

## Births: Final Data for 2022

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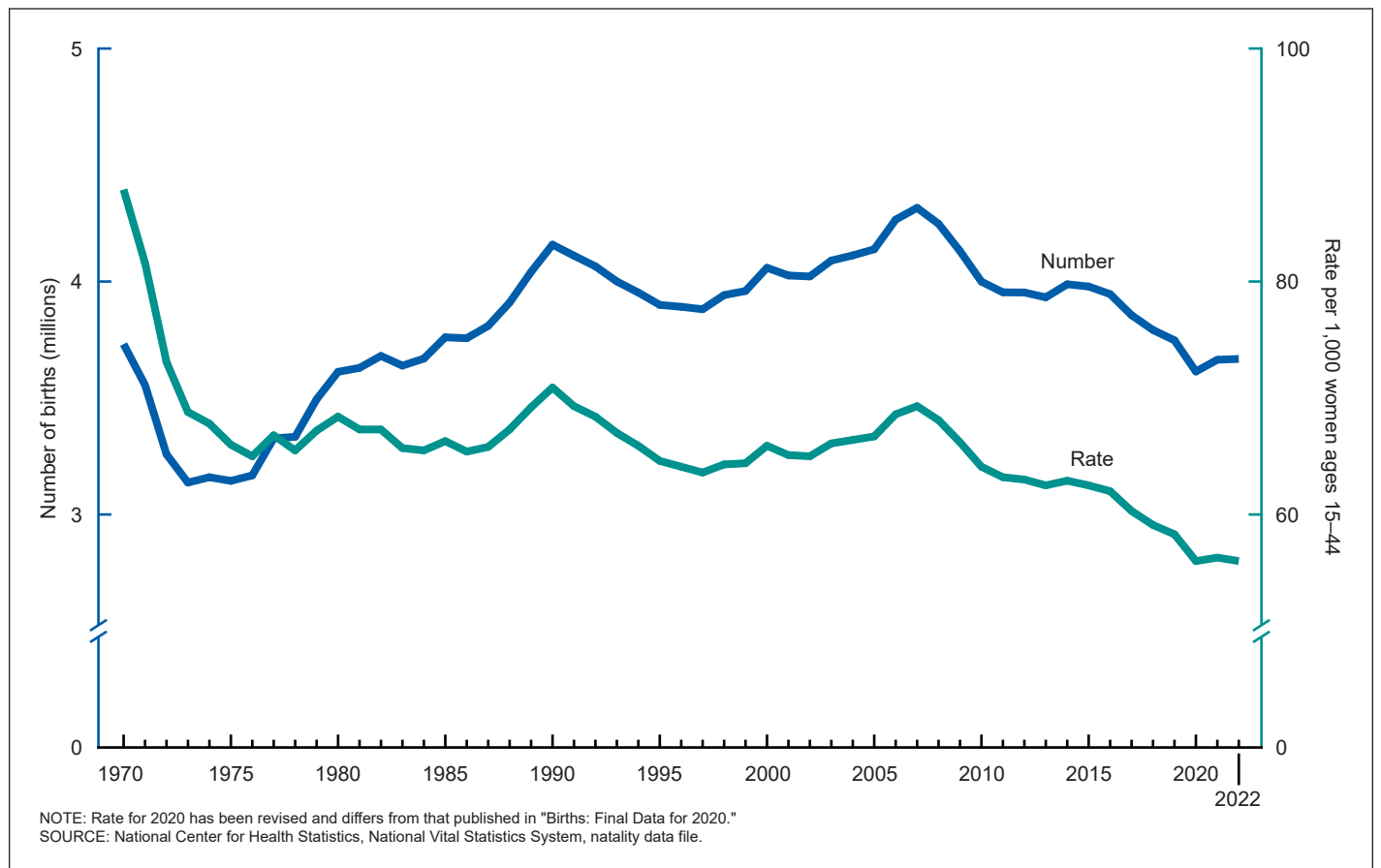
### Abstract

**Objectives**—This report presents 2022 data on U.S. births by selected characteristics. Trends in fertility patterns and maternal and infant characteristics are described.

