

Table 5. Live births, by plurality, and detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970–2005

[Data are based on birth certificates]

<i>Plurality of birth and race and Hispanic origin of mother</i>	1970	1971	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005
All births										
Number of live births										
All races	3,731,386	3,555,970	3,144,198	3,612,258	3,760,561	4,158,212	3,899,589	4,058,814	4,112,052	4,138,349
White	3,109,956	2,939,568	2,576,818	2,936,351	3,037,913	3,290,273	3,098,885	3,194,005	3,222,928	3,229,294
Black or African American	561,992	553,750	496,829	568,080	581,824	684,336	603,139	622,598	616,074	633,134
American Indian or Alaska Native	22,264	23,254	22,690	29,389	34,037	39,051	37,278	41,668	43,927	44,813
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	27,004	28,884	74,355	104,606	141,635	160,287	200,543	229,123	231,108
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	---	307,163	372,814	595,073	679,768	815,868	946,349	985,505
Mexican	---	---	---	215,439	242,976	385,640	469,615	581,915	677,621	693,197
Puerto Rican	---	---	---	33,671	35,147	58,807	54,824	58,124	61,221	63,340
Cuban	---	---	---	7,163	10,024	11,311	12,473	13,429	14,943	16,064
Central and South American	---	---	---	21,268	40,985	83,008	94,996	113,344	143,520	151,201
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	---	29,622	43,682	56,307	47,860	49,056	49,044	61,703
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White	---	---	---	1,256,777	1,407,460	2,626,500	2,382,638	2,362,968	2,296,683	2,279,768
Black or African American	---	---	---	300,480	337,448	661,701	587,781	604,346	578,772	583,759
Twin births										
All races	---	63,298	59,192	68,339	77,102	93,865	96,736	118,916	132,219	133,122
White	---	49,972	46,715	53,104	60,351	72,617	76,196	93,235	103,438	103,367
Black or African American	---	12,452	11,375	13,638	14,646	18,164	17,000	20,626	21,618	22,580
American Indian or Alaska Native	---	362	348	491	537	699	769	900	1,086	1,086
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	320	505	1,045	1,536	2,320	2,771	4,155	6,077	6,089
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	---	5,154	6,550	10,713	12,685	16,470	20,351	21,723
Mexican	---	---	---	3,599	4,292	6,701	8,341	11,130	13,485	14,080
Puerto Rican	---	---	---	631	705	1,226	1,248	1,461	1,759	1,973
Cuban	---	---	---	102	201	228	312	371	562	517
Central and South American	---	---	---	371	665	1,463	1,769	2,361	3,393	3,540
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	---	451	687	1,095	1,015	1,147	1,152	1,613
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White	---	---	---	23,004	28,402	60,210	62,370	76,018	83,346	82,223
Black or African American	---	---	---	7,278	8,400	17,646	16,622	20,173	20,605	21,254
Triplet and higher order multiple births										
All races	---	1,034	1,066	1,337	1,925	3,028	4,973	7,325	7,275	6,694
White	---	834	909	1,104	1,648	2,639	4,505	6,551	6,326	5,753
Black or African American	---	196	151	211	240	321	352	521	605	646
American Indian or Alaska Native	---	0	2	9	13	4	20	18	22	25
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	0	4	9	23	61	96	235	322	270
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	---	78	106	235	355	659	723	761
Mexican	---	---	---	43	82	121	202	391	483	444
Puerto Rican	---	---	---	12	14	28	35	73	103	79
Cuban	---	---	---	0	3	9	24	15	*	29
Central and South American	---	---	---	8	4	59	59	122	95	152
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	---	15	3	18	35	58	24	57
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White	---	---	---	490	779	2,358	4,050	5,821	5,590	4,966
Black or African American	---	---	---	128	132	306	340	506	577	616

--- Data not available.

¹Starting with 2003 data, estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups during the transition from single-race to multiple-race reporting. See [Appendix II, Race, Birth File](#).

²Prior to 1993, data from states lacking an Hispanic-origin item on the birth certificate were excluded. See [Appendix II, Hispanic origin](#). Data for non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black women for years prior to 1989 are not nationally representative and are provided for comparison with Hispanic data.

NOTES: The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2003 data, some states reported multiple-race data. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states. See [Appendix II, Race](#). Interpretation of trend data should take into consideration expansion of reporting areas and immigration. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCES: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Birth File. Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Sutton PD, Ventura SJ, Menacker F, Kirmeyer S, Munson ML. Births: Final data for 2005. National vital statistics reports. vol 56 no 6. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS. 2007; Births: Final data for each data year 1997–2004. National vital statistics reports. Hyattsville, MD; Final natality statistics for each data year 1970–1996. Monthly vital statistics report. Hyattsville, MD.