Imputed Sex		U,R	Blank 1	Infant Sex not Imputed Infant Sex is Imputed
438-439	2	DLMP_MM	Last Normal Menses - Month		U,R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 99	January February March April May June July August September October November December Unknown or not stated
440-441	2	DLMP_DD	Last Normal Menses - Day		U,R	01-31 99	As applicable to month of LMP Unknown or not stated

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442-445	4	DLMP_YY	Last Normal Menses - Year		U,R	nnnn 9999	Year of last normal menses Unknown or not stated
446-447	2	ESTGEST	Obstetric/Clinical Gestation Est. 573		U,R	00-98 99	0 through 98 th week of gestation Unknown or not stated
448-450	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
451-452	2	COMBGEST	Gestation – Detail in Weeks		U,R	17-47 99	17 th through 47 th week of Gestation Unknown
453-454	2	GESTREC10	Gestation Recode 10		U,R	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10	Under 20 weeks 20-27 weeks 28-31 weeks 32-33 weeks 34-36 weeks 37-39 weeks 40 weeks 41 weeks 42 weeks and over Unknown
455	1	GESTREC3	Gestation Recode 3		U,R	1 2 3	Under 37 weeks 37 weeks and over Not stated
456	1	OBGEST_FLG	Clinical Estimate of Gestation Used Flag		U,R	Blank 1	Clinical Estimate is not used Clinical Estimate is used
457	1	GEST_IMP	Gestation Imputed Flag		U,R	Blank 1	Gestation is not imputed Gestation is imputed
458-462	5	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
463-466	4	DBWT	Birth Weight – Detail in Grams		U,R	0227-8165	Number of grams
467-470	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
471-472	2	BWTR12	Birth Weight Recode 12		U,R	01	499 grams or less
*U,R	Includes data based on both the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised), and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth (revised).						
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						02	500 – 999 grams
						03	1000 - 1499 grams
						04	1500 – 1999 grams
						05	2000 – 2499 grams
						06	2500 – 2999 grams
						07	3000 – 3400 grams
						08	3500 – 3999 grams
						09	4000 – 4499 grams
						10	4500 – 4999 grams
						11	5000 – 8165 grams
						12	Not Stated
473	1	BWTR4	Birth Weight Recode 4		U,R	1	1499 grams or less
						2	1500 – 2499 grams
						3	2500 grams or more
						4	Unknown or not stated
474-475	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
476-482	7	<u>Abnormal Conditions of the Newborn (Revised)</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure:				Y	Yes, Complication reported
						N	No Complication reported
						U	Unknown or not stated
						Blank	Not on certificate
476	1	AB_AVEN1	Assisted Ventilation	628	R		
477	1	AB_AVEN6	Assisted Ventilation > 6 hrs	629	R		
478	1	AB_NICU	Admission to NICU	630	R		
479	1	AB_SURF	Surfactant	631	R		
480	1	AB_ANTI	Antibiotics	632	R		
481	1	AB_SEIZ	Seizures	633	R		
482	1	AB_BINJ	Birth Injury	634	R		
483-491	9	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
492-503	12	<u>Congenital Anomalies of the Newborn (Revised)</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure:				Y	Yes, anomaly reported
						N	No, anomaly not reported
						U	Unknown
						Blank	Not on certificate
492	1	CA_ANEN	Anencephaly	635	R		
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493	1	CA_MNSB	Meningomyelocele / Spina Bifida	636	R		
494	1	CA_CCHD	Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease	637	R		
495	1	CA_CDH	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia	638	R		
496	1	CA_OMP	Omphalocele	639	R		
497	1	CA_GAST	Gastroschisis	640	R		
498	1	CA_LIMB	Limb Reduction Defect	641	R		
499	1	CA_CLEFT	Cleft Lip w/ or w/o Cleft Palate	642	R		
500	1	CA_CLPAL	Cleft Palate alone	643	R		
501	1	CA_DOWNS	Down Syndrome	644	R	C P N U Blank	Confirmed Pending No Unknown Not on certificate
502	1	CA_DISOR	Suspected Chromosomal Disorder	645	R	C P N U Blank	Confirmed Pending No Unknown Not on certificate
503	1	CA_HYPO	Hypospadias	646	R	Y N U Blank	Yes, anomaly reported No, anomaly not reported Unknown Not on certificate
504-525	22	<u>Congenital Anomalies of the Newborn</u> The checkbox items below follow this structure: The version is all 1989 Standard unless otherwise noted.				1 2 9 Blank	Anomaly reported Anomaly not reported Anomaly not classifiable Not on certificate
504	1	UCA_ANEN	Anencephalus	752	U,R		
505	1	UCA_SPINA	Spina Bifida / Meningocele	753	U,R		
506-512	7	FILLER	Filler				
513	1	UCA_OMP	Omphalocele / Gastroschisis				
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				761	U,R		
514-517	4	FILLER	Filler				
518	1	UCA_CELFTLP	Cleft Lip / Palate	766	U,R		
519-520	2	FILLER	Filler				
521	1	UCA_HERNIA	Diaphragmatic Hernia	769	U,R		
522	1	FILLER	Filler				
523	1	UCA_DOWNS	Down Syndrome	771	U,R		
524-525	2	FILLER	Filler				
526-568	43	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
569-773	101	<u>Flag File for Reporting Flags</u> The reporting flags below follow this coding structure:				0 1	Not reporting Reporting
569	1	F_MORIGIN	Origin of Mother		U,R		
570	1	F_FORIGIN	Origin of Father		U,R		
571	1	F_MEDUC	Education of Mother		R		
572	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
573	1	F_CLINEST	Clinical Estimate of Gestation		U,R		
574	1	F_APGAR5	Five minute APGAR		U,R		
575	1	F_TOBACO	Tobacco use		R		
576	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
577	1	F_PWGT	Prepregnancy Weight		R		
578	1	F_DWGT	Delivery Weight		R		
579-581	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
582	1	F_RF_PDIAB	Prepregnancy Diabetes		R		
583	1	F_RF_GDIAB	Gestational Diabetes		R		
584	1	F_RF_PHYPER	Prepregnancy Hypertension		R		
585	1	F_RF_GHYPER	Gestational Hypertension		R		
586	1	F_RF_ECLAMP	Eclampsia		R		
587	1	F_RF_PPB	Previous Preterm Birth		R		
588	1	F_RF_PPO	Poor Pregnancy outcomes		R		
589-592	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
593	1	F_RF_CESAR	Previous Cesarean		R		
594	1	F_RF_NCESAR	Number of Previous Cesareans		R		
595-600	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
601	1	F_OB_CERVIC	Cervical Cerclage		R		
602	1	F_OB_TOCO	Tocolysis		R		
603	1	F_OB_SUCC	Successful External Cephalic Version		R		
604	1	F_OB_FAIL	Failed External Cephalic Version		R		

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605	1	F_OL_RUPTURE	Premature Rupture of the Membranes		R		
606	1	F_OL_PRECIP	Precipitous Labor		R		
607	1	F_OL_PROLONG	Prolonged Labor		R		
608	1	F_LD_INDUCT	Induction of Labor		R		
609	1	F_LD_AUGMENT	Augmentation of Labor		R		
610	1	F_LD_NVRTX	Non-Vertex Presentation		R		
611	1	F_LD_STERIODS	Steroids		R		
612	1	F_LD_ANTIBIO	Antibiotics		R		
613	1	F_LD_CHORIO	Chorioamnionitis		R		
614	1	F_LD_MECON	Meconium Staining		R		
615	1	F_LD_FINTOL	Fetal Intolerance		R		
616	1	F_LD_ANESTH	Anesthesia		R		
617	1	F_MD_ATTFOR	Attempted Forceps		R		
618	1	F_MD_ATTVAC	Attempted Vacuum		R		
619	1	F_MD_PRESENT	Fetal Presentation		R		
620	1	F_MD_ROUTE	Final Route and Method of Delivery		R		
621	1	F_MD_TRIAL	Trial of Labor Attempted		R		
622-627	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
628	1	F_AB_VENT	Assisted Ventilation		R		
629	1	F_AB_VENT6	Assisted Ventilation >6 hrs		R		
630	1	F_AB_NIUC	Admission to NICU		R		
631	1	F_AB_SURFAC	Surfactant		R		
632	1	F_AB_ANTIBIO	Antibiotics		R		
633	1	F_AB_SEIZ	Seizures		R		
634	1	F_AB_INJ	Birth Injury		R		
635	1	F_CA_ANEN	Anencephaly		R		
636	1	F_CA_MENIN	Meningomyelocele/Spina Bifida		R		
637	1	F_CA_HEART	Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease		R		
638	1	F_CA_HERNIA	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia		R		
639	1	F_CA_OMPHA	Omphalocele		R		
640	1	F_CA_GASTRO	Gastroschisis		R		
641	1	F_CA_LIMB	Limb Reduction Defect		R		
642	1	F_CA_CLEFTLP	Cleft Lip with or without Cleft Palate		R		
643	1	F_CA_CLEFT	Cleft Plate Alone		R		
644	1	F_CA_DOWNS	Down Syndrome		R		
645	1	F_CA_CHROM	Suspected Chromosomal Disorder		R		
646	1	F_CA_HYPOS	Hypospadias		R		
647	1	F_MED	Mother's Education		U		
648	1	F_WTGAIN	Weight Gain		U,R		
649-666	18	FILLER	Filler			Blank	

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667	1	F_TOBAC	Tobacco Use		U		
668	1	F_MPCB	Month Prenatal Care Began		R		
669	1	F_MPCB_U	Month Prenatal Care Began		U		
670-683	14	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
684	1	F_URF_DIABETES	Diabetes		U,R		
685-687	3	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
688	1	F_URF_CHYPER	Chronic Hypertension		U,R		
689	1	F_URF_PHYPER	Pregnancy Associated Hypertension		U,R		
690	1	F_URF_ECLAMP	Eclampsia		U,R		
691-702	12	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
703	1	F_UOB_INDUCT	Induction of Labor		U,R		
704	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
705	1	F_UOB_TOCOL	Tocolysis		U,R		
706-711	6	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
712	1	F_ULD_MECONIUM	Meconium		U,R		
713-717	5	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
718	1	F_ULD_PRECIP	Precipitous Labor		U,R		
719-720	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
721	1	F_ULD_BREECH	Breech		U,R		
722-729	8	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
730	1	F_U_VAGINAL	Vaginal		U		
731	1	F_U_VBAC	Vaginal after Cesarean		U		
732	1	F_U_PRIMAC	Primary Cesarean		U		
733	1	F_U_REPEAC	Repeat Cesarean		U		
734	1	F_U_FORCEP	Forceps		U,R		
735	1	F_U_VACUUM	Vacuum		U,R		
736-751	16	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
752	1	F_UCA_ANEN	Anencephalus		U,R		
753	1	F_UCA_SPINA	Spina Bifida / Meningocele		U,R		
754-760	7	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
761	1	F_UCA_OMPHALO	Omphalocele / Gastroschisis		U,R		
762-765	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
766	1	F_UCA_CLEFTLP	Cleft Lip / Palate		U,R		
767-768	2	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
769	1	F_UCA_HERNIA	Hernia		U,R		
770	1	FILLER	Filler			Blank	
771	1	F_UCA_DOWNS	Down Syndrome		U,R		
772-775	4	FILLER	Filler			Blank	

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AE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
AF	AFGHANISTAN
AG	ALGERIA
AJ	AZERBAIJAN
AL	ALBANIA
AM	ARMENIA
AN	ANDORRA
AO	ANGOLA
AQ	AMERICAN SAMOA
AR	ARGENTINA
AS	AUSTRALIA
AT	ASHMORE AND CARTIER ISLANDS
AU	AUSTRIA
AV	ANGUILLA
AY	ANTARCTICA
BA	BAHRAIN
BB	BARBADOS
BC	BOTSWANA
BD	BERMUDA
BE	BELGIUM
BF	BAHAMAS, THE
BG	BANGLADESH
BH	BELIZE
BK	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BL	BOLIVIA
BM	BURMA
BN	BENIN
BO	BELARUS
BP	SOLOMON ISLANDS
BR	BRAZIL
BS	BASSAS DA INDIA
BT	BHUTAN
BU	BULGARIA
BV	BOUVET ISLAND
BX	BRUNEI
BY	BURUNDI
CA	CANADA
CB	CAMBODIA
CD	CHAD
CE	SRI LANKA
CF	CONGO
CG	CONGO
CH	CHINA
CI	CHILE
CJ	CAYMAN ISLANDS
CK	COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS
CL	CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS
CM	CAMEROON
CN	COMOROS
CO	COLOMBIA
CQ	NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS
CR	CORAL SEA ISLANDS

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CS	COSTA RICA
CT	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CU	CUBA
CV	CAPE VERDE
CW	COOK ISLANDS
CY	CYPRUS
CZ	CZECHOSLOVAKIA
DA	DENMARK
DJ	DJIBOUTI
DM	DAHOMEY [BENIN]
DO	DOMINICA
DQ	JARVIS ISLAND
DR	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EB	EAST BERLIN
EC	ECUADOR
EG	EGYPT
EI	IRELAND
EK	EQUATORIAL GUINEA
EN	ESTONIA
EQ	CANTON AND ENDERBERRY ISLANDS
ER	ERITREA
ES	EL SALVADOR
ET	ETHIOPIA
EU	EUROPA ISLAND
EZ	CZECH REPUBLIC
FG	FRENCH GUIANA
FI	FINLAND
FJ	FIJI
FK	FALKLAND ISLANDS
FM	MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF
FO	FAROE ISLANDS
FP	FRENCH POLYNESIA
FR	FRANCE
FS	FRENCH SOUTHERN AND ANTARCTIC LANDS
FT	FRENCH TERRITORY OF THE AFFARS AND ISSAS
GA	GAMBIA, THE
GB	GABON
GC	EAST GERMANY (GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)
GE	WEST GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY)
GG	GEORGIA
GH	GHANA
GI	GIBRALTAR
GJ	GRENADA
GK	GUERNSEY
GL	GREENLAND
GM	GERMANY
GN	GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS
GO	GLORIOSO ISLANDS
GP	GUADELOUPE
GQ	GUAM
GR	GREECE
GS	GILBERT ISLANDS
GT	GUATEMALA
GV	GUINEA

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GZ	GAZA STRIP
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MT	MALTA
MU	OMAN
MV	MALDIVES
MX	MEXICO
MY	MALAYSIA
MZ	MOZAMBIQUE
NA	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
NC	NEW CALEDONIA
NE	NIUE
NF	NORFOLK ISLAND
NG	NIGER
NH	VANUATU
NI	NIGERIA
NL	NETHERLANDS
NO	NORWAY
NP	NEPAL
NR	NAURU
NS	SURINAME
NT	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
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NZ	NEW ZEALAND
PA	PARAGUAY
PC	PITCAIRN ISLAND
PE	PERU
PF	PARACEL ISLANDS
PG	SPRATLY ISLANDS
PK	PAKISTAN
PL	POLAND
PM	PANAMA
PN	PANAMA
PO	PORTUGAL
PP	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
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PS	PALAU
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QA	QATAR
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RO	ROMANIA

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SC	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
SE	SEYCHELLES
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SI	SLOVENIA
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TX	TURKMENISTAN
TZ	TANZANIA
UG	UGANDA
UK	UNITED KINGDOM
UP	UKRAINE
UR	UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
US	UNITED STATES
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UZ	UZBEKISTAN
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VS	SOUTH VIETNAM
VT	HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY)
WA	NAMIBIA
WB	WEST BERLIN
WE	WEST BANK
WF	WALLIS AND FUTUNA
WI	WESTERN SAHARA
WQ	WAKE ISLAND
WS	SAMOA
WZ	SWAZILAND
YE	YEMEN (SANA'A)
YI	YUGOSLAVIA
YM	YEMEN
YO	YUGOSLAVIA
YQ	RYUKYU ISLANDS, SOUTHERN
YS	YEMEN (ADEN)
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Introduction

These Detailed Technical Notes, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), supplement the "Technical Notes" section of "Births: Final Data for 2008" [1], and are for use with the 2008 Natality public use data. The 2008 natality micro-data file may be downloaded at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/VitalStatsOnline.htm [2] and is available on CD-ROM by request. These Technical Notes also provide additional documentation for VitalStats <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/VitalStats.htm>, a data access and analysis tool [3]. VitalStats includes interactive pre-built tables and the ability to create tables and graphics using more than 100 demographic and health variables from the 1990-2008 natality public-use files.

Beginning with the 2005 data year, the micro-data natality file no longer includes geographic detail (e.g., state or county of birth). Information on the NCHS data release policy is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs_data_release.htm [4]. Tabulations of birth data by state and for counties with populations of 100,000 or more may be made using VitalStats as described above. Procedures for requesting micro-data files with geographic detail are provided in the NCHS data release policy.

Beginning with the 2007 data year, data items exclusive to the 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (i.e., maternal anemia, ultrasound, alcohol use) are no longer available in public use files, but are available upon request.

"Births: Final Data for 2008" [1] does not include the following items previously found in this report: month of birth, day of week of birth, weight gain during pregnancy, educational attainment, tobacco use during pregnancy, month prenatal care began, and selected risk factors, obstetric procedures, characteristics of labor and delivery, and congenital anomalies. See **Tables I-2, I-3, I-5, I-6**, (available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf) and **Documentation Tables 1 through 8** in this guide for tabular data for these items.

Definition of Live Birth

Every product of conception that gives a sign of life after birth, regardless of the length of the pregnancy, is considered a live birth. This concept is included in the definition set forth by the World Health Organization in 1950 as described in a United Nation's Handbook [5]. A slightly expanded definition of live birth was recommended by the 1992 revision of the Model

State Vital Statistics Act and Regulations [6], based on recommendations of a 1988 working group formed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists [7] and is consistent with that currently used by the WHO in the ICD-10 [8] and the United Nations:

“Live birth” means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such expulsion or extraction, breathes, or shows any other evidence of life, such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Heartbeats are to be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations are to be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps.

This definition distinguishes in precise terms a live birth from a fetal death [9,10]. The vast majority of registration areas use definitions of live births similar to this definition [9]. All states require the reporting of live births regardless of length of gestation or birth weight.

The Birth-Registration Area

Currently the birth-registration system of the United States includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the independent registration area of New York City, and Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (referred to as Northern Marianas). However, in the statistical tabulations, “United States” refers only to the aggregate of the 50 states (including New York City) and the District of Columbia. Information on the history and development of the birth-registration area is available elsewhere [11,12].

Birth statistics for years prior to 1951 and for 1955 are based on the total file of birth records. Statistics for 1951-54, 1956-66, and 1968-71 are based on 50-percent samples except for data for Guam and the Virgin Islands, which are based on all records filed. During the processing of the 1967 data, the sampling rate was reduced from 50 percent to 20 percent. From 1972 to 1984 statistics are based on all records filed in the States submitting computer tapes and on a 50-percent sample of records in all other States.

Since 1985, natality statistics for all states and the District of Columbia have been based on information from the total file of records, that is, all births registered in the reporting areas. The information is received on electronic files consisting of individual records processed by the states, the District of Columbia, New York City, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. NCHS receives these files from the registration offices of all states, the two cities and four territories through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Information for Guam is obtained from paper copies of original birth certificates which are coded and keyed by NCHS. Data from American Samoa first became available in 1997; data from the Northern Marianas in 1998.

U.S. natality data are limited to births occurring within the United States, including those occurring to U.S. residents and nonresidents. Births to nonresidents of the United States have been excluded from most published tabulations by place of residence beginning in 1970 (for further discussion see “Classification by occurrence and residence”). Births occurring to U.S. citizens outside the United States are not included in the natality file. Data for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas are limited to births registered in these areas.

Classification of births by occurrence and residence

In tabulations by place of residence, births occurring within the United States to U.S. citizens and to residents who are not citizens are allocated to the usual place of residence of the mother in the United States, as reported on the birth certificate. Births to U.S. residents occurring outside this country are not included in tabulations by place of residence or place of occurrence.

The total count of births for the United States by place of residence and by place of occurrence will not be identical. Births to nonresidents of the United States are included in data by place of occurrence but excluded from data by place of residence, as previously indicated. See **Table A** for the number of births by residence and occurrence for the 50 states and the District of Columbia for 2008.

Residence error -- According to a 1950 test (which has not been repeated), errors in residence reporting for the country as a whole tend to overstate the number of births to residents of urban areas and to understate the number of births to residents of other areas [13]. Recent

experience based on anecdotal evidence from the states, suggests that this is still a concern. This tendency has assumed special importance because of a concomitant development—the increased utilization of hospitals in cities by residents of nearby places—with the result that a number of births are erroneously reported as having occurred to residents of urban areas. Another factor that contributes to this overstatement of urban births is the customary practice of using city addresses for persons living outside the city limits. Residence error should be taken into particular consideration in interpreting tabulated data for small areas. Both birth and infant mortality patterns can be affected.

Information on the completeness of reporting of birth certificate data is shown in **Table B**, which presents a listing of items and the percentage of records that were not stated for each state, plus Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas.

Population based rates -- One of the principal values of vital statistics data is realized through the presentation of rates that are computed by relating the vital events of a class to the population of a similarly defined class (e.g., 2008 births to women aged 20-24 years and the 2008 population of women aged 20-24). Vital statistics and population statistics, therefore, must be tabulated in comparable groups. Even when the variables common to both, such as geographic area, age, race, and sex, have been similarly classified and tabulated, significant discrepancies may result from differences between the enumeration method of obtaining population data and the registration method of obtaining vital statistics data [14].

Geographic classification -- The geographic code structure for the 2008 natality file is given in two NCHS manuals, “Vital Records Geographic Classification, 2003,” and “Vital Records Geographic Classification, 2004, Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS).” [15,16]. The geographic code structure on the 2008 file is based on results of the 2000 Census of Population.

Standard Certificates of Live Birth

The U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has served for many years as the principal means for attaining uniformity in the content of the documents used to collect information on births in the United States. The U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth is revised every 10-15 years. Most state certificates conform closely in content to the standard certificate, but are modified to the extent required by the

particular state's needs or by special provisions of the state's vital statistics law.