**Methods**—Descriptive tabulations based on birth certificates of the 3.67 million births registered in 2022 are shown by

maternal age, live-birth order, race and Hispanic origin, marital status, tobacco use, prenatal care, source of payment for the delivery, method of delivery, gestational age, birthweight, and plurality. Selected data by mother's state of residence and birth rates also are shown. Trends for 2010 to 2022 are presented for selected items, and by race and Hispanic origin for 2016–2022.

**Figure 1. Live births and general fertility rate: United States, 1970–2022**



**Table 5. Birth rates, by age of mother, live-birth order, and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2022**

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Race and Hispanic origin of mother and live-birth order	Fertility rate	Age of mother									
		10–14	15–19			20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49 <sup>1</sup>
			Total	15–17	18–19						
<b>All races and origins<sup>2</sup></b>											
Total . . . . .	56.0	0.2	13.6	5.6	25.8	57.5	93.5	97.5	55.3	12.6	1.1
1st child . . . . .	21.6	0.2	11.7	5.2	21.4	32.4	37.0	30.8	13.0	2.7	0.3
2nd child . . . . .	17.8	0.0	1.8	0.4	3.8	17.7	30.6	32.9	18.3	3.5	0.3
3rd child . . . . .	9.4	*	0.2	0.0	0.4	5.6	16.1	18.8	11.9	2.6	0.2
4th child . . . . .	4.2	*	0.0	*	0.0	1.4	6.4	8.8	6.2	1.6	0.1
5th child . . . . .	1.7	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.3	2.2	3.6	2.9	0.9	0.1
6th and 7th child . . . . .	1.1	*	*	*	*	0.1	1.0	2.2	2.1	0.8	0.1
8th child and over . . . . .	0.4	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.1
<b>Non-Hispanic, single race<sup>3</sup></b>											
<b>American Indian and Alaska Native</b>											
Alaska Native . . . . .	50.6	0.4	22.5	9.5	42.5	74.3	82.8	68.1	36.3	9.1	0.5
1st child . . . . .	15.9	0.3	18.7	8.8	34.0	35.1	21.9	10.4	4.5	1.0	*
2nd child . . . . .	13.6	*	3.4	0.7	7.6	25.7	24.2	16.3	7.2	1.7	*
3rd child . . . . .	9.2	*	0.4	*	0.8	9.8	19.4	15.3	6.9	1.4	*
4th child . . . . .	5.6	*	*	*	*	2.9	10.4	11.3	6.7	1.3	*
5th child . . . . .	3.1	*	*	*	*	0.6	4.4	7.3	4.3	1.4	*
6th and 7th child . . . . .	2.4	*	*	*	*	*	2.4	5.8	4.6	1.3	*
8th child and over . . . . .	0.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.7	2.2	1.0	*
<b>Asian</b>											
Asian . . . . .	49.4	*	1.9	0.7	3.7	16.4	58.6	104.0	70.9	17.0	1.8
1st child . . . . .	22.1	*	1.7	0.7	3.2	10.8	34.1	49.2	22.3	4.7	0.6
2nd child . . . . .	18.2	*	0.2	*	0.4	4.1	16.9	38.9	31.2	6.5	0.6
3rd child . . . . .	6.0	*	*	*	*	1.2	5.2	10.8	11.7	3.4	0.3
4th child . . . . .	1.9	*	*	*	*	0.3	1.7	3.3	3.7	1.4	0.2
5th child . . . . .	0.7	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.5	1.2	1.3	0.6	0.1
6th and 7th child . . . . .	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.1
8th child and over . . . . .	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	*
<b>Black</b>											
Black . . . . .	56.1	0.3	20.3	9.0	37.7	71.1	90.7	79.8	50.4	13.8	1.4
1st child . . . . .	19.6	0.3	17.1	8.3	30.7	39.1	29.1	17.7	9.2	2.5	0.4
2nd child . . . . .	16.0	*	2.8	0.7	6.1	21.1	28.7	23.5	13.4	3.3	0.3
