

## Macro Roundup Article

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**Tweet:** During COVID, births fell dramatically, especially in states where case counts were high and unemployment spikes were relatively large. Births rebounded sharply in 2021 but are still below 2019 levels. @kearney\_melissa @phil\_wellesley

**Summary:** Before the pandemic, births had been steadily declining for many years. There were almost 600,000 fewer annual births in 2019 relative to 2007—a 13% reduction. The size of the COVID-related baby bust, and subsequent rebound were meaningful in that context, but they also represent short-term deviations from an ongoing trend of considerably greater importance. Birth counts in 2022 are still below what they were in 2019.

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