

Table 5. Live births, according to detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970–99

[Data are based on the National Vital Statistics System]

<i>Race and Hispanic origin of mother</i>	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999
Total number of live births									
All races	3,731,386	3,144,198	3,612,258	3,760,561	4,158,212	3,899,589	3,880,894	3,941,553	3,959,417
White	3,109,956	2,576,818	2,936,351	3,037,913	3,290,273	3,098,885	3,072,640	3,118,727	3,132,501
Black	561,992	496,829	568,080	581,824	684,336	603,139	599,913	609,902	605,970
American Indian or Alaska Native	22,264	22,690	29,389	34,037	39,051	37,278	38,572	40,272	40,170
Asian or Pacific Islander	---	---	74,355	104,606	141,635	160,287	169,769	172,652	180,776
Chinese	7,044	7,778	11,671	16,405	22,737	27,380	28,434	28,058	28,853
Japanese	7,744	6,725	7,482	8,035	8,674	8,901	8,890	8,893	8,722
Filipino	8,066	10,359	13,968	20,058	25,770	30,551	31,501	31,170	30,677
Hawaiian and part Hawaiian	---	---	4,669	4,938	6,099	5,787	5,687	6,025	6,093
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	---	---	36,565	55,170	78,355	87,668	95,257	98,506	106,431
Hispanic origin ^{1,2}	---	---	307,163	372,814	595,073	679,768	709,767	734,661	764,339
Mexican	---	---	215,439	242,976	385,640	469,615	499,024	516,011	540,674
Puerto Rican	---	---	33,671	35,147	58,807	54,824	55,450	57,349	57,138
Cuban	---	---	7,163	10,024	11,311	12,473	12,887	13,226	13,088
Central and South American	---	---	21,268	40,985	83,008	94,996	97,405	98,226	103,307
Other and unknown Hispanic	---	---	29,622	43,682	56,307	47,860	45,001	49,849	50,132
White, non-Hispanic ¹	---	---	1,245,221	1,394,729	2,626,500	2,382,638	2,333,363	2,361,462	2,346,450
Black, non-Hispanic ¹	---	---	299,646	336,029	661,701	587,781	581,431	593,127	588,981

--- Data not available.

¹Trend data for Hispanics and non-Hispanics are affected by expansion of the reporting area for an Hispanic-origin item on the birth certificate and by immigration. These two factors affect numbers of events, composition of the Hispanic population, and maternal and infant health characteristics. The number of States in the reporting area increased from 22 in 1980, to 23 and the District of Columbia (DC) in 1983–87, 30 and DC in 1988, 47 and DC in 1989, 48 and DC in 1990, 49 and DC in 1991–92, and 50 and DC in 1993 and later years (see Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System).

²Includes mothers of all races.

NOTES: The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Conversely, persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System; Ventura SJ, Martin JA, Curtin SC, Menacker F, Hamilton BE. Births: Final Data for 1999. National vital statistics reports; vol 49, no 1. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics, 2001. (in press); Births: Final data for each data year 1997–98. National vital statistics reports. Hyattsville, Maryland; Final natality statistics for each data year 1970–96. Monthly vital statistics report. Hyattsville, Maryland.