The 2003 revision — In 2003, a revised U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth was adopted (**Figure 1**). The 2003 birth certificate replaces the previous 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth [11,17,18]. Implementation of the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (revised) by the states and independent reporting areas is being phased in over several years. Initial implementation of the revised certificate began in 2003 with two states: Pennsylvania and Washington. Five states: Idaho, Kentucky, New York (excluding New York City), South Carolina, and Tennessee implemented the revised birth certificate as of January 1, 2004, with Florida and New Hampshire doing so later in 2004. Three states: Kansas, Nebraska and Texas, plus Puerto Rico implemented the revised birth certificate January 1, 2005; Vermont implemented the revised certificate after January 1, 2005. Six states: California (selected items only), Delaware, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wyoming implemented the revised certificate as of January 1, 2006. Three states: Colorado, Indiana and Iowa implemented the revised birth certificate as of January 1, 2007. Two additional states, Georgia and Michigan, implemented the revised birth certificate in 2007; however, Georgia revised after January 1 and not all 2007 births in Michigan were reported based on the revised birth certificate. Three states: Montana, New Mexico, and Oregon, plus New York City implemented the revised birth certificate January 1, 2008. Births to residents of the 27 states which had revised as of January 1, 2008 (2,748,302) represent 65 percent of all births to United States residents in 2008. See **Table C** for a comparison of selected demographic characteristics of the revised reporting area (excluding Puerto Rico) to the United States as a whole. Data from 2008 for the 27-state revised reporting area are presented in **Documentation Tables 1 through 8** of these Notes.

The 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of live birth introduced substantial changes to data content and quality. Many key data items are common between revisions; however, a number of items were substantively modified. The 2003 revision also includes many new items never before collected on the Standard Certificate [17,18].

A key aspect of the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth has been the re-engineering of the data collection and transmission system. The intent of the re-engineering is to improve data quality, speed of data collection and transmission, and to enhance standardization of data [17,19]. To encourage collection of data from the best sources, two worksheets have been developed: the “Mother’s Worksheet” and the “Facility Worksheet.” In

the mother's worksheet, data are directly obtained from the mother and include items such as race, Hispanic origin and educational attainment. For the facility worksheet, data are obtained directly from the medical records of the mother and infant for items such as date of last normal menses, pregnancy risk factors, and method of delivery. To assist hospital staff in completing the facility worksheet, a comprehensive instruction manual was developed: *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Details of the nature and content of the 1989 revision are available elsewhere [11,12].

Comparability of data between the 1989 and 2003 Revisions of the United States Standard Certificates of Live Birth — Many data items (e.g., maternal age, birth order, marital status, attendant at birth, birthweight, gestational age) are common to both the 1989 and 2003 standard birth certificates and are considered directly comparable between revisions. Several key items, however (i.e., educational attainment, tobacco use during pregnancy, month prenatal care began and type of vaginal or cesarean delivery), although collected on both certificate revisions, were substantively modified. Data for these items are not considered comparable between revisions and are not combined in tabulations or in the data files. Beginning in 2008, key non-comparable data items exclusive to the 2003 revision (i.e. education, prenatal care, tobacco, type of vaginal and cesarean delivery) are no longer included in “Births: Final Data:” and will be presented in an upcoming report; see **Documentation Table 2** for tabular data. Additionally, although the checkbox items Risk factors in this pregnancy, Obstetric procedures, Characteristics of labor and delivery, Method of delivery, Abnormal conditions of the newborn, and Congenital anomalies of the newborn are included on both the 1989 and the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificates of Live Birth, many of the specific checkboxes under these items were modified, or are entirely new to the 2003 certificate. **Table D** lists 2003 revision-based items and indicates whether the item is considered comparable with a 1989 revision-based item. “Births: Final Data for 2008” presents information for specific checkboxes for which data *are* comparable across revisions [1]. The report “Expanded Health Data from the New Birth Certificate, 2006,” presented 2003 revision-based information for selected specific checkbox items included under the checkbox categories listed above [21]; earlier reports presented these data for 2004 and 2005 [22,23]. For 2007, this information can be found in Tables R-1 to R-6 of the 2007 User Guide [24]. An upcoming report will present these data for 2008; see

Documentation Tables 3 through 8 for tabular data. For 2003-2008 data based on the unrevised reporting area, see VitalStats, and the public use data files [2,3]. (The public-use files and VitalStats do not include data for non-comparable unrevised checkbox items in 2007 and 2008; these data are available upon request.)

Table B presents a listing of items and the percentage of records that were not stated for each state and the District of Columbia, plus Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Births to residents of revised states which occur in unrevised states are classified as unknowns for non-comparable items (such as educational attainment, tobacco use, and prenatal care). Births to residents of non-revised states are similarly classified.

The 2003 revision also includes a number of items which are new *and* exclusive to the 2003 revised certificate (e.g., Maternal morbidity, Breastfeeding and the Receipt of WIC food for the pregnancy) (**Figure 1**); these data are not currently available in tabulations or the public use files.

Nativity data files

Micro-data files -- Natality micro-data files for data years 1968-2008 may be downloaded at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/VitalStatsOnline.htm. Natality micro-data files for data years 1968-2008 are also available on CD-ROM upon request. The general rules used to classify characteristics of live births are presented in several NCHS manuals [15,16,19,25]. These instructions are for states to use to collect and code the data items; they do not include NCHS edit recodes.

The 2003-2008 edits and natality micro-data files include data items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. The files also include items exclusive to the 2003 revision and key items exclusive to the 1989 revision. Beginning with the 2007 public-use file, most non-comparable items exclusive to the 1989 revision are no longer included but are available upon request. Education, tobacco use, prenatal care and type of cesarean or vaginal delivery are included in the public-use file. Data items considered comparable between revisions are combined in the same data field(s); items which are not comparable, or are exclusive to either revision, are captured in separate fields. See file layout in this User Guide [2]. Certain data items new to the 2003 revised certificate (e.g., maternal

morbidity) are not available on the file. See **Figure 1** for information on items included in the file. For a listing of specific data items included in the 2008 natality public use file and the comparability of each item between revisions see **Table D**.

Beginning with the 2005 data year, the public release micro-data natality file no longer includes geographic detail (e.g., state or county of birth). Information on the new data use policy is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs_data_release.htm [4]. However, tabulations of birth data by state and for counties with populations of 100,000 or more may be made using the interactive data tool VitalStats, described below.

Reporting flags -- The 2008 public use micro-data file includes extensive reporting flags to assist in the accurate exclusion of records for items not reported by all states when tabulating data by mother's place of residence. Reporting flags should be used to generate accurate numbers by residence for items which are not reported by all states. More information on the use of reporting flags can be found in the introduction to the 2008 file documentation in this User Guide [2]. Identification of individual state level data, however, is not possible with the public-use micro-data file for 2008 [4].

VitalStats -- VitalStats is an online data access tool which gives users access to a collection of interactive pre-built tables, and the ability to build their own tables choosing from over 100 public use birth variables for natality data files for 1990-2008 [3]. Interactive charting and mapping tools are a key part of the system, and provide powerful options for visualizing and manipulating tabulated data at the national, state, and county level (for counties of 100,000 population or more). Additionally, users can export tabulated data to Excel for further analysis. VitalStats is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/VitalStats.htm>. Data for territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) are available for 2005 to 2008.

Demographic Characteristics

Hispanic origin and race

Hispanic origin -- Hispanic origin and race are reported separately on the birth certificate. Data for Hispanic subgroups are shown in most cases for five specific groups: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, and "other and unknown Hispanic." In tabulations of birth data by race and Hispanic origin, data for persons of Hispanic origin are not further

classified by race because the vast majority of births to Hispanic women are reported as white. In tabulations of birth data by race only, data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in the data for each race group according to the mother's reported race. In tabulations that include Hispanic origin, data for non-Hispanic persons are classified according to the race of the mother because there are substantial differences in fertility and maternal and infant health between Hispanic and non-Hispanic white women. A recode variable is available that provides cross tabulations of race by Hispanic origin.

Items asking for the Hispanic origin of the mother and the father have been included on the birth certificates of all states and the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Guam since 1993, and on the birth certificate of Puerto Rico starting in 2005. American Samoa and the Northern Marianas do not collect this information.

The Hispanic origin question on the 2003 revision of the birth certificate asks respondents to select only one response (**Figure 1**). Occasionally, however, more than one Hispanic origin response is given, that is, a specified Hispanic group (Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Central and South American) in combination with one or more other specified Hispanic group(s). When this occurs, all responses are collected. These procedures have been in place since the first revision year, 2003. In 2008, 0.1 percent of births in the revised state reporting area were to women reporting more than one Hispanic origin. Respondents who select more than one Hispanic origin on the birth certificate are classified as "other and unknown Hispanic." The Hispanic origin question on the 1989 revision of the birth certificate also offers the opportunity to report more than one origin; however NCHS processing guidelines for unrevised data allow only for coding the first Hispanic origin listed.

As noted above, women who report more than one Hispanic origin on the revised birth certificate are included in the category "other and unknown Hispanic". The Current Population Survey [26], however, on which the denominators are based, queries respondents who report more than one Hispanic origin to get to a single origin only, i.e., they do not have a "multiple" Hispanic category [27]. As a result, the population-based rates shown in "Births: Final Data for 2008" [1] for "other" Hispanic women are slightly higher (about 1 percent) than if births to women reporting more than one Hispanic origin were excluded from this category.

Change in Births to Other and Unknown Hispanic Women -- The number of births to "other and unknown" Hispanic women increased from 85,404 in 2007, to 115,045 in 2008. This

number has risen substantially each year since 2005. Factors which may have influenced this rise are not clear, but may include less specificity in respondent reporting of Hispanic origin (e.g. “Hispanic” in lieu of “Mexican” or “Puerto Rican”), and increases in the populations of groups included in the other Hispanic category; post censal population estimates indicate that the number of other Hispanic women of childbearing age (excluding Central and South American) has risen 11 percent from 2005 to 2008, with a 6 percent between 2007 and 2008 [26]. The percentage of records for which Hispanic origin of the parents was not reported in 2008 is shown by state in **Table B** of these Detailed Notes.

Single, Multiple and “Bridged” race of mother and father -- In 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity” which revised the “1977 Statistical Policy Directive 15, Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting” [28-30]. These documents specify guidelines for the collection, tabulation, and presentation of race and ethnicity data within the Federal statistical system. The 1997 revised standards incorporated two major changes designed to reflect the changing racial profile of the United States. First, the revision increased from four to five the minimum set of categories to be used by federal agencies for identification of race. The 1977 standards required federal agencies to report race-specific tabulations using a minimum set of four single-race categories: American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN), Asian or Pacific Islander (API), black, and white. The five categories for race specified in the 1997 standards are: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and white. The revised standards called for reporting of Asians separately from Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders. Collection of additional detail on race and ethnicity is permitted, as before, so long as the additional categories can be aggregated into the minimum five categories. Second, the revised standards also require federal data collection programs to allow respondents to select *one or more race categories*.

For the 2000 decennial census, the U.S. Census Bureau collected race and ethnicity data in accordance with the 1997 revised standards. However, the National Vital Statistics System, which is based on data collected by the states, will not be fully compliant with the new standards until all of the states revise their birth certificates to reflect the new standards. Thus, beginning with the 2000 data year, the numerators (births) for birth rates are incompatible with the

denominators (populations) (see “Population denominators”). In order to compute rates, it is necessary to “bridge” population data for multiple-race persons to single-race categories. This has been done for birth rates by race presented in this report. Once all states revise their birth registration systems to be compliant with the 1997 OMB standards, the use of “bridged” populations can be discontinued.

In 2008, multiple race was reported by California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York (including New York City), North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming, which used the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, as well as, Hawaii, Minnesota and Utah, which used the 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. These 30 states accounted for 68 percent of U.S. births in 2008 and reported 1.8 percent of mothers as multiracial, with levels varying from less than 1 percent (Texas) to 35 percent (Hawaii) (see **Documentation Table 1**). Prior to 2008, the multiple-race reporting states varied, with 6 states reporting more than one race in 2003, 15 in 2004, 19 in 2005, 23 in 2006, and 27 in 2007. Data from the vital records of the remaining 20 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Northern Marianas Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands followed the 1977 OMB standards in which a single race is reported [28]. In addition, these areas also report the minimum set of four races as stipulated in the 1977 standards [28], compared with the minimum of five races for the 1997 [29] standards. Puerto Rico, which revised its birth certificate in 2005, reported race according to the 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

In order to provide uniformity and comparability of the data during the transition period, before multiple-race data are available for all reporting areas, it is necessary to “bridge” the responses of those who reported more than one race to a single-race. The bridging procedure for multiple-race mothers and fathers is based on the procedure used to bridge the multiracial population estimates (see “Population denominators”) [30,31]. Multiple-race is imputed to a single race (one of the following: AIAN, API, Black, or White) according to the combination of races, Hispanic origin, sex, and age indicated on the birth certificate of the mother or father. The imputation procedure is described in detail elsewhere [32,33].

As noted previously, the bridging procedure imputes multiple-race of mothers to one of the four minimum races stipulated in the 1977 OMB standards, that is, AIAN, API, Black, or

White. Mothers of a specified API subgroup (that is, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, or Filipino) in combination with another race (that is, AIAN, black, or white) or another API subgroup are not imputed to a single API subgroup. API mothers are slightly over represented in the 30 states with complete reporting of multiple-race for 2008 (which account for 74 percent of API births in the United States), compared with the remaining 20 states and the District of Columbia. For reports “Births: Final Data for 2003” through “Births: Final Data for 2008,” data are not shown for the specified API subgroups because the bridging technique cannot be applied in this detail [1,30,34-38]. However, data for the API subgroups, reported alone or in combination with other races and/or API subgroups, are available in the 2003-2008 natality public-use micro-data files. A previous report [39] describes characteristics of births in 2003 to single and multiple-race women.

The 20 states, and the District of Columbia not reporting multiple-race data, report race in at least eight single-race categories: white, black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino, and “other Asian or Pacific Islander” (API). Of these states, five states (Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia) and New York City report data on the expanded API subgroups included in the “other API category” (Asian Indian, Korean, Samoan, Vietnamese, Guamanian, and remaining API). Finally, the 30 states that report multiple-race data report a minimum of 14 categories (white, black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, other Asian, Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, and other Pacific Islander). Multiple-race data are not shown in the public-use file, but are available upon request.

Unknown race of mother -- Among states reporting race based on the 1977 OMB standard (single race) in 2008, race of mother was unknown or reported as “other” race (not reported in a standard race category, see above) for 1.9 percent of all 2008 records. This percentage does not take into account records for which race was unknown and was assigned or imputed by the state in which the birth occurred *prior to transmission to NCHS*. Specifically, for the single-race reporting area (20 states and DC) for mothers of Hispanic origin with unknown race, race of mother was imputed to ‘white’ prior to transmission to NCHS.

Among states reporting race based on the 1997 OMB standard (multiple-race) in 2008, race was unknown or reported as “other” (not reported in a standard category, see **Figure 1**) for 6.9 percent of all records. Race was *not* imputed by any of these states prior to NCHS

transmission.

For both the single-race reporting areas and the multiple-race reporting areas where race of mother was unknown and the race of the father was known, the race of the father was assigned (at NCHS) to the mother. When information was not available for either parent, the race of the mother was imputed according to the specific race of the mother on the preceding record with a known race of mother. (See also discussion on imputation of race for Hispanic women below.) For the single-race reporting area, imputation of race of mother based on a previous record was necessary for 1.4 percent of records. For the areas reporting multiple-race of mother, 5.8 percent of records were imputed based on a previous record; of these 91 percent were for mothers of Hispanic origin. (See below for imputation procedures.)

Modification in Imputation of Race for Hispanic women -- Starting with the 2006 data year for the multiple-race reporting area, the race edit was modified slightly to take into account differences in the race distribution for births to Hispanic women compared with all births. For women of unknown race who report to be of Hispanic origin, race of mother is imputed according to the race of father, or, if race of father is unknown, according to the specific race of the mother on the preceding record of a Hispanic woman with a known race of mother. Previously, for Hispanic women where race of father was unknown, unknown race of mother was imputed according to the preceding record of any woman, regardless of Hispanic origin.

Between 2005 and 2006, the increase in the number of births to total white women may be slightly overstated and the increase in the number of births to total black women may be slightly understated because of the changes in the race edit procedure introduced in 2006 (data for *non-Hispanic white* and *non-Hispanic black women are not affected*). See 2006 User Guide for more detail [40].

Race of mother/race of child -- Beginning with the 1989 data year, NCHS started tabulating its birth data primarily by race of the mother. In 1988 and prior years, births were tabulated by the race of the child, which was determined from the race of the parents as entered on the birth certificate. The reasons for this change are summarized in the 1999 Technical Appendix [11]. Trend data by race of mother are shown in “Births: Final Data for 2008” [1] for all years beginning with the 1980 data year. Text references to white births and white mothers or black births and black mothers are used interchangeably for ease in writing.

Age of mother

Beginning with the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, a “Date of birth” item replaced the “Age (at time of this birth)” item. Not all states revised this item, and, therefore, the age of mother either is derived from the reported month and year of birth or coded as stated on the certificate. In 2008, age of mother was reported directly by two states (Nevada and Virginia) and American Samoa.

From 1964 to 1996, mother’s age was edited for ages 10-49 years. Births reported to occur to mothers younger than age 10 or older than age 49 years had age imputed according to the age of mother from the previous record with the same race and total birth order (total of live births and fetal deaths). Beginning in 1997, age of mother is imputed for ages 9 years or under and 55 years and over. This procedure was used through 2006 for births in states using the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live birth (unrevised). Beginning in 2003 for births occurring in states using the 2003 revision of the birth certificate (revised), a slightly wider age range is used; age of mother is imputed for ages 8 years or under and 65 years and over (mother’s age 9 years is recoded as 10 years and ages 55-64 years are recoded to an age from 50-54 years). Starting in 2007, the same procedures are used for states using the unrevised certificate. A review and verification of unedited data for several years including 2007 showed that the vast majority of births reported as occurring to women aged 50 years and older were to women aged 50-54 years. The numbers of births to women aged 50-54 years have been too small historically to compute age-specific birth rates. These births have been included with births to women aged 45-49 years for computing birth rates.

Data for single year of age of mother 9-11 and 55-64 years are not shown in the public use data files. Births to mothers 9-11 years are collapsed into the categories “12 years or under;” births to mothers 50-64 years into the category “50-54 years.”

Age-specific birth rates are based on populations of women by age, prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau. In census years the decennial census counts are used. In intercensal years, estimates of the population of women by age are published by the U.S. Census Bureau in *Current Population Reports*. The 2000 Census of Population derived age in completed years as of April 1, 2000, from responses to questions on age at last birthday and month and year of birth, with the latter given preference. In the 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990 Census of Population, age was also derived from month and year of birth. Age in completed years was asked in censuses

before 1960. This was nearly the equivalent of the question of the pre-1989 birth certificates, which the 1950 test of matched birth and census records confirmed, by showing a high degree of consistency in reporting age in these two sources [14]. More recently, reporting of maternal age on the birth certificate was compared with reporting of age in a survey of women who had recently given birth. Reporting of age was very consistent between the two sources [41].

Median and mean age of mother -- Median age is the value that divides an age distribution into two equal parts, one-half of the values being less and one-half being greater. Median ages of mothers for 1960 to the present have been computed from birth rates for 5-year age groups rather than from birth frequencies. This method eliminates the effects of changes in the age composition of the childbearing population over time. Changes in the median ages from year to year can thus be attributed solely to changes in the age-specific birth rates. Trend data on the median age are shown in **Table 1-5** of “Vital Statistics of the United States, 2003, Volume 1, Natality” [42], which is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/vsus.htm#natab2003>.

Trend data on the mean age of mother, derived directly from frequencies of births by age, are available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/vsus.htm#natab2003>, and for recent years, in **Table I-1**, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf.

Not stated age or date of birth of mother -- In 2008, age of mother was not reported on 0.01 percent of the records. Beginning in 1964, birth records with date of birth of mother and/or age of mother not stated have had age imputed according to the age of mother from the previous birth record of the same race and total-birth order (total of fetal deaths and live births). (See *NCHS Instruction Manuals*, Part 12) [43,44].

Age of father

Age of father is derived from the reported date of birth or coded as stated on the birth certificate. If the age is under 10 years, it is considered not stated and grouped with those cases for which age is not stated on the certificate. Information on age of father is often missing on birth certificates of children born to unmarried mothers, greatly inflating the number in the “Not stated” category in all tabulations by age of father. In computing birth rates by age of father, births tabulated as age of father not stated are distributed in the same proportions as births with known age within each 5-year-age classification of the mother. This procedure is followed because, while father’s age is missing on 14.0 percent of the birth certificates in 2008, one-

quarter of these were on records where the mother is a teenager. This distribution procedure is done separately by race. The resulting distributions are summed to form a composite frequency distribution that is the basis for computing birth rates by age of father. This procedure avoids the distortion in rates that would result if the relationship between age of mother and age of father were disregarded. Births with age of father not stated are distributed only for rates, not for frequency tabulations.

Live-birth order and parity

Live-birth order and parity classifications refer to the total number of live births the mother has had including the 2008 birth. Fetal deaths are excluded.

Live-birth order indicates what number the present birth represents; for example, a baby born to a mother who has had two previous live births (even if one or both are not now living) has a live-birth order of three. Parity indicates how many live births a mother has had. Before delivery, a mother having her first baby has a parity of zero, and a mother having her third baby has a parity of two. After delivery the mother of a baby who is a first live birth has a parity of one, and the mother of a baby who is a third live birth has a parity of three.

Live-birth order and parity are determined from two items on the birth certificate, “Live births now living” and “Live births now dead.” Editing procedures for live birth order are summarized elsewhere [43,44].

Not stated birth order -- All births tabulated in the “Not stated birth order” category are excluded from the computation of percentages. In computing birth rates by live-birth order, births tabulated as birth order not stated are distributed in the same proportion as births of known live-birth order.

Marital status

National estimates of births to unmarried women are based on two methods of determining marital status. For 1994 through 1996, birth certificates in 45 states and the District of Columbia included a question about the mother's marital status. For the other states, marital status is inferred from information on the birth certificate. Beginning in 1997, the marital status of women giving birth in California and Nevada was determined by a direct question in the birth registration process. New York City also changed its procedures for inferring marital status in

1997 to the same procedures in effect in New York State, a separate registration area. Beginning June 15, 1998, Connecticut discontinued inferring the mother's marital status and added a direct question on mother's marital status to the state's birth certificate.