3rd child . . . . .	10.2	*	0.3	0.0	0.8	7.7	17.8	18.1	12.1	3.0	0.2
4th child . . . . .	5.4	*	0.0	*	0.1	2.4	8.9	10.5	7.3	2.1	0.2
5th child . . . . .	2.5	*	*	*	*	0.6	3.8	5.2	3.8	1.2	0.1
6th and 7th child . . . . .	1.8	*	*	*	*	0.2	2.1	3.7	3.1	1.1	0.1
8th child and over . . . . .	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.1
<b>Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander</b>											
Pacific Islander . . . . .	74.8	*	20.5	7.3	40.7	123.0	132.4	98.0	56.6	15.5	1.3
1st child . . . . .	22.0	*	17.3	7.1	32.8	58.8	33.9	16.6	7.6	1.6	*
2nd child . . . . .	18.7	*	2.8	*	6.8	40.0	37.8	19.3	10.4	3.0	*
3rd child . . . . .	13.6	*	*	*	*	16.9	28.6	21.4	11.0	2.1	*
4th child . . . . .	8.7	*	*	*	*	5.6	17.2	16.6	8.7	2.4	*
5th child . . . . .	5.6	*	*	*	*	1.2	9.6	11.7	7.4	2.0	*
6th and 7th child . . . . .	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	4.7	10.1	7.9	2.5	*
8th child and over . . . . .	1.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.5	3.6	2.0	*
<b>White</b>											
White . . . . .	53.1	0.1	9.1	3.1	17.9	48.3	91.1	100.4	53.0	10.7	0.9
1st child . . . . .	21.2	0.1	7.9	3.0	15.2	27.9	39.9	34.4	13.5	2.6	0.3
2nd child . . . . .	17.6	*	1.1	0.2	2.4	14.6	29.9	35.7	18.8	3.2	0.3
3rd child . . . . .	8.5	*	0.1	0.0	0.3	4.4	13.9	17.9	11.0	2.0	0.1
4th child . . . . .	3.4	*	0.0	*	0.0	1.0	5.1	7.4	5.0	1.1	0.1
5th child . . . . .	1.3	*	*	*	*	0.2	1.6	2.8	2.1	0.6	0.0
6th and 7th child . . . . .	0.8	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.6	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.0
8th child and over . . . . .	0.4	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.1

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			Total	15–17	18–19						
Hispanic <sup>4</sup>											
Total . . . . .	65.7	0.3	21.3	9.3	40.1	79.2	113.8	103.1	59.5	15.5	1.2
1st child . . . . .	23.8	0.3	18.1	8.7	33.0	43.4	37.9	25.1	10.7	2.3	0.3
2nd child . . . . .	19.8	0.0	2.8	0.6	6.3	25.4	38.9	31.8	15.9	3.4	0.2
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4th child . . . . .	5.9	*	0.0	*	0.1	1.9	9.1	13.1	9.8	2.8	0.2
5th child . . . . .	2.4	*	*	*	*	0.4	2.8	5.2	4.8	1.7	0.1
6th and 7th child . . . . .	1.3	*	*	*	*	0.1	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.3	0.1
8th child and over . . . . .	0.3	*	*	*	*	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.0

0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05.

\* Estimate does not meet National Center for Health Statistics standards of reliability.

<sup>1</sup>Birth rates computed by relating births to women ages 45 and older to women ages 45–49; see Technical Notes in this report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race Black, Hispanic single-race White, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

<sup>3</sup>Race groups are single race. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards; see Technical Notes. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

<sup>4</sup>Includes all people of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, natality data file.