

## Macro Roundup Article

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**Tweet:** 3.59mm children were born in the US in 2023, down 2% from 2022, as the US total fertility rate fell to 1.6 births/woman, the lowest level on record.

**Summary:** The total fertility rate fell to 1.62 births per woman in 2023, a 2% decline from a year earlier. It is the lowest rate recorded since the government began tracking it in the 1930s. Total fertility estimates the number of children a woman would give birth to in her lifetime. The number of births last year was the lowest since 1979, according to provisional data. About 3.59 million children were born in the U.S. in 2023, a 2% drop compared with 3.66 million in 2022. Women in their mid-to-late 30s are having children at similar rates to those in their early to mid-20s. Birthrates for women 35-39 fell to 54.7 births per 1,000 women—closer to the rates for women 20-24, which dropped 4% to 55.4 births per 1,000 women in 2023. The figures are provisional and likely to adjust slightly when final data are released later this year. Related: America Is Uniquely Ill-Suited To Handle a Falling Population and US Births Are Down Again, After the COVID Baby Bust and Rebound and Without Immigrants, US Working-Age Population Would Shrink

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