In 2008, inferential procedures were used to compile birth statistics by marital status in full or in part for New York and Michigan respectively. Michigan added a direct question in 2005 to the birth registration process, but uses inferential procedures to update information collected using the direct question.

In these two states (Michigan and New York) which continued to use inferential procedures to compile birth statistics by marital status in 2008, a birth is inferred as nonmarital if either of these factors, listed in priority-of-use order, is present: a paternity acknowledgment was received or the father's name is missing. In recent years, a number of states have extended their efforts to identify the fathers when the parents are not married in order to enforce child support obligations. The presence of a paternity acknowledgment, therefore, is the most reliable indicator that the birth is nonmarital in the states not reporting this information directly; this is now the key indicator in the nonreporting states. Details of the changes in reporting procedures and the impact of the procedures on the data are described in previous reports [45,46].

The mother's marital status was not reported in 2008 on 0.05 percent of the birth records in the 48 states and the District of Columbia where this information is obtained exclusively by a direct question. Marital status was imputed for these records. If status was unknown and the father's age was known, then the mother was considered married. If the status was unknown, and the father's age unknown, then the mother was considered unmarried. This represents a change from the procedures in effect for 2002 and previous years. Prior to 2003, marital status for all records with marital status not reported was imputed as "married." Because of the small number of records affected (2,080 or .05 percent of all births in 2008), the change in imputation procedures had essentially no impact on measures of nonmarital births.

When births to unmarried women are reported as second or higher order births, it is not known whether the mother was married or unmarried when the previous deliveries occurred because her marital status at the time of these earlier births is not available from the current birth record.

Educational attainment

Information on educational attainment is reported on both the 2003 and 1989 U.S. Standard Certificates of Live Birth. However, the format of the education item on the 2003 revised standard certificate differs substantively from that of the 1989 unrevised standard certificate. The 1989 certificate asks for the number of years of school completed by the mother (additional information on the unrevised 1989 education question is found in the 1999 Technical Appendix [11]). In contrast, the revised 2003 certificate item asks for the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of the birth (e.g., high school diploma, some college credit but no degree, bachelor's degree, etc.).

Education data for the states that have implemented the revised 2003 certificate are not directly comparable with data for the states that are not yet using the revised certificate. Accordingly, revised and unrevised educational attainment data are not combined for tabulations and in the natality data files. Revised data on education are not included in "Births: Final Data for 2008" [1]. These data are shown in **Documentation Table 2**. Revised and/or unrevised data on education are presented in previous reports [35-38]. For 2003-2008 data based on the unrevised reporting area, see VitalStats, and the public use data files [2,3].

Data on educational attainment are currently available only for the mother. Beginning in 1995, NCHS discontinued collecting information on the educational attainment of the father.

Maternal and Infant Health Characteristics

Weight gain during pregnancy

Information on weight gain during pregnancy is available from both the 2003 and the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. The item was modified, however, between revisions. The 1989 certificate asks for "weight gained during pregnancy ____ lbs," whereas the revised 2003 item asks for the mother's pre-pregnancy weight and weight at delivery from which total weight gain during pregnancy is derived. Information on weight gain is considered comparable between revisions and, accordingly, data are combined for tabulations and in the natality data files.

Weight gain during pregnancy is reported in pounds. A reported loss of weight is recorded as zero gain. See NCHS manuals for detailed descriptions of editing and computation of the weight gain item [43,44]. See **Table I-5** for 2008 data.

Tobacco use during pregnancy

Information on smoking during pregnancy is reported on both the 1989 and the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificates of Live Birth. The item was substantively modified for the 2003 certificate, however, and data based on the revised item are not comparable with those based on the unrevised 1989 item. The revised 2003 question asks for the number of cigarettes smoked at different intervals before and during the pregnancy. If the mother reports smoking in any of the three trimesters of pregnancy she is classified as a smoker. In comparison, the unrevised 1989 item asks a “yes/no” question on tobacco use during pregnancy and the average number of cigarettes per day with no specificity on timing during the pregnancy.

Data based on the 2003 revised item are available for all of 2008 for 24 states and Puerto Rico. The 25 states are California, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. The tobacco use item for Florida, which implemented the revised birth certificate as of January 1, 2004, and for Michigan, which had fully implemented the revised certificate as of January 1, 2008, do not follow the standard format. As a result, tobacco use data for Florida and Michigan are not comparable with either the 2003 revised or 1989 unrevised data (see below) and are not included in the 2008 data files [47]. Reliable data on tobacco use were not available for Georgia for 2008.

Revised data on tobacco are not included in “Births: Final Data for 2008” [1]. These data are shown in **Documentation Table 2**. Revised and/or unrevised data on tobacco use are presented in previous reports [35-38]. For 2003-2008 data based on the unrevised reporting area, see VitalStats, and the public use data files [2,3].

Pregnancy risk factors

Both the 2003 and 1989 standard birth certificates collect pregnancy risk information in a checkbox format. Ten risk factors are separately identified on the revised 2003 certificate (**Figure 1**). Four of these risk factors; diabetes, pre-pregnancy hypertension, gestational hypertension, and eclampsia are comparable across revisions, see **Table D**. Data for 2008 on comparable risk factors are shown in **Table I-6**, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf. Selected risk factors new to

the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Table R-1 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 3**.

Both the revised and unrevised formats allow for the reporting of more than one risk factor and include a choice of “None” (or “None of the above” in the case of the revised certificate). Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as not stated. Levels of reporting completeness by state for pregnancy risk factors are shown in **Table B**.

For detailed instructions and definitions for the pregnancy risk factors included on the revised 2003 certificate see: *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Definitions for the 1989 certificate items are also available [34].

Diabetes during pregnancy – The 2003 revision splits reporting of diabetes during pregnancy into prepregnancy (diagnosed prior to this pregnancy) and gestational (diagnosed in this pregnancy) diabetes. In comparison, the 1989 certificate captures information on maternal diabetes as a single item only. This change, along with more general enhancements to the collection of data under the 2003 revision, appears to have improved reporting of diabetes during pregnancy in states adopting the 2003 certificate. Improved reporting of this item as states implemented the 2003 revised birth certificate contributed to the national increase between 2003 and 2008 (see **Tables 18 and 19** of “Births: Final Data for 2008” and **Table I-6** for 2008 rates [1]) [34]; diabetes rates rose by more than 1/3, on average, as states implemented the 2003 certificate revision, compared with less than 7 percent annual increases for unrevised states and for revised states that had used the revised certificate for two or more years. This rise in diabetes may also be the result of increased attention paid to diabetes by the medical community as well as an actual increase in the occurrence of diabetes.

Prenatal care

Information on the timing of prenatal care is available for both the 2003 revised and 1989 unrevised Certificates of Live Birth. However, the 2003 revision introduced substantive changes in item wording and also to the sources of prenatal information. The wording of the prenatal care item was modified to “Date of first prenatal visit” from “Month prenatal care began.” In addition, the 2003 revision process resulted in recommendations that the prenatal care

information be gathered from the prenatal care or medical records, whereas the 1989 revision did not include a recommended source for these data. Accordingly, prenatal care data for the two revisions are not directly comparable and are shown separately in tabulations and in the data file.

Revised data on prenatal care are not included in “Births: Final Data for 2008” [1]. These data are shown in **Documentation Table 2**. Revised and/or unrevised data on prenatal care are presented in previous reports [35-38]. For 2003-2008 data based on the unrevised reporting area, see VitalStats, and the public use data files [2,3].

Levels of utilization of prenatal care based on revised data are substantially lower than those based on unrevised data. For the first year revised certificates are implemented, the percentage of women reported to begin care in the first trimester typically falls in a state by at least 10 percentage points [1]. For example, unrevised 2007 data for Montana indicated that 84.0 percent of residents began care in the first trimester of pregnancy. This compares with a level of 73.4 percent for 2008 based on Montana revised data. Much, if not all of the difference between 2007 and 2008 for Montana and other revised states, is related to changes in reporting and not to changes in prenatal care utilization.

Obstetric procedures

Both the 2003 and the 1989 Standard Certificates of Live Birth collect information on obstetric procedures in a checkbox format (**Figures 1**). Three procedures are separately identified on the revised 2003 certificate: cervical cerclage, tocolysis, and external cephalic version (successful or failed). Two procedures, induction of labor (captured under the “Characteristics of labor and delivery” section of the revised 2003 certificate) and tocolysis are comparable across revisions [1], see **Table D**. Data for 2008 on comparable obstetric procedures are shown in **Table I-6**, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf. Obstetric procedures new to the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Table R-2 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 4**.

Both the revised and unrevised certificate formats allow for the reporting of more than one procedure and include a choice of “None” (or “None of the above” in the case of the revised certificate). Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as “not stated.” Reporting

completeness for obstetric procedures by state is shown in **Table B**.

Due to inaccurate reporting in Georgia, Michigan, and Ohio, rates of successful external cephalic version (ECV) are inflated and levels of failed ECV are underreported for these states. As a result, overall levels of successful ECV for the revised reporting area are somewhat inflated and overall levels of failed ECV are underestimated. Data for these items should be used with caution. See the section on “State specific data quality issues” below for more information.

Detailed instructions and definitions for the obstetric procedures based on the revised 2003 certificate are presented in the *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Definitions for the 1989 certificate items are also available [34].

Characteristics of labor and delivery

Both the 2003 and the 1989 standard birth certificates collect characteristics of labor and delivery in a checkbox format (**Figures 1**). The 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes nine specific characteristics of labor and delivery. Three of these characteristics, Meconium, Breech/malpresentation (collected under the “Method of delivery” item on the 2003 Certificate), and Precipitous labor (collected under “Onset of labor” on the 2003 certificate) are comparable across revisions [1], see **Table D**. Data for 2008 on comparable characteristics of labor and delivery are shown in **Table I-6**, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf. Characteristics of labor and delivery new to the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Table R-3 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 5**.

Both the revised and unrevised certificate formats allow for the reporting of more than one characteristic and include a choice of “None” (or “None of the above” in the case of the revised certificate). If the item is not completed, it is classified as “not stated.” The percent of records for which characteristics of labor and delivery items were not stated is shown in **Table B**.

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of live birth (unrevised) provides a single checkbox for “Breech/Malpresentation” under Complications of Labor and Delivery. On the 2003 revision of the birth certificate (revised), this information is collected as two separate

checkboxes: “Breech” and “Other” in the Fetal Presentation subsection of Method and Delivery. Although by definition, the revised “Breech” and “Other” items combined are comparable to the unrevised item, levels for revised states tend to be higher in general than those for non-revised states. As a result, increases in the national “Breech/Malpresentation” rates observed since 2003 (the first year states began implementing the revised birth certificates) is likely largely a reporting artifact; trends in Breech/Malpresentation rates and comparisons of rates among revised and unrevised States should be viewed with caution.

The 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes the checkbox “non-vertex presentation” under the category Characteristics of Labor and Delivery. Non-vertex presentation is defined as any presentation other than vertex (i.e., any presentation other than the upper or back part of the baby’s head) [20]. Also included on the 2003 certificate under the category “Method of Delivery—Final presentation at birth,” are the checkboxes “breech” and “other” (noncephalic) presentation. Although “breech” and “other” presentations in the Method of Delivery category are subsets of “non-vertex presentation,” the combined level of “breech” and “other” presentations was higher than that for “non-vertex presentation” in Characteristics of Labor and Delivery for 2008 (6.6 percent compared with 1.4 percent, respectively). Furthermore, 68.6 percent of breech and 94.6 percent of other presentations were not classified as nonvertex, suggesting that non-vertex presentation may be underreported.

Detailed instructions and definitions for the characteristics of labor and delivery collected on the revised 2003 certificate are presented in the *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Definitions for the 1989 certificate items are also available [34].

Place of delivery and attendant at birth

Both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth include separate categories for hospitals, freestanding birthing centers, residence, and clinic or doctor's office as the place of birth. In addition, the 2003 certificate queries whether the home birth was planned to be a home delivery.

For both the revised and unrevised certificates, the four professional categories of attendants are medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, certified nurse midwives, and other midwives. There is evidence that the number of live births attended by certified nurse midwives

[CNM] is understated [48], largely due to difficulty in correctly identifying the birth attendant when more than one provider is present at the birth. (Anecdotal evidence suggests that some hospitals require that a physician be reported as the attendant even where no physician is physically present at midwife-attended births.)

Additional information on births occurring outside of hospitals, and on birth attendants, can be found in “Technical appendix. Vital statistics of the United States: 1999, vol I, natality [11].

Method of delivery

Several rates are computed for “Method of delivery.” The overall cesarean delivery rate or total cesarean rate is computed as the percent of all births delivered by cesarean. The primary cesarean rate relates the number of women having a first cesarean delivery to all women giving birth who have never had a cesarean delivery. The denominator for the primary cesarean rate includes the sum of primary cesareans and vaginal births without previous cesarean. The rate of vaginal birth after previous cesarean (VBAC) delivery is computed by relating all VBAC deliveries to the sum of VBAC and repeat cesarean deliveries, that is, to women with a previous cesarean delivery.

Information on method of delivery is reported on both the 2003 and 1989 Standard Certificates of Live Birth. However, the format and wording of the method of delivery item on the revised certificate differs from that of the unrevised certificate. The unrevised item asks a direct question on whether the birth was vaginal, VBAC or a primary or repeat cesarean delivery. In contrast, the revised method of delivery item asks if the final route of delivery was a vaginal (with or without forceps or vacuum assistance) or a cesarean delivery. Information on the type of vaginal (vaginal or VBAC) or type of cesarean delivery (primary or repeat) is calculated from the response to a question under a different item, “Risk factors in this pregnancy” which asks if the mother had a previous cesarean delivery.

As a result of these changes, although data on total cesarean deliveries appear to be very comparable between revisions, information on type of vaginal or cesarean delivery is not. Rates based on data from the revised certificates are substantially higher for VBACs and primary cesareans, and lower for repeat cesareans, than rates based on data from unrevised certificates [49]. Accordingly, data on VBAC, primary, and repeat cesarean deliveries are not directly

comparable between revisions, and beginning with the 2005 data year, are presented separately in tabulations [1] and in the data file.

Information on forceps and vacuum delivery is also available from both the 2003 revised and 1989 unrevised birth certificates; these data appear to be comparable between revisions. The 2003 revision item was also expanded to include questions on whether attempted forceps or vacuum deliveries were successful, and whether a trial of labor was attempted prior to cesarean delivery. Method of delivery items new to the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Table R-5 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 6**.

Gestational age

The primary measure used to determine the gestational age of the newborn is the interval between the first day of the mother's last normal menstrual period (LMP) and the date of birth. The LMP is used as the initial date because it can be more accurately determined than the date of conception, which usually occurs 2 weeks after the LMP. LMP measurement is subject to error for several reasons, including imperfect maternal recall or misidentification of the LMP because of post-conception bleeding, delayed ovulation, or intervening early miscarriage.

Births occurring before 37 completed weeks of gestation are considered to be preterm for purposes of classification. At 37–41 weeks gestation, births are considered to be term, and at 42 completed weeks and over, post-term. These distinctions are consistent with the ICD–9 and ICD–10 [8] definitions. NCHS further categorizes births at less than 34 weeks as early preterm and births at 34–36 weeks as late preterm. Beginning with “Births: Final data for 2008” [1], NCHS has also begun differentiating between early term (37–38 weeks) and full term (39–41 weeks).

Before 1981, the period of gestation was computed only when there was a valid month, day, and year of LMP. However, length of gestation could not be determined for a substantial number of live-birth certificates each year because the day of LMP was missing. Beginning in 1981, weeks of gestation have been imputed for records with missing day of LMP when there is a valid month and year. The imputation procedure and its effect on the data are described elsewhere [11,50]. Reporting problems for this item persist and may occur more frequently among some subpopulations, such as selected maternal race groups, and among births with

shorter gestations [43,51,52].

The 1989 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes an additional measure of gestational age, the item “Clinical estimate of gestation.” The comparable item on the 2003 revision of the birth certificate is the “Obstetric estimate of gestation” – see definitions [20]. The clinical or obstetric estimate is compared with the length of gestation computed from the LMP date when the latter appears to be inconsistent with birthweight. This is done for normal weight births of apparently short gestations and very low birthweight births reported to be full term. The procedures are described in NCHS instruction manuals [44,45].

The period of gestation for 6.2 percent of the births in 2008 was based on the clinical or obstetric estimate of gestation. For 98 percent of these records, the clinical or obstetric estimate was used because the LMP date was not reported. For the remaining 2 percent, the clinical or obstetric estimate was used because it was compatible with the reported birthweight, whereas the LMP-based gestation was not. In cases where the reported birthweight was inconsistent with both the LMP-computed gestation and the clinical/obstetric estimate of gestation, the LMP-computed gestation was used and birthweight was reclassified as "not stated." This was necessary for 402 births or 0.01 percent of all birth records in 2008. The levels of the adjustments were similar to those for earlier years. Despite these edits, substantial incongruities in these data persist.

Birthweight

Birthweight is reported in some areas in pounds and ounces rather than in grams. However, the metric system is used to tabulate and present the statistics to facilitate comparison with data published by other groups. The categories for birthweight are consistent with the recommendations in the *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD–9)* and the *International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD–10)* [8]. The categories in gram intervals and their equivalents in pounds and ounces are as follows:

Less than 500 grams = 1 lb 1 oz or less
500–999 grams = 1 lb 2 oz–2 lb 3 oz
1,000–1,499 grams = 2 lb 4 oz–3 lb 4 oz
1,500–1,999 grams = 3 lb 5 oz–4 lb 6 oz
2,000–2,499 grams = 4 lb 7 oz–5 lb 8 oz
2,500–2,999 grams = 5 lb 9 oz–6 lb 9 oz

3,000–3,499 grams = 6 lb 10 oz–7 lb 11 oz
3,500–3,999 grams = 7 lb 12 oz–8 lb 13 oz
4,000–4,499 grams = 8 lb 14 oz–9 lb 14 oz
4,500–4,999 grams = 9 lb 15 oz–11 lb 0 oz
5,000 grams or more = 11 lb 1 oz or more

ICD–9 and ICD–10 define low birthweight as less than 2,500 grams. This is a shift of 1 gram from the previous criterion of 2,500 grams or less, which was recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1935 and adopted in 1948 by the World Health Organization in the *International Lists of Diseases and Causes of Death, Sixth Revision* [53]. Very low birthweight is defined as less than 1,500 grams.

To establish the continuity of class intervals needed to convert pounds and ounces to grams, the end points of these intervals are assumed to be half an ounce less at the lower end and half an ounce more at the upper end. For example, 2 lb 4 oz–3 lb 4 oz is interpreted as 2 lb 3 ½ oz–3 lb 4 ½ oz. Births for which birthweights are not reported are excluded from the computation of percentages.

Apgar score

The Apgar score is a measure of the need for resuscitation and a predictor of the infant's chances of surviving the first year of life. It is a summary measure of the infant's condition based on heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, reflex irritability, and color. Each of these factors is given a score of 0, 1, or 2; the sum of these 5 values is the Apgar score, which ranges from 0 to 10. A score of 0 to 3 indicates an infant in need of resuscitation; a score of 4 to 6 is considered intermediate; a score of 7 or greater indicates that the neonate is in good to excellent physical condition.

The 1– and 5–minute Apgar scores were added to the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth in 1978 to evaluate the condition of the newborn infant at 1 and 5 minutes after birth. In 1995, NCHS discontinued collecting data on the 1-minute score. The 2003 revised certificate includes the five minute score and also asks for a 10 minute score if the 5 minute score is less than 6. The 2008 natality file includes information on the 5 minute score only. Data for 2008 for Apgar score are shown in **Tables 18 and 19** in “Births: Final data for 2008” [1].

Plurality

Plurality is classified as single, twin, triplet, quadruplet, and quintuplet and higher order births. Each record in the natality file represents an individual birth. For example, a record coded as a twin represents one birth in a twin delivery. Pairs or sets of twins or higher order multiple births are not identified in this file. The Matched Multiple Birth File 1995-2000 [54] includes information on sets of twin, triplet and quadruplets, thus allowing for the analysis of maternal and infant characteristics of sets of births and fetal deaths in multiple deliveries.

Records for which plurality is unknown are imputed as singletons. This occurred for 0.004 percent of all records for 2008.

Abnormal conditions of the newborn

Both the 2003 and 1989 standard birth certificates collect abnormal conditions of the newborn in a checkbox format (**Figures 1**). There are seven specific abnormal conditions included on the 2003 revised birth certificate. None of the specific abnormal conditions of the newborn is comparable across the 1989 and 2003 revisions, see **Table D**. Abnormal conditions new to the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Tables R-1 through R-6 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 7**.

More than one abnormal condition may be reported for a given birth. “None” or “None of the above” (in the case of the revised certificate) may also be selected. Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is tabulated as “not stated.”

Detailed instructions and definitions for the abnormal conditions of the newborn collected on the revised 2003 certificate are presented in the *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Definitions for the 1989 certificate items are also available [34].

Congenital anomalies of the newborn

Both the 2003 and 1989 standard birth certificates collect congenital anomalies of the newborn in a checkbox format (**Figures 1**). Twelve specific anomalies or anomaly groups are collected on the 2003 revised birth certificate. Six of these anomalies or anomaly groups; Anencephaly, Meningocele/Spina Bifida, Congenital diaphragmatic hernia,

Omphalocele/Gastroschisis, Cleft lip with or without Cleft palate, and Down syndrome are comparable across revisions, see **Table D**. Data for 2008 on comparable congenital anomalies are shown in **Table I-6**, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_01_tables.pdf. Congenital anomalies new to the revised certificate were presented in a report based on 2006 data [21]; 2007 data are presented in Tables R-6 of the 2007 User Guide [24]; 2008 data will be presented in an upcoming report and are available in **Documentation Table 8**.

Both the revised and unrevised formats allow for the identification of more than one anomaly and include a choice of “None” (or “None of the above”). Accordingly, if the item is not completed, it is classified as “not stated.”

It is well documented that congenital anomalies, except for the most visible and most severe, have historically been under-reported on birth certificates [55]. This has been attributable, at least in part, to the inclusion of anomalies on the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth which may be difficult to detect within the short period between birth and completion of the child’s birth certificate. The 2003 revision of the US Standard Certificate attempted to improve reporting of congenital anomalies by including only those diagnosable within 24 hours of birth using conventional, widely available diagnostic techniques [17,22].

Data for the congenital anomaly “Hypospadias,” are edited to exclude this condition where the infant is a female.

Detailed instructions and definitions for the congenital anomalies of the newborn collected on the revised 2003 certificate are presented in the *Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death (2003 Revision)* [20]. Definitions for the 1989 certificate items are also available [34].

Definitions of medical terms

For definitions and discussion of the maternal and infant health characteristics, see “Guide to Completing the Facility Worksheets for the Certificate of Live Birth and Report of Fetal Death” [20].

Quality of Data

Although vital statistics data are useful for a variety of administrative and scientific

purposes, they cannot be correctly interpreted unless various qualifying factors and methods of classification are taken into account. The factors to be considered depend on the specific purposes for which the data are to be used. It is not feasible to discuss all the pertinent factors in the use of vital statistics tabulations, but some of the more important ones should be mentioned.

Most of the factors limiting the use of data arise from imperfections in the original records or from the impracticability of tabulating these data in very detailed categories. These limitations should not be ignored, but their existence does not lessen the value of the data for most general purposes.

Completeness of registration — It is estimated that more than 99 percent of all births occurring in the United States in 2008 were registered. This estimate is based on the results of a national 1964–68 test of birth-registration completeness according to place of delivery (in or out of hospital) and race (white and non-white) [56]. This test has not been conducted more recently.

Completeness of reporting — Interpretation of birth certificate data must include evaluation of item completeness. The “Not stated” percentage is one measure of the quality of the data. Completeness of reporting varies among items and states. See **Table B** for the percentage of birth records on which specified items were not stated. In this table, there are items comparable to the two revisions, items not comparable between the 2003 and 1989 revision, and items exclusive to the 2003 revision. Items exclusive to the 1989 revision are no longer included in the public-use file.

Data users should note that levels of incomplete or inaccurate reporting for some of the items are quite high in some states. See **Table B**.

Quality control procedures — As electronic files are received at NCHS, they are automatically checked for completeness, individual item code validity, and unacceptable inconsistencies between data items. The registration area is notified of any problems. In addition, NCHS staff review the files on an ongoing basis to detect problems in overall quality such as inadequate reporting for certain items, failure to follow NCHS coding rules, and systems and software errors. Traditionally, quality assurance procedures were limited to the review and analysis of differences between NCHS and registration area code assignments for a small sample of records. As electronic birth registration became prevalent, this procedure was augmented by analyses of year-to-year and area-to-area variations in the data. These analyses are based on

preliminary tabulations of the data that are cumulated by state on a year-to-date basis. NCHS investigates all differences that are judged to have consequences for quality and completeness. In the review process, statistical tests are used to call initial attention to differences for possible follow-up. As necessary, registration areas are informed of differences encountered in the tables and asked to verify the counts or to determine the nature of the differences. Missing records (except those permanently voided) and other problems detected by NCHS are resolved, and corrections are transmitted to NCHS.

State-specific data quality issues of particular concern for 2008:

Georgia:

- Numerous data items – percentage of records for which data are unknown is substantially higher than those for other reporting areas (see **Table B**). The impact of the comparatively high level of unknown data is not clear, however, as distributions for each item are consistent with those of other reporting areas.
- Successful and failed external cephalic version (ECV) – The level of successful ECV is inflated as the result of excessive reporting in one county. Data for this item for this state should be used with caution. See also previous section on “Obstetric procedures.”

Idaho:

- Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery – The level of assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery are inflated as the result of extreme over-reporting by one facility. Data for this item for this state should not be used. This issue has essentially no impact on the total level of assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery for the full reporting area.

Michigan:

- Successful and failed ECV – The level of successful ECV is inflated. Data for this state should be used with caution. See also previous section on “Obstetric procedures.”

New Mexico:

- Month prenatal care began – Percentage of records for which data are unknown is substantially higher than for other reporting areas (see **Table B**). The impact of the comparatively high level of unknown data is not clear, however, as distributions for this item are consistent with those for other reporting areas.

Ohio:

- Successful and failed ECV – The level of successful ECV is inflated because of inaccurate reporting by one facility. Data for this item for this state should be used with caution. See also previous section on “Obstetric procedures.”

Computation of Rates and Other Measures

Population denominators

Estimation by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin -- Populations for birth and fertility rates for 2008 shown in the report: “Births: Final Data for 2008” [1] are estimated from the 2000 census, as of July 1, 2008. These populations are shown in **Table 1** of these Detailed Notes. The population estimates have been provided by the U.S. Census Bureau [57] and are based on the 2000 census counts by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, which have been modified to be consistent with Office of Management and Budget racial categories as of 1977 and historical categories for birth data. The modification procedures are described in detail elsewhere [28,30,31,58,59].

Birth and fertility rates by state shown in the 2008 final report [1] are based on state-level population estimates projected from the 2000 census provided by the U.S. Census Bureau [57]. Rates for the territories except Puerto Rico are based on population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau’s International Data Base [60]. Rates for Puerto Rico are based on population estimates the U.S. Census Bureau [61]. Rates by state shown in this report may differ from rates computed on the basis of other population estimates; rates for smaller population subgroups, such as those for teenaged mothers, may be particularly affected by differences in population estimates. Birth and fertility rates by month shown in the 2008 natality final report [1] are based on monthly population estimates consistent with the July 1, 2008 population estimates. Rates for unmarried women [1] are based on distributions of the population by marital status averaged over a 3-year period for 2006-2008 as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau in the March Current Population Survey (CPS) for each year [62-64], which have been adjusted to July 2008 population levels [57] by the Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS [44]. Birth and fertility rates for the Hispanic population, are based on estimates of the total Hispanic population as of July 1, 2008 [57]. Rates for Hispanic subgroups are based on special population estimates and are presented in **Table 1** [26]. Information about allocation to Hispanic subgroups is presented elsewhere [26,65,66].

The populations by race used in this report were produced under a collaborative arrangement with the U.S. Census Bureau and are based on the 2000 census counts. Reflecting the new guidelines issued in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the 2000 census included an option for individuals to report more than one race as appropriate for themselves and household members [29]. In addition, the 1997 OMB guidelines called for reporting of Asian persons separately from Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. In the 1977 OMB guidelines, data for Asian or Pacific Islander persons were collected as a single group [28]. For the non multiple-race reporting areas (20 states, the District of Columbia, and territories except Puerto Rico), birth certificates currently report only one race for each parent in the categories specified in the 1977 OMB guidelines (see “Hispanic origin, race and national origin”). In addition, unrevised birth certificate data do not report Asians separately from Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. Thus, birth certificate data by race (the numerators for birth and fertility rates) currently are incompatible with the population data collected in the 2000 census (the denominators for the rates).

To produce birth and fertility rates for 1991 through 2008, it was necessary to “bridge” the population data for multiple-race persons back to single-race categories. In addition, the 2000 census counts estimates were modified to be consistent with the 1977 OMB racial categories, that is, to report the data for Asian persons and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders as a combined category Asian or Pacific Islanders [58]. The procedures used to produce the “bridged” populations are described in separate publications [30,31]. Beginning with births occurring in 2003, several states began reporting multiple race data. Once all states revise their birth certificates to be compliant with the 1997 OMB standards, the use of “bridged” populations can be discontinued.

Populations used to calculate the rates for 1991–99 are based on population estimates as of July 1 of each year and were produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the National Cancer Institute [30,59,67,68]. These intercensal population estimates for 1991-1999 are revised based on the April 1, 2000, census. The rates for 1990 and 2000 are based on populations from the censuses in those years as of April 1.

The population data used to compile birth and fertility rates by race and ethnicity shown in “Births: Final data for 2008” [1] and used for this file are based on special estimation procedures, and are not actual counts. This is the case even for the 2000 populations that are

based on the 2000 census. As a result, the estimation procedures used to develop these populations may contain some errors. Smaller populations, for example, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, are likely to be affected much more than larger populations by potential measurement error [30]. While the nature and magnitude of error is unknown, the potential for error should be kept in mind when evaluating trends and differentials. As more accurate information becomes available, further revisions of the estimates may be necessary.

Additional information on the revised populations is available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm.

Residential population base -- Birth rates for the United States and individual states are based on the total resident populations of the respective areas (**Table 2**). These populations exclude the Armed Forces abroad but include the Armed Forces stationed in each area. The residential population of the birth- and death-registration states for 1900–1932 and for the United States for 1900–2008 is shown in **Table 3**. In addition, the population including Armed Forces abroad is shown for the United States. **Table E** in these Notes shows the sources for these populations. A detailed discussion of historical population bases is presented elsewhere [11].

Small populations as denominators -- An asterisk (*) is shown in place of any derived rate based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator, or a population denominator of less than 50 (unweighted) for decennial years and 75,000 (weighted) for all other years for the Hispanic subgroups. Rates based on populations below these minimum levels lack sufficient reliability for analytic purposes. These guidelines follow the suggestions of the U.S. Census Bureau [69,70].

Net census undercounts and overcounts -- Studies conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that some age, race, and sex groups are more completely enumerated than others. Census miscounts can have consequences for vital statistics measures. For example, an adjustment to increase the population denominator would result in a smaller rate compared to the unadjusted population. A more detailed discussion of census undercounts and overcounts can be found in the “1999 Technical Appendix” [11]. Adjusted rates for 2000 can be computed by multiplying the reported rates by ratios from the 2000 census-level population adjusted for the estimated age-specific census over- and undercounts, which are shown in **Table F** of these Notes.

Cohort fertility tables

Various fertility measures for cohorts of women are computed from births adjusted for underregistration and population estimates corrected for under enumeration and misstatement of age. Cohort fertility tables are available through 2005 and have recently been revised and updated to incorporate new rates for black women [71,72]. A detailed description of the methods used in deriving these measures is available in an earlier publication as well as detailed data for earlier years [73].

Total fertility rates

The total fertility rate is the sum of the birth rates by age of mother (in 5-year age groups) multiplied by 5. It is an age-adjusted rate because it is based on the assumption that there is the same number of women in each age group. The rate of 2,084.5 in 2008, for example, means that if a hypothetical group of 1,000 women were to have the same birth rates in each age group that were observed in the actual childbearing population in 2008, they would have a total of 2,084.5 children by the time they reached the end of the reproductive period (taken here to be age 50 years), assuming that all of the women survived to that age.

Seasonal adjustment of rates

The seasonally adjusted birth and fertility rates are computed from the X-11 variant of Census Method II [74]. This method, used since 1964, differs slightly from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Seasonal Factor Method, which was used for *Vital Statistics of the United States*, 1964. The fundamental technique is the same in that it is an adaptation of the ratio-to-moving-average method. Before 1964, the method of seasonal adjustment was based on the X-9 variant and other variants of Census Method II. A comparison of the Census Method II with the BLS Seasonal Factor Method shows the differences in the seasonal patterns of births to be negligible.

Computation of percentages, percentage distributions, and means

Births for which a particular characteristic is unknown were subtracted from the figures for total births that were used as denominators before percentages, percentage distributions, and means were computed. The percentage of records with missing information for each item is

shown by state in **Table B**. The mean age of mother is the arithmetic average of the age of mothers at the time of birth, computed directly from the frequency of births by age of mother. An asterisk is shown in place of any derived statistic based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator or denominator.

Computation of Measures of Variability

Random variation and confidence intervals for natality data

The number of births reported for an area is essentially a complete count, because more than 99 percent of all births are registered. Although this number is not subject to sampling error, it may be affected by nonsampling errors such as mistakes in recording the mother's residence or age during the registration process.

When the number of births is used for analytic purposes (that is, for the comparison of numbers, rates, and percents over time, for different areas, or between different groups), the number of events that *actually* occurred can be thought of as one outcome in a large series of possible results that *could have* occurred under the same (or similar) circumstances. When considered in this way, the number of births is subject to random variation and a probable range of values estimated from the actual figures, according to certain statistical assumptions.

The confidence interval is the range of values for the number of births, birth rates, or percent of births that you could expect in 95 out of 100 cases. The confidence limits are the end points of this range of values (the highest and lowest values). Confidence limits tell you how much the number of events or rates could vary under the same (or similar) circumstances.

Confidence limits for numbers, rates, and percents can be estimated from the actual number of vital events. Procedures differ for rates and percents and also differ depending on the number of births on which these statistics are based. Below are detailed procedures and examples for each type of case.

When the number of vital events is large, the distribution is assumed to follow a normal distribution (where the relative standard error is small). When the number of events is small and the probability of the event is small, the distribution is assumed to follow a Poisson probability distribution. Considerable caution should be observed in interpreting the occurrence of infrequent events.

95-percent confidence limits for numbers less than 100 — When the number of births is

less than 100 and the rate is small, the data are assumed to follow a Poisson probability distribution [75]. Confidence limits are estimated using the following formulas:

$$\text{Lower limit} = B \times L$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = B \times U$$

where:

B = number of births

L = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number B

U = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number B

Example

Suppose that the number of first births to American Indian or Alaskan Native (AIAN) women 40-44 years of age was 47. The confidence limits for this number would be:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 47 \times 0.73476 \\ &= 35\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 47 \times 1.32979 \\ &= 63\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual number of first births to AIAN women 40-44 years of age would lie between 35 and 63.

95-percent confidence limits for numbers of 100 or more — When the number of events is greater than 100, the data are assumed to approximate a normal distribution. Formulas for 95-percent confidence limits are:

$$\text{Lower limit} = B - (1.96 \times \sqrt{B})$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = B + (1.96 \times \sqrt{B})$$

where:

B = number of births

Example

Suppose that the number of first births to white women 40-44 years of age was 14,108. The 95-percent confidence limits for this number would be:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 14,108 - (1.96 \times \sqrt{14,108}) \\ &= 14,108 - 233 \\ &= 13,875\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 14,108 + (1.96 \times \sqrt{14,108}) \\ &= 14,108 + 233 \\ &= 14,341\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual number of first births to white women 40-44 years of age would fall between 13,875 and 14,341.

Computing confidence intervals for rates — The same statistical assumptions can be used to estimate the variability in birth rates. Again, one formula is used for rates based on numbers of events less than 100, and another formula for rates based on numbers of 100 or greater. For our purposes, assume that the denominators of these rates (the population estimates) have no error. While this assumption is technically correct *only* for denominators based on the census that occurs every 10 years, the error in intercensal population estimates is usually small, difficult to measure, and therefore not considered. (See, however, discussion of population denominators in “population bases” [11].)

95-percent confidence limits for rates based on fewer than 100 events — As stated earlier, when the number of events in the numerator is less than 20 (or the population denominator is less than 50 for decennial years and 75,000 (weighted) for all other years for an Hispanic subgroup), an asterisk (*) is shown in place of the rate because there were too few births or the population is too small to compute a statistically reliable rate. When the number of events in the numerator is greater than 20 but less than 100 (and the population denominator for the subgroups is above the minimum), the confidence interval for a rate can be estimated using the two formulas which follow and the values in **Table G**.

$$\text{Lower limit} = R \times L$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = R \times U$$

where:

R = birth rate

L = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number of events B

U = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number of events B

Example

Suppose that the first birth rate for American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) women 40-44 years of age was 0.50 per thousand, based on 47 births in the numerator. Using **Table G**:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 0.50 \times 0.73476 \\ &= 0.37\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 0.50 \times 1.32979 \\ &= 0.66\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual first birth rate for AIAN women 40-44 years of age would be between 0.37 and 0.66.

95-percent confidence limits for rates when the numerator is 100 or more — In this case, use the following formula for the birth rate R based on the number of births B :

$$\text{Lower limit} = R - \left(1.96 \times \left(R / \sqrt{B}\right)\right)$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = R + \left(1.96 \times \left(R / \sqrt{B}\right)\right)$$

where:

R = birth rate

B = number of births

Example

Suppose that the first birth rate for white women 40-44 years of age was 1.55 per thousand, based on 14,108 births in the numerator. Therefore, the 95-percent confidence interval would be:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 1.55 - \left(1.96 \times \left(1.55 / \sqrt{14,108}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.55 - 0.026 \\ &= 1.52\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 1.55 + \left(1.96 \times \left(1.55 / \sqrt{14,108}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.55 + 0.026 \\ &= 1.58\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual first birth rate for white

women 40-44 years of age lies between 1.52 and 1.58.

Computing 95-percent confidence intervals for percents and proportions — In many instances we need to compute the confidence intervals for percents or proportions. Percents derive from a binomial distribution. As with birth rates, an asterisk (*) will be shown for any percent which is based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator. The computation of a 95-percent confidence interval for a percent is made when the following conditions are met:

$$B \times p \geq 5 \text{ and } B \times q \geq 5$$

where:

B = number of births in the denominator

p = percent divided by 100

q = $1 - p$

For natality data, these conditions will be met except for very rare events in small subgroups. If the conditions are not met, the variation in the percent will be so large as to render the confidence intervals meaningless. When these conditions are met the 95-percent confidence interval can be computed using the normal approximation of the binomial. The 95-percent confidence intervals are computed by the following formulas

$$\text{Lower limit} = p - \left(1.96 \times \left(\sqrt{p \times q / B}\right)\right)$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = p + \left(1.96 \times \left(\sqrt{p \times q / B}\right)\right)$$

where:

p = percent divided by 100

q = $1 - p$

B = number of births in the denominator

Example

Suppose that the percent of births to Hispanic women in Arizona that were to unmarried women was 49.7 percent. This was based on 14,752 births in the numerator and 29,682 births in the denominator. First is the test to make sure the normal approximation of the binomial can be

used:

$$29,682 \times 0.497 = 14,752$$

$$29,682 \times (1 - 0.497) = 29,682 \times 0.503 = 14,930$$

Both 14,752 and 14,930 are greater than 5, so we can proceed. The 95-percent confidence interval would be:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 0.497 - \left(1.96 \times \sqrt{0.497 \times 0.503 / 29,682}\right) \\ &= 0.497 - 0.006 \\ &= 0.491 \text{ or } 49.1 \text{ percent}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 0.497 + \left(1.96 \times \sqrt{0.497 \times 0.503 / 29,682}\right) \\ &= 0.497 + 0.006 \\ &= 0.503 \text{ or } 50.3 \text{ percent}\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual percent of births to unmarried Hispanic women in Arizona is between 49.1 and 50.3 percent.

Significance testing for population groups

Significance testing when one or both of the rates is based on fewer than 100 cases — To compare two rates, when one or both of those rates are based on less than 100 cases, you first compute the confidence intervals for both rates. Then you check to see if those intervals overlap. If they **do** overlap, the difference is not statistically significant at the 95-percent level. If they **do not** overlap, the difference is indeed statistically significant.

Example

Suppose that the first birth rate for American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) women 40-44 years of age was 0.70 per 1,000 in year X and 0.57 in year Y. Is the rate for year X significantly higher than the rate for year Y? The two rates are based on 63 events in year X and 54 events in year Y. Both rates are based on fewer than 100 events; therefore, the first step is to compute the confidence intervals for both rates.

Lower Limit

Upper Limit

Year X	0.54	0.90
Year Y	0.43	0.74

These two confidence intervals overlap. Therefore, the first birth rate for AIAN women 40-44 in year X is not significantly higher (at the 95-percent confidence level) than the rate in year Y.

This method of comparing confidence intervals is a conservative test for statistical significance. That is, the difference between two rates may, in fact, be statistically significant even though confidence intervals for the two rates overlap [76]. Thus, caution should be observed when interpreting a non-significant difference between two rates, especially when the lower and upper limits being compared overlap only slightly.

Significance testing when both rates are based on 100 or more events — When both rates are based on 100 or more events, the difference between the two rates, irrespective of sign (+/-), is considered statistically significant if it exceeds the statistic in the formula below. This statistic equals 1.96 times the standard error for the difference between two rates.

$$1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{R_1^2}{N_1} + \frac{R_2^2}{N_2}}$$

where:

R_1	=	first rate
R_2	=	second rate
N_1	=	first number of births
N_2	=	second number of births

If the difference is **greater** than this statistic, then the difference would occur by chance less than 5 times out of 100. If the difference is **less than or equal** to this statistic, the difference might occur by chance more than 5 times out of 100. We say that the difference is not statistically significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

Example

Is the first birth rate for black women 40-44 years of age (1.08 per 1,000) significantly lower than the comparable rate for white women (1.55)? Both rates are based on more than 100 births (1,535 for black women and 14,108 for white women). The difference between the rates is

1.55 - 1.08 = 0.47. The statistic is then calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{1.08^2}{1,535} + \frac{1.55^2}{14,108}} \\
 &= 1.96 \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{1.166}{1,535}\right) + \left(\frac{2.403}{14,108}\right)} \\
 &= 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.00076 + 0.00017} \\
 &= 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.00093} \\
 &= 1.96 \times 0.03 \\
 &= 0.06
 \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the rates (0.47) is greater than this statistic (0.06). Therefore, the difference is statistically significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

Significance testing differences between two percentages — When testing the difference between two percents, both percents must meet the following conditions:

$$B \times p \geq 5 \text{ and } B \times q \geq 5$$

where:

B = number of births in the denominator

p = percent divided by 100

q = 1 - p

When both percents meet these conditions then the difference between the two percents is considered statistically significant if it is greater than the statistic in the formula below. This statistic equals 1.96 times the standard error for the difference between two percents.

$$1.96 \times \sqrt{P \times (1 - P) \times \left(\frac{1}{B_1} + \frac{1}{B_2} \right)}$$

where:

B_1 = number of births in the denominator of the first percent

B_2 = number of births in the denominator of the second percent

$$P = \frac{B_1 \times p_1 + B_2 \times p_2}{B_1 + B_2}$$

p_1 = the first percent divided by 100
 p_2 = the second percent divided by 100

Example

Is the percent of births to Hispanic women that were to unmarried women higher in New Mexico (50.2) than in Arizona (49.7)? Suppose that the number in the denominator was 13,714 in New Mexico and 29,682 in Arizona. The necessary conditions are met for both percents (calculations not shown). The difference between the two percents is $0.502 - 0.497 = 0.005$. The statistic is then calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.499 \times (0.501) \times (0.000106609)} \\
 & = 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.000026652} \\
 & = 1.96 \times 0.005162563 \\
 & = 0.010
 \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the percents (0.005) is less than this statistic (0.010). Therefore, the difference is not statistically significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

Significance testing differences between two means — A previous report details the formula and procedure in testing differences between two means in which both means are based on 100 or more cases [77]. When one or both means is based on fewer than 100 cases, confidence intervals are computed for both means based on the standard error of the mean: s / \sqrt{N} ; s is the standard deviation and N is the number of births. If the confidence intervals overlap, the difference is not statistically significant given the width of the confidence interval (i.e. 0.95 percent level). If they do not overlap, the difference is statistically significant.

Random variation and significance testing for population subgroups

This section presents information relevant to Hispanic subgroups (or generally speaking, *any* subgroup of the population for which *survey* data has been used for estimation of the denominator.) Birth and fertility rates for Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and “Other” Hispanic subgroups for 2008 are shown in the 2008 final report [1] and in the “Vital Statistics of the United States, 2008, Part 1, Natality” (in preparation). *Population estimates* for Hispanic subgroups are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey (CPS) and

adjusted to resident population control totals as shown in **Table 1** [60]. As a result, the rates are subject to the variability of the denominator as well as the numerator. For these Hispanic subgroups (but not for all origin, total Hispanic, total non-Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, or non-Hispanic black populations), the following formulas are used for testing statistical significance in trends and differences:

Approximate 95-percent confidence interval: less than 100 births — When the number of events in the numerator is less than 20, an asterisk is shown in place of the rate. When the number of events in the numerator is greater than 20 but less than 100, the confidence interval for the birth rate can be estimated using the formulas that follow and the values in **Table G**. For crude and age-specific birth rates,

$$\text{Lower limit} = R * L(1 - \alpha = .96, B) * \left(1 - 2.576 \sqrt{f \left(a + \frac{b}{P} \right)} \right)$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = R * U(1 - \alpha = .96, B) * \left(1 + 2.576 \sqrt{f \left(a + \frac{b}{P} \right)} \right)$$

where:

R = rate (births per 1,000 population)

L = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number B , using the 96 percent CI column

U = the value in **Table G** that corresponds to the number B , using the 96 percent CI column

α = standard error term for selecting CI column in **Table G**

B = total number of births upon which rate is based

f = the factor which depends on whether an entire or a sampled population (like one from a Current Population Survey – CPS) is used, and the span of years represented. f equals 0.670 for a single year

a and b of the example are single year averages of the 2007 and 2008 CPS standard error parameters [78,79]

P = total estimated population upon which the rate is based

NOTE: In the formulas above, the confidence limits are estimated from the non-sampling error in the number of births, the numerator, and the sampling error in the population estimate, the denominator. A 96 percent standard error is computed for the numerator and a 99 percent standard error is computed for the denominator in order to compute a 95-percent confidence interval for the rate.

Example

Suppose that the birth rate of Puerto Rican women 45–49 years of age was 0.4 per 1,000, based on 35 births in the numerator and an estimated resident population of 87,892 in the denominator. Using **Table G**, the 95-percent confidence interval would be:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Lower limit} &= 0.4 * 0.68419 * \left(1 - 2.576 \sqrt{0.670 \left(-0.000087 + \left(\frac{3,809}{87,892} \right) \right)} \right) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.68419 * (1 - 2.576 \sqrt{0.028978}) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.68419 * (1 - (2.576 * 0.170229)) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.68419 * 0.561490 \\ &= 0.154\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Upper limit} &= 0.4 * 1.41047 * \left(1 + 2.576 \sqrt{0.670 \left(-0.000087 + \left(\frac{3,809}{87,892} \right) \right)} \right) \\ &= 0.4 * 1.41047 * (1 + 2.576 \sqrt{0.028978}) \\ &= 0.4 * 1.41047 * (1 + (2.576 * 0.170229)) \\ &= 0.4 * 1.41047 * 1.438510 \\ &= 0.812\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual birth rate of Puerto Rican women 45–49 years of age lies between 0.15 and 0.81.

Approximate 95-percent confidence interval: 100 or more births — When the number of events in the numerator is greater than 100, the confidence interval for the birth rate can be estimated from the following formulas: For crude and age-specific birth rates,

$$\text{Lower limit} = R - 1.96 * R * \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{B} \right) + f \left(a + \frac{b}{P} \right)}$$

$$\text{Upper limit} = R + 1.96 * R * \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{B} \right) + f \left(a + \frac{b}{P} \right)}$$

where:

R = rate (births per 1,000 population)

B = total number of births upon which rate is based

f = the factor which depends on whether an entire or a sampled population (like one from a Current Population Survey – CPS) is used, and the span of years represented. f equals 0.670 for a single year

a and b of the example are single year averages of the 2007 and 2008 CPS standard error parameters [78,79]

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= -0.000087 \\
b &= 3,809 \\
P &= \text{total estimated population upon which rate is based}
\end{aligned}$$

Example

Suppose that the fertility rate of Cuban women 15–44 years of age was 51.2 per 1,000 based on 13,088 births in the numerator and an estimated resident population of 255,399 in the denominator. The 95-percent confidence interval would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Lower limit} &= 51.2 - 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{13,088}\right) + 0.670 * \left[-0.000087 + \left(\frac{3,809}{255,399}\right)\right]} \\
&= 51.2 - 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{0.000076406 + (0.670 * 0.014827)} \\
&= 51.2 - 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{0.01001050} \\
&= 51.2 - 1.96 * 51.2 * 0.1000524 \\
&= 41.1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Upper limit} &= 51.2 + 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{13,088}\right) + 0.670 * \left[-0.000087 + \left(\frac{3,809}{255,399}\right)\right]} \\
&= 51.2 + 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{0.000076406 + (0.670 * 0.014827)} \\
&= 51.2 + 1.96 * 51.2 * \sqrt{0.01001050} \\
&= 51.2 + 1.96 * 51.2 * 0.1000524 \\
&= 61.3
\end{aligned}$$

This means that the chances are 95 out of 100 that the actual fertility rate of Cuban women 15–44 years of age is between 41.16 and 61.24.

Significance testing for subgroups — When both rates are based on 100 or more events, the difference between the two rates is considered statistically significant if it exceeds the value given by the formula below. This statistic equals 1.96 times the standard error for the difference between two rates.

$$z = 1.96 * \sqrt{R_1^2 * \left[\left(\frac{1}{B_1}\right) + f\left(a + \frac{b}{P_1}\right)\right] + R_2^2 * \left[\left(\frac{1}{B_2}\right) + f\left(a + \frac{b}{P_2}\right)\right]}$$

If the difference is greater than this statistic, then the difference would occur by chance less than 5 times out of 100. If the difference is less than this statistic, the difference might occur by

chance more than 5 times out of 100. It may be concluded that the difference is not statistically significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

Example

Suppose the birth rate for Mexican women 15–19 years of age (R_1) is 94.5, based on 97,744 births and an estimated population of 1,033,878, and the birth rate for Puerto Rican women 15–19 years of age (R_2) is 61.4, based on 10,006 births and an estimated population of 162,899.

Using the above formula, the z score is computed as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1.96 * \sqrt{94.5^2 * \left[\left(\frac{1}{97,744} \right) + 0.670 \left(-0.000087 + \frac{3,809}{1,033,878} \right) \right] + 61.4^2 * \left[\left(\frac{1}{10,006} \right) + 0.670 \left(-0.000087 + \frac{3,809}{162,899} \right) \right]} \\
 &= 1.96 * \sqrt{8930.25 * (0.000010231 + 0.670 * 0.003597) + 3769.96(0.00009994 + 0.670 * 0.023296)} \\
 &= 1.96 * \sqrt{(8930.25 * 0.00242022) + (3769.96 * 0.015708)} \\
 &= 1.96 * \sqrt{21.61 + 59.21} \\
 &= 1.96 * 9.0 \\
 &= 17.64
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the difference between the two rates 33.1 is greater than the value above (17.64), the two rates are statistically significantly different at the 0.05 level of significance.

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Figure 1. U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, 2003 Revision

LOCAL FILE NO.		U.S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH				BIRTH NUMBER:	
CHILD	1. CHILD'S NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	2. TIME OF BIRTH (24 hr)	3. SEX	4. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr)			
	5. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number)	6. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF BIRTH		7. COUNTY OF BIRTH			
MOTHER	8a. MOTHER'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		8b. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr)				
	8c. MOTHER'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		8d. BIRTHPLACE (State, Territory, or Foreign Country)				
	9a. RESIDENCE OF MOTHER-STATE	9b. COUNTY	9c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION				
	9d. STREET AND NUMBER		9e. APT. NO.	9f. ZIP CODE	9g. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
FATHER	10a. FATHER'S CURRENT LEGAL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	10b. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr)		10c. BIRTHPLACE (State, Territory, or Foreign Country)			
CERTIFIER	11. CERTIFIER'S NAME: _____ TITLE: <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> DO <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITAL ADMIN. <input type="checkbox"/> CNM/CM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER MIDWIFE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____		12. DATE CERTIFIED ____/____/____ MM DD YYYY		13. DATE FILED BY REGISTRAR ____/____/____ MM DD YYYY		
	INFORMATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE						
MOTHER	14. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS: 9 Same as residence, or: State: _____ Street and Number: _____		City, Town, or Location: _____ Apartment No.: _____		Zip Code: _____		
	15. MOTHER MARRIED? (At birth, conception, or any time between) IF NO, HAS PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BEEN SIGNED IN THE HOSPITAL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUESTED FOR CHILD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		17. FACILITY ID. (NPI)		
	18. MOTHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____		19. FATHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____				
INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH PURPOSES ONLY							
MOTHER	20. MOTHER'S EDUCATION (Check the box that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of delivery) <input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade or less <input type="checkbox"/> 9th - 12th grade, no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or GED completed <input type="checkbox"/> Some college credit but no degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS) <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEd, MEd, MSW, MBA) <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD) or Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)		21. MOTHER OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Check the box that best describes whether the mother is Spanish/Hispanic/Latina. Check the "No" box if mother is not Spanish/Hispanic/Latina) <input type="checkbox"/> No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latina <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicana <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latina (Specify) _____		22. MOTHER'S RACE (Check one or more races to indicate what the mother considers herself to be) <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (Name of the enrolled or principal tribe) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
	FATHER	23. FATHER'S EDUCATION (Check the box that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of delivery) <input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade or less <input type="checkbox"/> 9th - 12th grade, no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or GED completed <input type="checkbox"/> Some college credit but no degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS) <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEd, MEd, MSW, MBA) <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD) or Professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)		24. FATHER OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Check the box that best describes whether the father is Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. Check the "No" box if father is not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino) <input type="checkbox"/> No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino (Specify) _____		25. FATHER'S RACE (Check one or more races to indicate what the father considers himself to be) <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (Name of the enrolled or principal tribe) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
26. PLACE WHERE BIRTH OCCURRED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding birthing center <input type="checkbox"/> Home Birth: Planned to deliver at home? 9 Yes 9 No <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic/Doctor's office <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		27. ATTENDANT'S NAME, TITLE, AND NPI NAME: _____ NPI: _____ TITLE: <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> DO <input type="checkbox"/> CNM/CM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER MIDWIFE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____		28. MOTHER TRANSFERRED FOR MATERNAL MEDICAL OR FETAL INDICATIONS FOR DELIVERY? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, ENTER NAME OF FACILITY MOTHER TRANSFERRED FROM: _____			

MOTHER	29a. DATE OF FIRST PRENATAL CARE VISIT MM / DD / YYYY <input type="checkbox"/> No Prenatal Care		29b. DATE OF LAST PRENATAL CARE VISIT MM / DD / YYYY		30. TOTAL NUMBER OF PRENATAL VISITS FOR THIS PREGNANCY _____ (If none, enter "0".)	
	31. MOTHER'S HEIGHT _____ (feet/inches)		32. MOTHER'S PREPREGNANCY WEIGHT _____ (pounds)		33. MOTHER'S WEIGHT AT DELIVERY _____ (pounds)	
	34. DID MOTHER GET WIC FOOD FOR HERSELF DURING THIS PREGNANCY? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
MEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION	35. NUMBER OF PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS (Do not include this child)		36. NUMBER OF OTHER PREGNANCY OUTCOMES (spontaneous or induced losses or ectopic pregnancies)		37. CIGARETTE SMOKING BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY For each time period, enter either the number of cigarettes or the number of packs of cigarettes smoked. IF NONE, ENTER "0".	
	35a. Now Living Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None		35b. Now Dead Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None		36a. Other Outcomes Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None	
	35c. DATE OF LAST LIVE BIRTH MM / YYYY		36b. DATE OF LAST OTHER PREGNANCY OUTCOME MM / YYYY		39. DATE LAST NORMAL MENSES BEGAN MM / DD / YYYY	
	38. PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THIS DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Self-pay <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		37. CIGARETTE SMOKING BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY Average number of cigarettes or packs of cigarettes smoked per day, # of cigarettes # of packs Three Months Before Pregnancy _____ OR _____ First Three Months of Pregnancy _____ OR _____ Second Three Months of Pregnancy _____ OR _____ Third Trimester of Pregnancy _____ OR _____		40. MOTHER'S MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER	
	41. RISK FACTORS IN THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply) Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy) <input type="checkbox"/> Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy) Hypertension <input type="checkbox"/> Prepregnancy (Chronic) <input type="checkbox"/> Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia) <input type="checkbox"/> Eclampsia <input type="checkbox"/> Previous preterm birth <input type="checkbox"/> Other previous poor pregnancy outcome (Includes perinatal death, small-for-gestational age/intrauterine growth restricted birth) <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment-If yes, check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Fertility-enhancing drugs, Artificial insemination or Intrauterine insemination <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted reproductive technology (e.g., in vitro fertilization (IVF), gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)) <input type="checkbox"/> Mother had a previous cesarean delivery If yes, how many _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		43. OBSTETRIC PROCEDURES (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical cerclage <input type="checkbox"/> Tocolysis External cephalic version: <input type="checkbox"/> Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Failed <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		46. METHOD OF DELIVERY A. Was delivery with forceps attempted but unsuccessful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B. Was delivery with vacuum extraction attempted but unsuccessful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No C. Fetal presentation at birth <input type="checkbox"/> Cephalic <input type="checkbox"/> Breech <input type="checkbox"/> Other D. Final route and method of delivery (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/Spontaneous <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/Forceps <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal/Vacuum <input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean If cesarean, was a trial of labor attempted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
42. INFECTIONS PRESENT AND/OR TREATED DURING THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Gonorrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Syphilis <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		44. ONSET OF LABOR (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Premature Rupture of the Membranes (prolonged, ≥12 hrs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Precipitous Labor (<3 hrs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged Labor (≥20 hrs.) <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		45. CHARACTERISTICS OF LABOR AND DELIVERY (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Induction of labor <input type="checkbox"/> Augmentation of labor <input type="checkbox"/> Non-vertex presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation received by the mother prior to delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotics received by the mother during labor <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical chorioamnionitis diagnosed during labor or maternal temperature ≥38°C (100.4°F) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/heavy meconium staining of the amniotic fluid <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal intolerance of labor such that one or more of the following actions was taken: in-utero resuscitative measures, further fetal assessment, or operative delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		
NEWBORN INFORMATION						
NEWBORN	48. NEWBORN MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER		54. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted ventilation required for more than six hours <input type="checkbox"/> NICU admission <input type="checkbox"/> Newborn given surfactant replacement therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotics received by the newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Significant birth injury (skeletal fracture(s), peripheral nerve injury, and/or soft tissue/solid organ hemorrhage which requires intervention) 9 None of the above		55. CONGENITAL ANOMALIES OF THE NEWBORN (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Anencephaly <input type="checkbox"/> Meningocele/Spina bifida <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanotic congenital heart disease <input type="checkbox"/> Congenital diaphragmatic hernia <input type="checkbox"/> Omphalocele <input type="checkbox"/> Gastroschisis <input type="checkbox"/> Limb reduction defect (excluding congenital amputation and dwarfing syndromes) <input type="checkbox"/> Cleft Lip with or without Cleft Palate <input type="checkbox"/> Cleft Palate alone <input type="checkbox"/> Down Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Karyotype confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Karyotype pending <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected chromosomal disorder <input type="checkbox"/> Karyotype confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Karyotype pending <input type="checkbox"/> Hypospadias <input type="checkbox"/> None of the anomalies listed above	
	49. BIRTHWEIGHT (grams preferred, specify unit) _____ 9 grams 9 lb/oz					
	50. OBSTETRIC ESTIMATE OF GESTATION: _____ (completed weeks)					
	51. APGAR SCORE: Score at 5 minutes: _____ If 5 minute score is less than 6, Score at 10 minutes: _____					
	52. PLURALITY - Single, Twin, Triplet, etc. (Specify) _____					
53. IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH - Born First, Second, Third, etc. (Specify) _____						
56. WAS INFANT TRANSFERRED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DELIVERY? 9 Yes 9 No IF YES, NAME OF FACILITY INFANT TRANSFERRED TO: _____		57. IS INFANT LIVING AT TIME OF REPORT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Infant transferred, status unknown		58. IS THE INFANT BEING BREASTFED AT DISCHARGE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Mother's Name

Mother's Medical Record No.

Table 1. Estimated total population by race and Hispanic origin and estimated female population by age and race and Hispanic origin of woman: United States, 2008

[Populations estimated as of July 1]

Race and Hispanic origin		Total population	Female population										
			15-44 years	10-14 years	15-19 years		18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years
					Total	15-17 years							
All races and origins		304,059,724	61,918,946	9,792,158	10,487,094	6,252,044	4,235,050	10,213,553	10,392,787	9,638,739	10,424,980	10,761,793	11,565,799
White	Total ¹	245,240,252	48,272,238	7,585,793	8,103,429	4,825,129	3,278,300	7,980,468	8,089,023	7,447,089	8,125,286	8,526,943	9,337,533
	Non-Hispanic ²	201,743,519	38,512,852	5,793,077	6,383,124	3,771,124	2,612,000	6,394,486	6,379,860	5,750,253	6,514,488	7,090,641	8,080,151
Black	Total ¹	40,366,208	9,329,598	1,600,650	1,767,162	1,059,117	708,045	1,605,983	1,576,871	1,404,511	1,475,196	1,499,875	1,532,740
	Non-Hispanic ²	38,312,684	8,866,414	1,508,472	1,679,481	1,005,012	674,469	1,531,005	1,497,756	1,326,232	1,399,454	1,432,486	1,474,755
American Indian or Alaska Native	Total ¹	3,421,898	767,234	133,828	150,853	89,813	61,040	145,351	134,016	112,318	111,310	113,386	118,643
Asian or Pacific Islander	Total ¹	15,031,366	3,549,876	471,887	465,650	277,985	187,665	481,751	592,877	674,821	713,188	621,589	576,883
Hispanic ³	Total	46,943,613	10,534,491	1,947,806	1,869,373	1,145,684	723,689	1,717,210	1,843,606	1,824,648	1,733,199	1,546,455	1,353,976
	Mexican	30,979,148	6,925,713	1,350,927	1,265,599	764,311	501,288	1,151,084	1,246,056	1,209,154	1,131,019	922,801	791,490
	Puerto Rican	4,130,041	964,960	189,887	191,077	125,077	66,000	162,750	143,734	165,066	140,131	162,202	147,292
	Cuban	1,644,455	313,777	42,951	48,748	36,332	12,416	49,187	46,288	52,207	61,640	55,707	50,791
	Other Hispanic ⁴	10,190,049	2,330,043	364,043	363,949	219,966	143,983	354,193	407,536	398,217	400,412	405,736	364,404

1 Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included for this race group.

2 Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

3 Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

4 Includes Central and South American and other and unknown Hispanic.

NOTES: These population counts are estimated based on the 2000 census; see "Technical Notes." Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. The multiple-race population estimates were bridged to the single race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with the birth data; see "Technical Notes."

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. See references 26 and 57.

Table 2. Estimated total population and female population aged 15-44 years: United States, each state, and territory: July 1, 2008

Geographic area	Total population	Females 15-44 years
United States	304,059,724	61,918,946
Alabama	4,661,900	941,712
Alaska	686,293	141,356
Arizona	6,500,180	1,284,989
Arkansas	2,855,390	563,914
California	36,756,666	7,770,473
Colorado	4,939,456	1,018,428
Connecticut	3,501,252	691,745
Delaware	873,092	176,790
District of Columbia	591,833	148,836
Florida	18,328,340	3,467,491
Georgia	9,685,744	2,068,926
Hawaii	1,288,198	248,858
Idaho	1,523,816	301,666
Illinois	12,901,563	2,677,829
Indiana	6,376,792	1,280,934
Iowa	3,002,555	579,125
Kansas	2,802,134	553,481
Kentucky	4,269,245	861,910
Louisiana	4,410,796	920,873
Maine	1,316,456	249,738
Maryland	5,633,597	1,181,193
Massachusetts	6,497,967	1,357,864
Michigan	10,003,422	2,002,274
Minnesota	5,220,393	1,048,477
Mississippi	2,938,618	604,043
Missouri	5,911,605	1,184,891
Montana	967,440	181,118
Nebraska	1,783,432	350,837
Nevada	2,600,167	519,760
New Hampshire	1,315,809	259,260
New Jersey	8,682,661	1,732,270
New Mexico	1,984,356	397,585
New York	19,490,297	4,076,182
North Carolina	9,222,414	1,892,493
North Dakota	641,481	125,287
Ohio	11,485,910	2,284,937
Oklahoma	3,642,361	722,027
Oregon	3,790,060	748,786
Pennsylvania	12,448,279	2,416,302
Rhode Island	1,050,788	217,921
South Carolina	4,479,800	904,492
South Dakota	804,194	152,512
Tennessee	6,214,888	1,259,158
Texas	24,326,974	5,125,905
Utah	2,736,424	597,494
Vermont	621,270	120,879
Virginia	7,769,089	1,615,975
Washington	6,549,224	1,329,179
West Virginia	1,814,468	345,425
Wisconsin	5,627,967	1,112,793
Wyoming	532,668	102,553
Puerto Rico	3,954,037	842,980
Virgin Islands	109,840	22,480
Guam	175,991	38,557
American Samoa	64,827	14,526
Northern Marianas	55,244	15,835

Source: National Center for Health Statistics. Unpublished estimates of the July 1, 2008, United States population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, prepared under a collaborative arrangement with the U.S. Census Bureau, 2008. See reference 57.

Territories data from Census Bureau International Data Base.

Table 3. Population of birth- and death-registration states, 1900–1932, and United States, 1900–2008

[Population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

Year	United States 1/		Year	United States 1/		Birth-registration States		Death-registration States	
	Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area		Population including Armed Forces abroad	Population residing in area	Number of States 2/	Population residing in area	Number of States 2/	Population residing in area
2008	304,482,639	304,059,724	1953	159,565,000	158,242,000				
2007	302,045,179	301,621,157	1952	156,954,000	155,687,000				
2006	299,801,097	299,398,484	1951	154,287,000	153,310,000				
2005	296,748,486	296,410,404	1950	151,132,000	150,697,361	..	...	...	...
2004	293,906,517	293,655,404	1949	149,188,000	148,665,000	..	...	...	...
2003	291,028,156	290,810,789	1948	146,631,000	146,093,000	..	...	...	...
2002	288,600,204	288,368,706	1947	144,126,000	143,446,000	..	...	...	...
2001	285,024,000	284,796,887	1946	141,389,000	140,054,000	..	...	...	...
2000	281,652,000	281,421,906	1945	139,928,000	132,481,000	..	...	...	...
1999	279,294,713	279,040,168	1944	138,397,000	132,885,000	..	...	...	...
1998	276,115,288	275,854,104	1943	136,739,000	134,245,000	..	...	...	...
1997	272,911,760	272,646,925	1942	134,860,000	133,920,000	..	...	...	...
1996	269,667,391	269,394,284	1941	133,402,000	133,121,000	..	...	...	...
1995	266,557,091	266,278,393	1940	131,820,000	131,669,275	..	...	...	...
1994	263,435,673	263,125,821	1939	131,028,000	130,879,718	..	...	...	...
1993	260,255,352	259,918,588	1938	129,969,000	129,824,939	..	...	...	...
1992	256,894,189	256,514,224	1937	128,961,000	128,824,829	..	...	...	...
1991	253,492,503	252,980,941	1936	128,181,000	128,053,180	..	...	...	...
1990	249,225,000	248,709,873	1935	127,362,000	127,250,232	..	...	...	...
1989	247,342,000	246,819,000	1934	126,485,000	126,373,773	..	...	...	...
1988	245,021,000	244,499,000	1933	125,690,000	125,578,763	..	...	...	...
1987	242,804,000	242,289,000	1932	124,949,000	124,840,471	47	118,903,899	47	118,903,899
1986	240,651,000	240,133,000	1931	124,149,000	124,039,648	46	117,455,229	47	118,148,987
1985	238,466,000	237,924,000	1930	123,188,000	123,076,741	46	116,544,946	47	117,238,278
1984	236,348,000	235,825,000	1929		121,769,939	46	115,317,450	46	115,317,450
1983	234,307,000	233,792,000	1928		120,501,115	44	113,636,160	44	113,636,160
1982	232,188,000	231,664,000	1927		119,038,062	40	104,320,830	42	107,084,532
1981	229,966,000	229,466,000	1926		117,399,225	35	90,400,590	41	103,822,683
1980	227,061,000	226,545,805	1925		115,831,963	33	88,294,564	40	102,031,555
1979	225,055,000	224,567,000	1924		114,113,463	33	87,000,295	39	99,318,098
1978	222,585,000	222,095,000	1923		111,949,945	30	81,072,123	38	96,788,197
1977	220,239,000	219,760,000	1922		110,054,778	30	79,560,746	37	92,702,901
1976	218,035,000	217,563,000	1921		108,541,489	27	70,807,090	34	87,814,447
1975	215,973,000	215,465,000	1920		106,466,420	23	63,597,307	34	86,079,263
1974	213,854,000	213,342,000	1919	105,063,000	104,512,110	22	61,212,076	33	83,157,982
1973	211,909,000	211,357,000	1918	104,550,000	103,202,801	20	55,153,782	30	79,008,412
1972	209,896,000	209,284,000	1917	103,414,000	103,265,913	20	55,197,952	27	70,234,775
1971	207,661,000	206,827,000	1916		101,965,984	11	32,944,013	26	66,971,177
1970	204,270,000	203,211,926	1915		100,549,013	10	31,096,697	24	61,894,847
1969	202,677,000	201,385,000	1914		99,117,567	..	...	24	60,963,309
1968	200,706,000	199,399,000	1913		97,226,814	..	...	23	58,156,740
1967	198,712,000	197,457,000	1912		95,331,300	..	...	22	54,847,700
1966	196,560,000	195,576,000	1911		93,867,814	..	...	22	53,929,644
1965	194,303,000	193,526,000	1910		92,406,536	..	...	20	47,470,437
1964	191,889,000	191,141,000	1909		90,491,525	..	...	18	44,223,513
1963	189,242,000	188,483,000	1908		88,708,976	..	...	17	38,634,759
1962	186,538,000	185,771,000	1907		87,000,271	..	...	15	34,552,837
1961	183,691,000	182,992,000	1906		85,436,556	..	...	15	33,782,288
1960	179,933,000	179,323,175	1905		83,819,666	..	...	10	21,767,980
1959	177,264,000	176,513,000	1904		82,164,974	..	...	10	21,332,076
1958	174,141,000	173,320,000	1903		80,632,152	..	...	10	20,943,222
1957	171,274,000	170,371,000	1902		79,160,196	..	...	10	20,582,907
1956	168,221,000	167,306,000	1901		77,585,128	..	...	10	20,237,453
1955	165,275,000	164,308,000	1900		76,094,134	..	...	10	19,965,446
1954	162,391,000	161,164,000							

- - - Data not available.

... Category not applicable.

1/ Alaska included beginning 1959 and Hawaii, 1960.

2/ The District of Columbia is not included in "Number of States," but it is represented in all data shown for each year.

SOURCE: Published and unpublished data from the U.S. Census Bureau; see text and Table E.

Table A. Births by place of occurrence and residence for births occurring in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, 2008

Area	Number live births	
	Occurrence	Residence
United States ¹	4,255,156	4,247,694
Alabama	63,450	64,546
Alaska	11,329	11,442
Arizona	100,089	99,442
Arkansas	39,502	40,669
California	552,618	551,779
Colorado	70,527	70,031
Connecticut	40,930	40,399
Delaware	12,545	12,090
District of Columbia	14,499	9,130
Florida	231,652	231,445
Georgia	147,799	146,603
Hawaii	19,463	19,484
Idaho	24,676	25,149
Illinois	173,410	176,795
Indiana	89,345	88,742
Iowa	40,281	40,224
Kansas	42,568	41,833
Kentucky	56,621	58,375
Louisiana	65,073	65,268
Maine	13,500	13,609
Maryland	74,615	77,289
Massachusetts	77,543	77,022
Michigan	120,172	121,127
Minnesota	72,220	72,421
Mississippi	44,139	44,947
Missouri	81,992	80,963
Montana	12,551	12,594
Nebraska	27,082	26,989
Nevada	39,192	39,506
New Hampshire	13,630	13,683
New Jersey	109,703	112,710
New Mexico	29,572	30,173
New York	252,360	250,383
North Carolina	132,106	130,839

North Dakota	10,312	8,938
Ohio	149,346	148,821
Oklahoma	53,720	54,781
Oregon	49,499	49,096
Pennsylvania	148,460	149,273
Rhode Island	12,812	12,048
South Carolina	60,401	63,071
South Dakota	12,631	12,071
Tennessee	90,885	85,560
Texas	412,127	405,554
Utah	56,787	55,634
Vermont	5,957	6,339
Virginia	104,990	106,686
Washington	90,318	90,321
West Virginia	21,441	21,501
Wisconsin	71,272	72,261
Wyoming	7,444	8,038
Births occurring to US territorial residents		
Puerto Rico	-	45,620
Virgin Islands	-	1,784
Guam	-	3,457
American Samoa	-	1,332
Northern Marianas	-	1,265

--- Data not available.

¹ Excludes data for the territories and foreign residents

Table B. Percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated: United States and each state and territory, New York City and the District of Columbia, 2008
[By place of residence]

Area	Items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth							
	All births	Place of birth	Attendant at birth	Mother's birthplace	Father's age	Father's race	Hispanic Origin	
							Mother	Father
Total of reporting areas ¹	4,247,694	0.0	0.0	0.3	14.0	19.0	0.8	15.3
Alabama	64,546	0.0	0.0	0.3	19.9	20.7	0.0	19.9
Alaska	11,442	0.1	0.9	0.4	10.9	14.2	1.4	20.0
Arizona	99,442	0.0	0.0	0.1	12.7	16.1	0.7	14.2
Arkansas	40,669	0.0	0.0	0.3	20.6	23.3	0.3	20.8
California	551,779	0.0	0.1	0.1	7.5	9.7	1.6	7.9
Colorado	70,031	0.0	0.0	0.2	8.2	12.3	1.1	9.7
Connecticut	40,399	0.0	0.1	0.2	11.1	12.7	0.3	11.3
Delaware	12,090	-	0.1	0.4	21.3	26.1	0.1	25.0
District of Columbia	9,130	-	-	0.1	27.8	41.6	0.3	28.0
Florida	231,445	0.0	0.0	0.2	15.7	27.2	0.2	17.4
Georgia	146,603	0.0	0.0	1.5	15.3	29.3	2.2	21.5
Hawaii	19,484	-	0.1	0.2	6.7	10.8	0.1	6.8
Idaho	25,149	0.0	0.0	0.2	8.5	17.8	1.3	11.8
Illinois	176,795	0.0	0.0	0.1	13.7	15.1	0.1	15.0
Indiana	88,742	0.0	0.0	0.5	12.8	16.9	0.1	7.8
Iowa	40,224	0.0	0.0	0.4	13.1	20.8	0.0	15.7
Kansas	41,833	-	0.0	0.0	11.9	17.8	0.2	11.2
Kentucky	58,375	0.0	0.0	0.4	18.6	22.5	0.1	16.7
Louisiana	65,268	-	0.0	0.0	17.8	19.3	0.0	18.1
Maine	13,609	0.0	0.0	-	10.2	11.5	0.3	13.0
Maryland	77,289	-	0.0	0.1	16.9	24.7	0.0	18.0
Massachusetts	77,022	0.0	0.0	0.5	9.2	10.7	0.5	9.4
Michigan	121,127	0.0	0.1	0.1	15.8	17.5	0.3	39.8
Minnesota	72,421	-	0.1	0.4	13.0	19.4	1.2	14.6
Mississippi	44,947	-	0.0	0.1	22.3	22.5	0.0	22.6
Missouri	80,963	-	0.0	0.0	18.9	20.8	0.2	19.2
Montana	12,594	-	0.0	0.0	9.0	11.8	2.4	11.5
Nebraska	26,989	-	0.0	0.1	12.8	24.1	0.0	13.2
Nevada	39,506	0.0	0.0	0.5	17.2	19.8	1.7	18.6
New Hampshire	13,683	-	-	0.1	8.3	12.8	1.1	8.5
New Jersey	112,710	0.0	0.0	0.1	7.9	11.0	0.3	8.6
New Mexico	30,173	-	0.0	0.2	17.4	21.4	0.5	17.6
New York (excluding NYC)	128,132	0.0	0.0	0.1	11.4	16.3	0.7	12.3
New York City	122,251	0.0	0.1	0.7	15.0	16.6	4.3	18.7
North Carolina	130,839	-	0.0	0.0	16.9	17.1	0.1	18.3
North Dakota	8,938	-	-	0.5	8.0	11.8	1.2	10.5
Ohio	148,821	-	0.0	0.5	17.8	21.3	0.7	18.5
Oklahoma	54,781	-	0.0	0.0	14.0	16.6	0.1	16.0
Oregon	49,096	-	0.0	0.1	9.4	16.6	0.0	0.3
Pennsylvania	149,273	0.0	0.0	3.8	14.1	14.0	1.3	7.9
Rhode Island	12,048	0.0	-	0.2	12.9	19.0	15.0	25.0
South Carolina	63,071	-	0.1	0.0	28.5	34.2	0.4	28.9
South Dakota	12,071	-	-	0.1	11.5	11.8	0.0	11.6
Tennessee	85,560	0.0	0.1	0.3	17.2	24.7	0.1	17.3
Texas	405,554	0.0	0.2	0.1	14.8	28.0	0.1	14.8
Utah	55,634	-	0.0	0.3	9.6	10.9	0.7	10.2
Vermont	6,339	0.0	-	0.0	8.0	10.9	0.2	10.4
Virginia	106,686	0.0	0.0	0.1	14.2	16.4	0.1	14.3
Washington	90,321	-	0.0	0.2	8.3	21.4	1.9	13.2
West Virginia	21,501	0.1	0.0	0.1	11.9	13.8	0.2	13.7
Wisconsin	72,261	0.0	-	0.1	35.9	35.9	0.0	35.8
Wyoming	8,038	0.0	-	0.3	14.5	20.2	1.7	17.4
Puerto Rico	45,620	0.0	0.2	0.1	3.5	5.0	0.1	4.8
Virgin Islands	1,784	-	0.3	0.1	19.5	20.0	5.0	45.0
Guam	3,455	0.0	-	0.0	22.6	23.2	0.0	23.2
American Samoa	1,332	-	-	5.7	38.0	37.9	---	---
Northern Marianas	1,265	-	0.6	0.2	8.9	8.7	---	---

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[By place of residence]

Area	Items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth						
	Educational attainment of mother		Live-birth order	Length of gestation	Month prenatal care began		Number of prenatal visits
	Unrevised ²	Revised ³			Unrevised ²	Revised ³	
Total of reporting areas ¹	2.5	1.9	0.6	0.1	3.3	6.5	4.1
Alabama	2.6	---	0.1	0.1	2.7	---	0.7
Alaska	3.7	---	3.9	0.4	6.1	---	8.6
Arizona	1.2	---	0.0	0.0	0.5	---	0.1
Arkansas	5.8	---	0.3	0.2	6.4	---	2.9
California	---	3.3	0.1	0.3	---	5.7	3.3
Colorado	---	1.3	0.1	0.1	---	2.5	2.0
Connecticut	1.6	---	0.0	0.0	1.9	---	0.5
Delaware	---	2.4	0.0	0.1	---	10.5	0.3
District of Columbia	4.5	---	5.6	0.2	10.5	---	19.0
Florida	---	0.9	0.4	0.1	---	5.7	4.6
Georgia	---	5.2	6.7	0.5	---	38.9	29.5
Hawaii	1.9	---	0.0	0.1	3.9	---	3.2
Idaho	---	2.4	0.1	0.0	---	1.7	0.4
Illinois	2.7	---	0.1	0.1	6.5	---	6.2
Indiana	---	0.9	0.1	0.1	---	1.2	0.7
Iowa	---	1.5	0.1	0.0	---	1.8	0.1
Kansas	---	3.6	0.0	0.1	---	4.8	1.4
Kentucky	---	1.1	0.0	0.0	---	3.6	2.5
Louisiana	0.4	---	0.0	0.0	0.5	---	0.3
Maine	2.6	---	0.2	0.1	2.6	---	0.2
Maryland	1.5	---	0.4	0.1	1.8	---	1.7
Massachusetts	0.7	---	0.6	0.5	3.5	---	1.7
Michigan	---	1.0	0.1	0.1	---	3.8	2.8
Minnesota	4.3	---	0.3	0.1	5.1	---	3.4
Mississippi	3.8	---	0.0	0.1	4.1	---	0.6
Missouri	3.9	---	0.5	0.1	5.1	---	4.8
Montana	---	0.9	0.2	0.2	---	6.3	6.5
Nebraska	---	0.1	0.5	0.0	---	2.5	0.3
Nevada	4.6	---	1.1	0.6	5.9	---	11.6
New Hampshire	---	9.4	2.6	0.2	---	12.7	3.8
New Jersey	5.3	---	0.1	0.0	5.0	---	0.7
New Mexico	---	1.8	2.9	0.1	---	24.6	6.4
New York (excluding NYC)	---	2.5	2.3	0.2	---	5.5	7.0
New York City	---	0.9	0.4	0.0	---	1.6	2.3
North Carolina	0.8	---	0.1	0.0	1.5	---	1.4
North Dakota	---	2.6	0.0	0.0	---	3.2	1.1
Ohio	---	1.8	1.9	0.1	---	8.0	10.6
Oklahoma	1.3	---	0.1	0.1	1.6	---	1.3
Oregon	---	0.6	0.9	0.0	---	1.1	1.4
Pennsylvania	---	2.5	0.6	0.4	---	7.4	8.1
Rhode Island	5.2	---	2.2	0.1	3.1	---	4.0
South Carolina	---	3.3	0.0	0.0	---	3.6	0.7
South Dakota	---	0.9	0.1	0.1	---	1.4	0.8
Tennessee	---	0.9	0.5	0.2	---	5.5	6.0
Texas	---	0.3	0.0	0.0	---	1.5	0.4
Utah	2.5	---	0.1	0.0	2.0	---	2.8
Vermont	---	1.6	0.6	0.1	---	1.3	0.8
Virginia	2.1	---	0.0	0.0	1.2	---	0.1
Washington	---	1.1	1.5	0.2	---	6.4	8.4
West Virginia	3.9	---	0.0	0.0	4.2	---	0.9
Wisconsin	1.0	---	0.0	0.0	1.7	---	1.9
Wyoming	---	3.8	0.6	0.1	---	3.5	1.2
Puerto Rico	---	0.3	-	0.1	---	0.6	0.4
Virgin Islands	2.7	---	0.7	0.4	4.7	---	5.9
Guam	0.7	---	0.3	0.0	0.9	---	1.1
American Samoa	---	---	-	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	5.0	---	7.8	1.0	5.9	---	7.4

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[By place of residence]

Area	Items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth					
	Birthweight	5-minute Apgar score	Weight gain	Tobacco use		Method of Delivery ⁴
				Unrevised ²	Revised ³	
Total of reporting areas ¹	0.1	0.7	6.3	1.9	19.4	0.3
Alabama	0.1	0.2	0.9	2.6	---	0.8
Alaska	0.3	0.7	10.1	1.6	---	1.5
Arizona	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.6	---	0.6
Arkansas	0.0	0.2	6.0	5.1	---	0.5
California	0.0	2.2	10.5	---	2.1	0.0
Colorado	0.1	0.2	4.4	---	0.4	0.0
Connecticut	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.4	---	0.3
Delaware	0.0	0.1	1.4	---	2.1	0.0
District of Columbia	0.0	0.4	12.5	0.2	---	0.1
Florida ⁵	0.0	0.2	7.1	---	---	0.0
Georgia ⁶	0.7	0.7	34.6	---	---	1.4
Hawaii	0.1	0.4	9.5	0.3	---	0.5
Idaho	0.0	0.4	0.9	---	1.5	0.0
Illinois	0.1	0.3	6.7	1.5	---	0.8
Indiana	0.1	0.4	1.1	---	0.8	0.1
Iowa	0.1	0.3	1.0	---	1.5	0.0
Kansas	0.0	0.3	2.3	---	3.8	0.0
Kentucky	0.1	0.2	1.9	---	0.8	0.1
Louisiana	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.4	---	0.1
Maine	0.1	0.2	0.9	2.5	---	0.3
Maryland	0.0	0.3	2.7	0.8	---	0.8
Massachusetts	0.6	0.6	1.7	0.6	---	0.8
Michigan ⁵	0.2	0.2	4.0	---	---	0.1
Minnesota	0.0	0.3	7.8	4.3	---	0.7
Mississippi	0.1	0.4	2.8	3.7	---	0.5
Missouri	0.0	0.5	5.6	3.1	---	0.9
Montana	0.0	0.3	8.1	---	1.2	0.0
Nebraska	0.0	0.1	2.3	---	0.1	0.0
Nevada	0.0	0.8	9.2	2.6	---	0.9
New Hampshire	0.1	0.2	9.2	---	10.8	0.0
New Jersey	0.0	0.1	0.7	5.0	---	1.0
New Mexico	0.2	0.2	18.4	---	1.2	0.1
New York (excluding NYC)	0.2	0.5	5.5	---	1.8	0.5
New York City	0.0	0.2	5.3	---	0.5	0.3
North Carolina	0.1	0.3	3.8	0.7	---	0.7
North Dakota	0.0	0.1	1.2	---	2.1	-
Ohio	0.1	0.2	8.7	---	1.9	0.1
Oklahoma	0.1	0.3	3.2	1.2	---	0.7
Oregon	0.0	0.1	2.7	---	1.1	0.0
Pennsylvania	0.3	0.5	13.1	---	3.8	0.1
Rhode Island	0.1	0.6	12.7	3.3	---	0.3
South Carolina	0.1	0.2	1.8	---	5.1	0.1
South Dakota	0.1	0.3	2.3	---	1.7	0.0
Tennessee	0.0	1.0	4.6	---	0.6	0.0
Texas	0.0	1.4	0.8	---	0.2	0.0
Utah	0.0	0.2	4.3	1.4	---	0.9
Vermont	0.0	0.1	3.4	---	1.6	-
Virginia	0.1	0.1	3.0	1.2	---	0.7
Washington	0.2	0.4	7.5	---	1.0	0.0
West Virginia	0.1	0.3	1.3	3.5	---	0.5
Wisconsin	0.0	0.4	2.0	0.7	---	0.0
Wyoming	0.1	0.3	9.0	---	8.5	0.1
Puerto Rico	0.3	0.7	0.9	---	0.0	0.0
Virgin Islands	0.4	1.2	28.8	1.7	---	1.0
Guam	0.2	0.4	3.3	0.1	---	0.4
American Samoa	0.1	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas ⁷	1.1	1.0	1.6	0.1	---	5.5

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[By place of residence]

Area	Items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth						
	Risk Factors in this Pregnancy				Characteristics of Labor and Delivery		
	Diabetes	Pregnancy Associated Hypertension	Chronic Hypertension	Eclampsia	Meconium	Breech	Precipitous Labor
Total of reporting areas ¹	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	2.7	0.9
Alabama	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Alaska	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Arizona	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Arkansas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1	-
California	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	0.0
Colorado	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Connecticut	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delaware	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
District of Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Florida	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.4
Georgia	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	10.2	21.3	16.1
Hawaii	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Idaho	0.1	0.1	0.1	---	0.1	0.1	0.1
Illinois	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Indiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Iowa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kansas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kentucky	0.4	0.4	0.4	---	0.1	0.4	0.5
Louisiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Maryland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Massachusetts	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Michigan	0.8	0.8	0.8	---	0.3	1.6	1.2
Minnesota	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Mississippi	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Missouri	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Montana	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.8	0.0	5.4
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	0.1	---	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nevada	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.6
New Hampshire	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.9
New Jersey	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	3.7
New York (excluding NYC)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	1.7
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.0
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
North Dakota	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1	-
Ohio	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	2.1	0.0
Oklahoma	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Oregon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.0
Pennsylvania	0.0	0.0	0.0	---	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rhode Island	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
South Carolina	0.1	0.1	0.1	---	0.0	0.1	0.1
South Dakota	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4
Tennessee	0.0	0.0	0.0	---	0.0	0.0	0.0
Texas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0
Utah	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Vermont	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4
Virginia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Washington	1.0	1.0	1.0	---	1.0	1.0	1.7
West Virginia	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Wisconsin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wyoming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Virgin Islands	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	7.6	7.6	7.6
Guam	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Items common to both the 1989 and 2003 revisions of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth							
Area	Obstetric Procedures		Congenital Anomalies				
	Induction of Labor	Tocolysis	Anencephaly	Spina bifida	Omphalocele/ Gastroschisis	Cleft Lip/ Palate	Down Syndrome
Total of reporting areas ¹	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Alabama	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Alaska	4.5	4.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Arizona	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Arkansas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
California	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Colorado	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Connecticut	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Delaware	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
District of Columbia	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Florida	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Georgia	10.2	18.1	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Hawaii	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Idaho	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Illinois	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Indiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iowa	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kentucky	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Louisiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maine	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Maryland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Massachusetts	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Michigan	0.3	1.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Minnesota	0.8	0.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Mississippi	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Missouri	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Montana	0.8	3.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Nebraska	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nevada	10.9	10.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8
New Hampshire	0.4	0.7	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
New Jersey	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
New Mexico	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-
New York (excluding NYC)	0.0	1.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
New York City	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
North Carolina	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
North Dakota	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	0.4	0.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Oklahoma	0.7	0.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Oregon	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Pennsylvania	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rhode Island	2.2	2.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
South Carolina	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
South Dakota	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Texas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utah	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vermont	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Virginia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Washington	1.0	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
West Virginia	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Wisconsin	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Wyoming	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Virgin Islands	2.5	2.5	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Guam	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table B. Percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated: United States and each state and territory, New York City and the District of Columbia, 2008 -- Con.
[By place of residence]

Area	Items exclusive to the 2003 US. Standard Certificate of Live Birth ³					
	Pregnancy Risk Factors	Obstetric Procedures	Onset of Labor	Characteristics of Labor and Delivery	Abnormal Conditions of the Newborn	Congenital Anomalies
Total of reporting areas ¹	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.8
Alabama	---	---	---	---	---	---
Alaska	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---	---
Arkansas	---	---	---	---	---	---
California	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Colorado	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Connecticut	---	---	---	---	---	---
Delaware	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
District of Columbia	---	---	---	---	---	---
Florida	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
Georgia	11.5	18.3	16.3	10.4	12.6	12.7
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Illinois	---	---	---	---	---	---
Indiana	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Iowa	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Kansas	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Kentucky	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.8
Louisiana	---	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	---	---	---	---	---	---
Maryland	---	---	---	---	---	---
Massachusetts	---	---	---	---	---	---
Michigan	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.5	2.5	3.2
Minnesota	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mississippi	---	---	---	---	---	---
Missouri	---	---	---	---	---	---
Montana	2.3	4.0	5.5	0.9	2.3	1.4
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nevada	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Hampshire	8.7	9.4	10.6	9.1	13.6	14.2
New Jersey	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Mexico	0.4	2.4	4.1	0.4	2.2	0.4
New York (excluding NYC)	2.0	2.8	3.4	1.7	3.6	4.1
New York City	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.3
North Carolina	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Dakota	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Ohio	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.6	2.2	3.2
Oklahoma	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oregon	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1
Pennsylvania	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Rhode Island	---	---	---	---	---	---
South Carolina	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
South Dakota	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6
Tennessee	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Texas	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Utah	---	---	---	---	---	---
Vermont	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.2
Virginia	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.0	1.8	2.3
West Virginia	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wyoming	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Virgin Islands	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guam	---	---	---	---	---	---
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Table B. Percent of birth records on which specified items were not stated: United States and each state and territory, New York City and the District of Columbia, 2008 -- Con.
[By place of residence]

Area	Items exclusive to the 2003 US. Standard Certificate of Live Birth ³				
	Method of Delivery				
	Attempted forceps	Attempted vacuum	Fetal presentation	Final route and method of delivery	Trial of labor
Total of reporting areas ¹	4.0	3.9	4.5	0.8	1.6
Alabama	---	---	---	---	---
Alaska	---	---	---	---	---
Arizona	---	---	---	---	---
Arkansas	---	---	---	---	---
California	8.5	8.2	9.0	0.1	0.1
Colorado	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Connecticut	---	---	---	---	---
Delaware	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1
District of Columbia	---	---	---	---	---
Florida	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.2	1.4
Georgia	15.5	15.4	21.5	1.6	9.9
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4
Illinois	---	---	---	---	---
Indiana	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.7	1.4
Iowa	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Kansas	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Kentucky	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.7
Louisiana	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	---	---	---	---	---
Maryland	---	---	---	---	---
Massachusetts	---	---	---	---	---
Michigan	0.8	0.7	1.9	0.3	0.9
Minnesota	---	---	---	---	---
Mississippi	---	---	---	---	---
Missouri	---	---	---	---	---
Montana	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nebraska	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nevada	---	---	---	---	---
New Hampshire	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
New Jersey	---	---	---	---	---
New Mexico	1.8	1.7	7.3	0.5	0.8
New York (excluding NYC)	4.8	4.8	2.3	2.2	2.3
New York City	3.0	3.7	1.1	0.7	0.8
North Carolina	---	---	---	---	---
North Dakota	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9
Ohio	1.3	1.3	3.2	1.2	1.2
Oklahoma	---	---	---	---	---
Oregon	4.8	4.6	1.4	0.1	0.2
Pennsylvania	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	4.4
Rhode Island	---	---	---	---	---
South Carolina	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
South Dakota	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Tennessee	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Texas	2.4	2.5	3.3	0.2	1.1
Utah	---	---	---	---	---
Vermont	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Virginia	---	---	---	---	---
Washington	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.1
West Virginia	---	---	---	---	---
Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	---
Wyoming	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.9
Puerto Rico	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	8.4
Virgin Islands	---	---	---	---	---
Guam	---	---	---	---	---
American Samoa	---	---	---	---	---
Northern Marianas	---	---	---	---	---

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0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

---Data not available.

- Quantity zero.

¹ Excludes data for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

² Data are for states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth. Births to residents of states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth are coded as not stated for this item. See "Technical Notes."

³ Data are for states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth. Births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth are coded as not stated for this item. See "Technical Notes."

⁴ Not stated levels for states which implemented the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth are derived from the item "Final route and method of delivery" only.

⁵ The Florida and Michigan tobacco use item is not consistent with the tobacco use items on either the 1989 or 2003 U.S Standard Certificates of Live Birth.

⁶ Reliable data on tobacco use not available for Georgia for 2008.

⁷ The Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas reports tobacco use but does not report the average number of cigarettes smoked per day.

Table C. Percentage of live births by selected demographic and health characteristics: United States and total of 27 revised states, 2008

Characteristic of mother	27 states ¹	United States
Race/Hispanic origin of mother		
Non-Hispanic white ²	51.30	53.81 **
Non-Hispanic black ²	13.26	14.78 **
Hispanic ³	28.93	24.70 **
Mexican	19.46	16.25 **
Puerto Rican	1.60	1.64 **
Cuban	0.54	0.40 **
Central or South American	3.61	3.69 **
Other and Unknown Hispanic	3.73	2.73 **
American Indian or Alaska Native ⁴	0.88	1.17 **
Asian or Pacific Islander	6.09	5.96 **
Unmarried Women	41.07	40.65 **
Age of Mother		
<20 years	10.52	10.37 **
20-24 years	24.92	24.77 **
25-29 years	28.01	28.15 **
30-34 years	22.31	22.52 **
35-39 years	11.52	11.51
40-54 years	2.71	2.67 **
Characteristic of Infant/Delivery		
Very preterm ⁵	1.94	1.99 **
Preterm ⁶	12.16	12.33 **
Very low birthweight ⁷	1.42	1.46 **
Low birthweight ⁸	8.05	8.19 **
4,000 grams or more ⁹	7.61	7.63
Multiple births ^{10,11}	33.24	34.12 **

** Difference significant at p = 0.05.

¹California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

²Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. All states in the 22-state reporting area reported multiple-race data for 2007. The multiple-race data for these were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with other states; see "Technical Notes."

³Includes persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

⁴Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

⁵Born prior to 32 completed weeks of gestation.

⁶Born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation.

⁷Birthweight of less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz)

⁸Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz).

⁹Equivalent to 8 lb 14 oz.

¹⁰Includes births in twin, triplet, and higher order multiple deliveries.

¹¹The number of live births in multiple deliveries per 1,000 live births.

Table D. Comparability of selected data items from the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth with items from the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth

<i>Item on 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth</i>	<i>Comparable</i>	<i>Not comparable</i>	<i>New</i>
Race - Mother/Father	X ¹		
Hispanic origin - Mother/Father	X		
Education - Mother/Father		X	
Cigarette smoking during pregnancy		X	
Month prenatal care began		X	
Risk factors in this pregnancy			
Diabetes, Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	X ²		
Diabetes, Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)	X ²		
Hypertension, Prepregnancy (chronic)	X		
Hypertension, Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)	X		
Hypertension, Eclampsia	X		
Previous preterm birth		X	
Other previous poor pregnancy outcome		X	
Mother had previous cesarean delivery		X	
Obstetric Procedures			
Cervical cerclage		X	
Tocolysis	X		
External cephalic version - Successful			X
External cephalic version - Failed			X
Onset of Labor			
Premature rupture>=12 hrs		X	
Precipitous labor<3 hrs	X		
Prolonged labor>=20 hours		X	
Characteristics of Labor/Delivery			
Induction of labor	X		
Augmentation of labor		X	
Non-vertex presentation			X
Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation			X
Antibiotics received by the mother during labor			X
Clinical chorioamnionitis diagnosed during labor		X	
Moderate/heavy meconium staining of the amniotic fluid	X		
Fetal intolerance of labor		X	
Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor			X
Method of Delivery			
Forceps delivery attempted but unsuccessful?		X	
Vacuum extraction delivery attempted but unsuccessful?		X	
Cephalic Presentation			X
Breech Presentation	X ³		
Other presentation	X ³		
Final route and method of delivery Vaginal/Spontaneous	X ⁴		
Final route and method of delivery Vaginal/Forceps	X ⁴		
Final route and method of delivery Vaginal/Vacuum	X ⁴		
Final route and method of delivery Cesarean	X ⁵		
If cesarean, was trial of labor attempted?			X
NEWBORN INFORMATION			
Birthweight	X		

Apgar Score - 5 minute	X		
Plurality	X		
Abnormal Conditions of the Newborn			
Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery		X	
Assisted ventilation > 6 hours		X	
NICU admission			X
Newborn given surfactant replacement therapy			X
Antibiotics received by the newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis			X
Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction		X	
Significant birth injury		X	
Congenital Anomalies			
Anencephaly	X		
Meningomyelocele/Spina Bifida	X		
Cyanotic congenital heart disease			X
Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	X		
Omphalocele	X ⁶		
Gastroschisis	X ⁶		
Limb reduction defect			X
Cleft lip with or without Cleft palate	X ⁷		
Cleft Palate alone	X ⁷		
Down Syndrome	X		
Infant Living at time of report			
Infant being breastfed?			
Down Syndrome - karyotype confirmed			X
Down Syndrome - karyotype pending			X
Suspected chromosomal disorder		X	
Suspected chromosomal disorder - karyotype confirmed			X
Suspected chromosomal disorder - karyotype pending			X
Hypospadias			X

¹ Thirty states reported multiple race data in 2008. The multiple-race data for these states are bridged to the single race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with other states; See Detailed Technical Notes.

² Prepregnancy diabetes and Gestational diabetes may be combined to be consistent with the Diabetes item reported on the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

³ "Breech" and "Other" fetal presentations at birth may be combined to be consistent with the Breech/malpresentation item on the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

⁴ Information on whether the vaginal delivery following a previous cesarean delivery (VBAC) is not comparable.

⁵ Information on whether the delivery was a primary or repeat cesarean is not comparable.

⁶ "Omphalocele" and "Gastroschisis" may be combined to be consistent with the Omphalocele/Gastroschisis item on the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

⁷ Cleft lip with or without palate may be combined with Cleft lip alone to be consistent with the Cleft lip/palate item on the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

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Table F. Percentage net under/over count, by age, sex, and race/Hispanic origin: United States, April 1, 2000	
Characteristic	Estimate (%)
Total	-0.49
Age/sex	
10–17 Male and female	-1.32
18–29 Male	1.12
18–29 Female	-1.39
30–49 Male	2.01
30–49 Female	-0.60
50 years and over male	-0.80
50 years and over female	-2.53
Race/Hispanic origin	
Non-Hispanic white	-1.13
Non-Hispanic black	1.84
Hispanic	0.71

SOURCE: Fenstermaker D, Haines D. Summary of estimated net coverage. DSSD A.C.E. Revision II Memorandum Series #PP-54. Washington: U.S. Census Bureau. 2002.

Table G. Lower and upper 95 percent and 96 percent confidence limit factors for a birth rate based on a Poisson variable of 1 through 99 births, B

B	$L(1-\alpha=.95,B)$	$U(1-\alpha=.95,B)$	$L(1-\alpha=.96,B)$	$U(1-\alpha=.96,B)$
1	0.02532	5.57164	0.02020	5.83392
2	0.12110	3.61234	0.10735	3.75830
3	0.20622	2.92242	0.18907	3.02804
4	0.27247	2.56040	0.25406	2.64510
5	0.32470	2.33367	0.30591	2.40540
6	0.36698	2.17658	0.34819	2.23940
7	0.40205	2.06038	0.38344	2.11666
8	0.43173	1.97040	0.41339	2.02164
9	0.45726	1.89831	0.43923	1.94553
10	0.47954	1.83904	0.46183	1.88297
11	0.49920	1.78928	0.48182	1.83047
12	0.51671	1.74680	0.49966	1.78566
13	0.53246	1.71003	0.51571	1.74688
14	0.54671	1.67783	0.53027	1.71292
15	0.55969	1.64935	0.54354	1.68289
16	0.57159	1.62394	0.55571	1.65610
17	0.58254	1.60110	0.56692	1.63203
18	0.59266	1.58043	0.57730	1.61024
19	0.60207	1.56162	0.58695	1.59042
20	0.61083	1.54442	0.59594	1.57230
21	0.61902	1.52861	0.60435	1.55563
22	0.62669	1.51401	0.61224	1.54026
23	0.63391	1.50049	0.61966	1.52602
24	0.64072	1.48792	0.62666	1.51278
25	0.64715	1.47620	0.63328	1.50043
26	0.65323	1.46523	0.63954	1.48888
27	0.65901	1.45495	0.64549	1.47805
28	0.66449	1.44528	0.65114	1.46787
29	0.66972	1.43617	0.65652	1.45827
30	0.67470	1.42756	0.66166	1.44922
31	0.67945	1.41942	0.66656	1.44064
32	0.68400	1.41170	0.67125	1.43252
33	0.68835	1.40437	0.67575	1.42480
34	0.69253	1.39740	0.68005	1.41746
35	0.69654	1.39076	0.68419	1.41047
36	0.70039	1.38442	0.68817	1.40380
37	0.70409	1.37837	0.69199	1.39743
38	0.70766	1.37258	0.69568	1.39134
39	0.71110	1.36703	0.69923	1.38550
40	0.71441	1.36172	0.70266	1.37991
41	0.71762	1.35661	0.70597	1.37454
42	0.72071	1.35171	0.70917	1.36938
43	0.72370	1.34699	0.71227	1.36442
44	0.72660	1.34245	0.71526	1.35964
45	0.72941	1.33808	0.71816	1.35504
46	0.73213	1.33386	0.72098	1.35060
47	0.73476	1.32979	0.72370	1.34632
48	0.73732	1.32585	0.72635	1.34218
49	0.73981	1.32205	0.72892	1.33818
50	0.74222	1.31838	0.73142	1.33431

Table G. Lower and upper 95 percent and 96 percent confidence limit factors for a birth rate based on a Poisson variable of 1 through 99 births, B --Con.

B	$L(1-\alpha=.95,B)$	$U(1-\alpha=.95,B)$	$L(1-\alpha=.96,B)$	$U(1-\alpha=.96,B)$
51	0.74457	1.31482	0.73385	1.33057
52	0.74685	1.31137	0.73621	1.32694
53	0.74907	1.30802	0.73851	1.32342
54	0.75123	1.30478	0.74075	1.32002
55	0.75334	1.30164	0.74293	1.31671
56	0.75539	1.29858	0.74506	1.31349
57	0.75739	1.29562	0.74713	1.31037
58	0.75934	1.29273	0.74916	1.30734
59	0.76125	1.28993	0.75113	1.30439
60	0.76311	1.28720	0.75306	1.30152
61	0.76492	1.28454	0.75494	1.29873
62	0.76669	1.28195	0.75678	1.29601
63	0.76843	1.27943	0.75857	1.29336
64	0.77012	1.27698	0.76033	1.29077
65	0.77178	1.27458	0.76205	1.28826
66	0.77340	1.27225	0.76373	1.28580
67	0.77499	1.26996	0.76537	1.28340
68	0.77654	1.26774	0.76698	1.28106
69	0.77806	1.26556	0.76856	1.27877
70	0.77955	1.26344	0.77011	1.27654
71	0.78101	1.26136	0.77162	1.27436
72	0.78244	1.25933	0.77310	1.27223
73	0.78384	1.25735	0.77456	1.27014
74	0.78522	1.25541	0.77598	1.26810
75	0.78656	1.25351	0.77738	1.26610
76	0.78789	1.25165	0.77876	1.26415
77	0.78918	1.24983	0.78010	1.26223
78	0.79046	1.24805	0.78143	1.26036
79	0.79171	1.24630	0.78272	1.25852
80	0.79294	1.24459	0.78400	1.25672
81	0.79414	1.24291	0.78525	1.25496
82	0.79533	1.24126	0.78648	1.25323
83	0.79649	1.23965	0.78769	1.25153
84	0.79764	1.23807	0.78888	1.24987
85	0.79876	1.23652	0.79005	1.24824
86	0.79987	1.23499	0.79120	1.24664
87	0.80096	1.23350	0.79233	1.24507
88	0.80203	1.23203	0.79344	1.24352
89	0.80308	1.23059	0.79453	1.24201
90	0.80412	1.22917	0.79561	1.24052
91	0.80514	1.22778	0.79667	1.23906
92	0.80614	1.22641	0.79771	1.23762
93	0.80713	1.22507	0.79874	1.23621
94	0.80810	1.22375	0.79975	1.23482
95	0.80906	1.22245	0.80074	1.23345
96	0.81000	1.22117	0.80172	1.23211
97	0.81093	1.21992	0.80269	1.23079
98	0.81185	1.21868	0.80364	1.22949
99	0.81275	1.21746	0.80458	1.22822

Documentation Table 1. Live births by race of mother: 30 states, 2008

Race	Number	Percentage
All races ¹	2,895,841	100.0
One race	2,828,119	98.2
White	2,236,839	77.7
Black	392,126	13.6
American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN)	23,597	0.8
Asian	165,920	5.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI)	9,637	0.3
More than one race	51,542	1.8
Two races	45,282	1.6
Black and White	14,680	0.5
Black and AIAN	1,662	0.1
Black and Asian	1,513	0.1
Black and NHOPI	337	0.0
AIAN and White	10,743	0.4
AIAN and Asian	237	0.0
AIAN and NHOPI	94	0.0
Asian and White	11,375	0.4
Asian and NHOPI	2,246	0.1
NHOPI and White	2,395	0.1
Three races	5,832	0.2
Black, AIAN and White	1,706	0.1
Black AIAN and Asian	78	0.0
Black, AIAN and NHOPI	24	0.0
Black, Asian and White	342	0.0
Black, Asian and NHOPI	57	0.0
Black, NHOPI, and White	70	0.0
AIAN, Asian and White	371	0.0
AIAN, NHOPI and White	120	0.0
AIAN, Asian and NHOPI	64	0.0
Asian, NHOPI and White	3,000	0.1
Four races	412	0.0
Black, AIAN, Asian and White	70	0.0
Black, AIAN, Asian, and NHOPI	20	0.0
Black, AIAN, NHOPI and White	6	*
Black, Asian, NHOPI and White	30	0.0
AIAN, Asian, NHOPI and White	286	0.0
Five races		
Black, AIAN, Asian, NHOPI and White	16	*

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.5.

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision: based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹ Includes all births to residents of the states that reported multiple-race for the entire year. Percentages are based on the number of births occurring in the states that reported multiple-race for the entire year to residents of the states. Births that occurred in states that did not report multiple race to residents of the multiple-race reporting states are not shown separately but are included in the total.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards. Thirty states reported multiple race data for 2008. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race.

Documentation Table 2. Educational attainment, smoking during pregnancy, timing of prenatal care, and primary cesarean and vaginal birth after previous cesarean (VBAC): Total of 27 reporting areas, 2008

Item	N	Percent
Educational attainment		
High school diploma (GED) or higher	2,096,132	77.8
Bachelor's degree or higher	659,109	24.5
Tobacco use ²		
Smoker ³	215,546	9.7
Timing of prenatal care		
1st trimester	1,824,340	71.0
Late or none ⁴	179,797	7.0
Method of delivery		
Primary cesarean	561,235	23.8
Vaginal birth after previous cesarean	29,287	8.4

¹ Data are based on the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth. Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

² Excludes data for Florida, Georgia, and Michigan. Florida and Michigan smoking data are not comparable with the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. Georgia data are not reliable.

³ A smoker is defined as a woman reporting smoking at any time during pregnancy.

⁴ Late or none is defined as care beginning in the third trimester or no care at all.

Documentation Table 3. Pregnancy risk factors, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Rates are number of live births with specified risk factor per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Risk factor and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births ¹	Factor reported	All ages	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
All races ³				Per 1,000						
Diabetes										
Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	2,748,302	17,688	6.5	2.3	4.2	6.1	8.3	11.3	14.9	38,770
Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)	2,748,302	110,140	40.6	12.7	23.7	38.5	54.2	70.6	88.6	38,770
Hypertension										
Prepregnancy (Chronic)	2,748,302	29,989	11.1	4.5	6.8	10.0	13.6	19.4	30.6	38,770
Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)	2,748,302	104,850	38.7	41.3	38.0	37.8	37.0	40.7	50.2	38,770
Eclampsia ⁴	2,128,437	3,818	1.8	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.2	30,752
Previous preterm birth	2,748,302	50,575	18.7	6.4	17.1	20.6	21.0	23.0	23.5	38,770
Other previous poor pregnancy outcome	2,748,302	50,811	18.8	6.7	15.1	19.2	22.1	27.0	32.5	38,770
Mother had a previous cesarean delivery ⁵	1,782,194	346,180	196.4	117.8	163.4	184.0	214.8	247.5	254.7	19,811
Non-Hispanic white ⁶										
Diabetes										
Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	1,366,527	7,979	5.9	2.3	4.3	5.6	6.9	8.5	10.4	8,697
Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)	1,366,527	53,107	39.1	15.0	25.3	36.6	47.3	60.7	74.6	8,697
Hypertension										
Prepregnancy (Chronic)	1,366,527	15,902	11.7	5.1	7.5	10.7	13.8	18.3	27.0	8,697
Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)	1,366,527	59,692	44.0	47.2	45.0	44.6	40.7	43.2	52.5	8,697
Eclampsia ⁴	947,743	1,905	2.0	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.4	6,995
Previous preterm birth	1,366,527	28,742	21.2	7.0	19.2	22.3	23.1	25.6	26.6	8,697
Other previous poor pregnancy outcome	1,366,527	31,636	23.3	8.5	18.4	22.6	26.3	32.9	40.5	8,697
Mother had a previous cesarean delivery ⁵	871,960	165,349	190.4	105.2	153.0	172.2	206.3	242.8	252.6	3,396
Non-Hispanic black ⁶										
Diabetes										
Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	349,243	3,139	9.2	2.8	5.5	9.2	14.0	21.9	26.4	8,702
Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)	349,243	11,892	34.9	11.5	20.9	37.7	54.9	72.2	88.1	8,702
Hypertension										
Prepregnancy (Chronic)	349,243	7,749	22.8	7.5	11.8	22.2	36.0	54.2	81.3	8,702
Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)	349,243	16,738	49.2	48.9	44.7	47.5	54.1	57.5	64.9	8,702
Eclampsia ⁴	259,004	761	3.0	3.9	2.9	2.6	2.8	3.5	3.8	8,292
Previous preterm birth	349,243	9,599	28.2	9.0	24.7	35.2	36.6	39.4	35.4	8,702
Other previous poor pregnancy outcome	349,243	8,064	23.7	9.0	20.6	27.8	31.5	33.6	35.2	8,702
Mother had a previous cesarean delivery ⁵	228,425	44,549	198.1	125.4	176.4	198.8	219.0	249.6	248.8	3,523

Hispanic ⁷

Diabetes										
Prepregnancy (Diagnosis prior to this pregnancy)	787,484	5,003	6.4	1.8	3.3	5.7	10.0	14.0	20.4	5,195
Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)	787,484	31,442	40.2	11.1	22.0	38.6	61.4	84.1	110.2	5,195
Hypertension										
Prepregnancy (Chronic)	787,484	4,588	5.9	2.6	3.6	4.9	8.1	12.0	22.2	5,195
Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)	787,484	22,350	28.6	32.3	26.5	24.9	28.7	34.9	46.2	5,195
Eclampsia ⁴	721,835	942	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.5	4,736
Previous preterm birth	787,484	9,136	11.7	4.4	10.7	13.4	14.3	14.8	15.4	5,195
Other previous poor pregnancy outcome	787,484	7,933	10.1	3.7	8.1	11.0	13.0	16.1	17.4	5,195
Mother had a previous cesarean delivery ⁵	533,199	109,848	207.0	127.0	174.2	201.2	233.6	260.7	266.2	2,618

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting specified pregnancy risk factor.

² No response reported for pregnancy risk factor item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

³ Includes other races not shown and origin not stated.

⁴ Excludes data for Idaho, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, New York City, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

⁵ Excludes women who have not had a previous pregnancy and for whom total birth order is unknown.

⁶ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see "Technical Notes."

⁷ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Documentation Table 4. Obstetric procedures by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Rates are number of live births with specified obstetric procedure per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Obstetric procedure and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births ¹	Procedure reported	All ages	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
All races ³			Per 1,000							
Cervical cerclage	2,748,302	8,201	3.0	1.5	2.2	3.0	3.6	4.8	5.1	50,668
Tocolysis	2,748,302	28,482	10.6	11.2	10.7	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.7	50,668
External cephalic version	2,748,302	10,910	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.6	50,668
Percent successful ⁴	2,748,302	8,206	75.2	80.4	78.5	75.4	72.7	70.2	68.0	50,668
Non-Hispanic white ⁵										
Cervical cerclage	1,366,527	3,985	2.9	1.5	2.1	2.8	3.3	4.8	4.7	14,020
Tocolysis	1,366,527	16,773	12.4	14.6	13.0	12.1	12.0	11.5	12.1	14,020
External cephalic version	1,366,527	5,699	4.2	3.1	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.2	14,020
Percent successful ⁴	1,366,527	4,075	71.5	72.7	72.0	71.5	71.8	70.5	68.0	14,020
Non-Hispanic black ⁵										
Cervical cerclage	349,243	2,295	6.8	3.0	4.4	7.4	10.3	13.5	12.7	12,200
Tocolysis	349,243	4,441	13.2	14.3	13.1	12.8	12.9	13.2	12.9	12,200
External cephalic version	349,243	1,649	4.9	5.9	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.2	5.9	12,200
Percent successful ⁴	349,243	1,330	80.7	84.5	81.4	78.8	77.4	78.8	84.1	12,200
Hispanic ⁶										
Cervical cerclage	787,484	1,344	1.7	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.7	7,461
Tocolysis	787,484	4,903	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.9	6.4	7,461
External cephalic version	787,484	1,781	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.9	7,461
Percent successful ⁴	787,484	1,284	72.1	71.0	75.4	73.9	69.4	68.3	59.2	7,461

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting specified obstetric procedure.² No response reported for obstetric procedure item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.³ Includes other races not shown and origin not stated.⁴ Percent successful external cephalic version (ECV) is the number of successful ECVs per 100 live births to women with⁵ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see "Technical Notes."⁶ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Documentation Table 5. Characteristics of labor and delivery, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Rates are number of live births with specified characteristic per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Labor and delivery characteristic and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births ¹	Characteristic reported	All ages	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
All races ³			Per 1,000							
Induction of labor	2,748,302	625,402	230.5	249.7	243.2	237.4	217.8	202.2	191.6	34,786
Augmentation of labor	2,748,302	547,253	201.7	254.0	224.3	203.2	180.0	157.7	139.2	34,786
Non-vertex presentation	2,748,302	38,101	14.0	9.0	10.6	13.4	16.4	20.2	26.8	34,786
Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation	2,748,302	25,798	9.5	10.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	10.4	14.0	34,786
Antibiotics received by mother during labor	2,748,302	424,901	156.6	172.3	160.1	154.4	152.3	150.0	149.2	34,786
Clinical chorioamnionitis during labor	2,748,302	28,562	10.5	15.2	11.6	10.1	9.3	8.3	7.2	34,786
Moderate/heavy meconium staining of amniotic fluid	2,748,302	115,913	42.7	47.7	44.1	42.4	40.9	40.0	40.5	34,786
Fetal intolerance of labor	2,748,302	126,188	46.5	55.1	47.5	44.9	43.9	44.7	48.7	34,786
Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor	2,748,302	1,766,290	650.9	657.0	644.6	646.6	656.8	659.2	647.1	34,786
Non-Hispanic white ⁴										
Induction of labor	1,366,527	377,696	277.8	326.6	304.0	287.2	256.8	233.9	215.6	7,130
Augmentation of labor	1,366,527	286,557	210.8	275.0	241.3	216.7	187.5	163.3	143.2	7,130
Non-vertex presentation	1,366,527	23,692	17.4	11.9	13.4	16.3	19.5	23.5	31.2	7,130
Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation	1,366,527	15,085	11.1	12.8	10.9	10.9	10.3	11.4	15.2	7,130
Antibiotics received by mother during labor	1,366,527	234,964	172.8	191.1	174.8	171.5	170.5	167.5	165.2	7,130
Clinical chorioamnionitis during labor	1,366,527	12,067	8.9	11.9	9.6	8.8	8.3	7.5	7.3	7,130
Moderate/heavy meconium staining of amniotic fluid	1,366,527	51,959	38.2	41.2	38.7	37.6	37.9	37.7	37.9	7,130
Fetal intolerance of labor	1,366,527	68,267	50.2	63.5	53.1	49.1	46.5	46.7	50.3	7,130
Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor	1,366,527	961,070	707.0	741.5	709.2	702.2	705.4	702.6	680.7	7,130
Non-Hispanic black ⁴										
Induction of labor	349,243	72,907	213.1	228.8	217.3	213.3	203.9	188.7	194.7	7,169
Augmentation of labor	349,243	70,389	205.8	258.8	223.8	196.5	170.2	148.3	137.9	7,169
Non-vertex presentation	349,243	3,539	10.3	7.7	8.6	10.0	12.9	16.4	17.2	7,169
Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation	349,243	4,716	13.8	13.5	12.6	13.1	14.4	17.7	20.9	7,169
Antibiotics received by mother during labor	349,243	67,534	197.4	225.2	208.1	188.3	178.9	173.3	169.6	7,169
Clinical chorioamnionitis during labor	349,243	3,679	10.8	14.9	11.9	9.3	8.3	8.5	6.1	7,169
Moderate/heavy meconium staining of amniotic fluid	349,243	18,179	53.1	53.7	53.2	52.9	52.9	52.4	54.9	7,169
Fetal intolerance of labor	349,243	19,299	56.4	66.6	56.0	52.7	53.2	55.1	56.0	7,169
Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor	349,243	232,183	678.8	694.0	684.1	671.1	668.5	672.5	674.6	7,169
Hispanic ⁵										
Induction of labor	787,484	133,514	170.5	194.5	177.3	166.3	158.0	155.6	152.0	4,571
Augmentation of labor	787,484	143,773	183.6	232.9	200.7	175.6	159.1	143.6	127.0	4,571
Non-vertex presentation	787,484	7,449	9.5	6.9	7.5	9.2	11.3	14.3	19.7	4,571
Steroids (glucocorticoids) for fetal lung maturation	787,484	4,143	5.3	5.7	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.8	8.2	4,571
Antibiotics received by mother during labor	787,484	89,238	114.0	127.3	116.5	110.0	108.4	109.7	109.2	4,571
Clinical chorioamnionitis during labor	787,484	8,948	11.4	18.1	13.3	10.0	8.3	7.4	6.0	4,571
Moderate/heavy meconium staining of amniotic fluid	787,484	35,924	45.9	50.2	47.0	46.0	43.3	41.9	41.7	4,571
Fetal intolerance of labor	787,484	28,771	36.7	41.4	36.0	33.1	37.1	39.8	44.9	4,571
Epidural or spinal anesthesia during labor	787,484	423,856	541.4	564.7	538.2	527.2	541.7	552.2	554.0	4,571

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting specified labor and delivery characteristic.² No response reported for characteristic of labor and delivery item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.³ Includes other races not shown and origin not stated.⁴ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see "Technical Notes."⁵ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Documentation Table 6. Method of delivery, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Percentages are number of live births with specified method of delivery per 100 live births in specified group]

Method of delivery and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births	Method reported	All ages ¹	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
All races ³			Per 100							
Attempted forceps/unsuccessful	2,748,302	6,872	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	108,934
Attempted vacuum extraction/unsuccessful	2,748,302	19,882	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	107,651
Fetal presentation at birth										
Cephalic	2,748,302	2,451,079	93.4	94.6	94.3	93.7	92.8	91.6	89.6	123,924
Breech	2,748,302	92,888	3.5	2.4	2.7	3.4	4.1	4.9	6.4	123,924
Other	2,748,302	80,411	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.4	4.0	123,924
Final route and method of delivery										
Vaginal/Spontaneous	2,748,302	1,733,750	63.6	71.4	67.8	64.8	60.3	54.1	47.6	20,651
Vaginal/Forceps	2,748,302	18,599	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	20,651
Vaginal/Vacuum	2,748,302	87,816	3.2	4.6	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.5	20,651
Cesarean	2,748,302	887,486	32.5	23.1	28.0	31.4	36.3	42.7	49.4	20,651
Cesarean/trial of labor attempted ⁴	887,486	231,584	26.8	44.6	32.3	26.8	22.5	19.6	19.3	24,495
Non-Hispanic white ⁵										
Attempted forceps/unsuccessful	1,366,527	3,524	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	26,867
Attempted vacuum extraction/unsuccessful	1,366,527	10,129	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	26,782
Fetal presentation at birth										
Cephalic	1,366,527	1,244,747	93.5	95.0	94.6	93.8	92.9	91.8	89.7	35,307
Breech	1,366,527	52,874	4.0	2.8	3.1	3.7	4.4	5.2	6.7	35,307
Other	1,366,527	33,599	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.5	35,307
Final route and method of delivery										
Vaginal/Spontaneous	1,366,527	862,244	63.2	70.2	67.5	65.1	60.9	54.9	48.1	2,799
Vaginal/Forceps	1,366,527	11,726	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	2,799
Vaginal/Vacuum	1,366,527	48,374	3.5	5.5	4.1	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.6	2,799
Cesarean	1,366,527	441,384	32.4	23.0	27.5	30.5	35.3	41.7	48.7	2,799
Cesarean/trial of labor attempted ⁴	441,384	125,547	29.1	51.5	36.6	30.0	24.4	20.9	20.4	9,503
Non-Hispanic black ⁵										
Attempted forceps/unsuccessful	349,243	735	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	15,373
Attempted vacuum extraction/unsuccessful	349,243	2,395	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	15,302
Fetal presentation at birth										
Cephalic	349,243	309,917	93.3	94.8	94.1	93.3	92.2	90.5	89.4	17,026
Breech	349,243	10,118	3.0	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.9	5.0	5.8	17,026
Other	349,243	12,182	3.7	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.8	17,026
Final route and method of delivery										
Vaginal/Spontaneous	349,243	216,592	62.1	69.7	65.3	62.0	57.1	50.1	45.5	704
Vaginal/Forceps	349,243	1,721	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	*	704
Vaginal/Vacuum	349,243	8,514	2.4	3.8	2.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	704
Cesarean	349,243	121,712	34.9	25.7	31.6	35.5	40.7	47.9	52.5	704
Cesarean/trial of labor attempted ⁴	121,712	34,442	30.2	47.8	33.2	27.3	24.4	22.3	22.9	7,647

Hispanic⁶

Attempted forceps/unsuccessful	787,484	1,957	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	43,184
Attempted vacuum extraction/unsuccessful	787,484	5,095	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	41,951
Fetal presentation at birth										
Cephalic	787,484	690,143	93.2	94.0	93.9	93.3	92.6	91.6	89.4	47,090
Breech	787,484	21,705	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.8	3.5	4.3	5.7	47,090
Other	787,484	28,546	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.9	47,090
Final route and method of delivery										
Vaginal/Spontaneous	787,484	511,418	65.1	73.2	69.2	65.6	59.9	54.0	47.8	2,038
Vaginal/Forceps	787,484	3,488	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	2,038
Vaginal/Vacuum	787,484	20,351	2.6	4.1	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	2,038
Cesarean	787,484	250,189	31.9	22.1	27.6	31.8	37.6	43.6	50.0	2,038
Cesarean/trial of labor attempted ⁴	250,189	52,152	21.4	35.7	25.2	19.6	17.0	15.8	15.8	6,075

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting the specified item.

² No response reported for characteristic of labor and delivery item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

³ Includes other races not shown and origin not stated.

⁴ Cesarean/trial of labor attempted is number of women who attempted a trial of labor prior to cesarean delivery per 100 cesarean births.

⁵ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see "Technical Notes."

⁶ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Documentation Table 7. Abnormal conditions of the newborn, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Rates are number of live births with specified condition per 1,000 live births in specified group]

Abnormal condition and race and Hispanic origin of mother	All births ¹	Condition reported	All ages	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
All races ³			per 1,000							
Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery	2,748,302	110,715	41.0	44.2	40.1	39.2	40.5	43.1	49.1	45,689
Assisted ventilation required for more than six hours	2,748,302	23,697	8.8	9.8	8.5	8.3	8.5	9.2	11.9	45,689
NICU admission	2,748,302	180,274	66.7	68.4	62.6	62.6	66.1	77.3	100.1	45,689
Surfactant replacement therapy given to newborn	2,748,302	9,139	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.8	45,689
Antibiotics received by newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis	2,748,302	46,874	17.3	21.0	18.2	16.4	15.9	16.7	19.9	45,689
Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction	2,748,302	754	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	45,689
Significant birth injury	2,748,302	1,881	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	45,689
Non-Hispanic white ⁴										
Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery	1,366,527	61,396	45.3	49.7	44.3	43.7	44.8	47.4	54.0	12,072
Assisted ventilation required for more than six hours	1,366,527	13,479	10.0	11.7	9.9	9.6	9.5	10.0	13.1	12,072
NICU admission	1,366,527	89,207	65.9	66.1	61.5	62.4	65.0	75.7	99.3	12,072
Surfactant replacement therapy given to newborn	1,366,527	5,606	4.1	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	5.5	12,072
Antibiotics received by newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis	1,366,527	25,987	19.2	24.1	20.8	18.5	17.2	18.1	22.2	12,072
Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction	1,366,527	481	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	*	12,072
Significant birth injury	1,366,527	998	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	12,072
Non-Hispanic black ⁴										
Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery	349,243	17,584	51.9	52.2	49.2	50.3	54.2	58.3	62.8	10,184
Assisted ventilation required for more than six hours	349,243	4,071	12.0	12.0	11.3	11.3	13.0	13.8	16.9	10,184
NICU admission	349,243	31,483	92.9	87.2	85.5	87.6	100.9	120.7	133.8	10,184
Surfactant replacement therapy given to newborn	349,243	1,576	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.2	5.1	6.1	5.6	10,184
Antibiotics received by newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis	349,243	6,887	20.3	21.9	20.6	18.0	20.8	22.1	20.9	10,184
Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction	349,243	77	0.2	0.4	*	*	0.4	*	*	10,184
Significant birth injury	349,243	160	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	*	*	10,184
Hispanic ⁵										
Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery	787,484	24,601	31.5	35.3	30.8	28.9	31.4	33.9	38.5	6,835
Assisted ventilation required for more than six hours	787,484	4,674	6.0	7.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	7.0	8.2	6,835
NICU admission	787,484	44,993	57.6	60.3	53.1	53.2	59.2	69.3	88.4	6,835
Surfactant replacement therapy given to newborn	787,484	1,397	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.9	3.6	6,835
Antibiotics received by newborn for suspected neonatal sepsis	787,484	10,476	13.4	17.4	13.6	12.0	12.2	13.0	15.6	6,835
Seizure or serious neurologic dysfunction	787,484	144	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	6,835
Significant birth injury	787,484	471	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	*	6,835

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

- Quantity zero.

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting specified abnormal condition.² No response reported for characteristic of labor and delivery item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.³ Includes other races not shown and origin not stated.⁴ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see "Technical Notes."⁵ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Documentation Table 8. Congenital anomaly of the newborn, by age of mother: Total of 27 reporting states, 2008

[Rates are number of live births with specified anomaly per 100,000 live births in specified group]

Congenital anomaly	All births ¹	Congenital anomaly reported	All ages	Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-54 years	Not stated ²
Total	Per 100,000									
Anencephaly	2,748,302	372	13.8	16.5	13.2	17.1	10.6	11.6	*	50,501
Menigocele/spina bifida	2,748,302	402	14.9	16.5	14.9	14.8	15.3	12.6	*	50,501
Cyanotic congenital heart disease	2,748,302	1,225	45.4	38.0	38.5	42.9	45.5	60.3	100.1	50,501
Congenital diaphragmatic hernia	2,748,302	293	10.9	10.6	11.0	12.0	9.8	10.6	*	50,501
Omphalocele	2,748,302	193	7.2	7.7	6.8	5.7	5.8	11.0	*	50,501
Gastroschisis	2,748,302	790	29.3	95.0	52.2	15.5	5.3	*	*	50,501
Limb reduction defect	2,748,302	438	16.2	18.3	20.2	16.5	12.5	13.5	*	50,501
Cleft lip with or without cleft	2,748,302	1,396	51.7	59.1	55.0	52.8	44.2	52.2	42.5	50,501
Cleft palate alone	2,748,302	596	22.1	23.6	25.1	20.8	18.3	23.8	*	50,501
Down syndrome	2,748,302	1,298	48.1	28.2	22.0	22.8	44.2	119.2	359.3	50,501
Suspected chromosomal disorder	2,748,302	1,093	40.5	36.6	37.6	31.8	37.4	51.2	153.6	50,501
Hypospadias ³	2,748,302	1,434	53.2	46.1	52.6	56.1	54.5	54.8	37.0	50,501
Males only ⁴	1,406,875	1,434	103.8	89.8	103.0	109.6	106.3	106.9	72.2	25,868

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹ Total number of births to residents of areas reporting specified congenital anomaly.

² No response reported for congenital anomaly of the newborn item; includes births to residents of states using the 2003 Standard Certificate of Live Birth occurring in states using the 1989 Standard Certificate of Live Birth.

³ Denominator includes both male and female births.

⁴ Denominator includes males only.

NOTE: Includes California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.