

Data Brief 442. Births in the United States, 2021

Data table for Figure 1. Number of live births and general fertility rates: United States, 2019–2021

Year	Live births	Fertility rate
2019.	3,747,540	58.3
2020.	3,613,647	55.7
2021.	3,664,292	56.3

NOTES: General fertility rates are births per 1,000 females aged 15–44. Rates for 2020 have been revised and may differ from those published in "Births: Final Data for 2020." Rates are based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for census year 2020 and estimated as of July 1 for 2019 and 2021.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

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**Data table for Figure 2. Selected age-specific birth rates:
United States, 2019–2021**

Age of mother	2019	2020	2021
15–19.	16.7	15.0	13.9
20–24.	66.6	63.3	61.5
25–29.	93.7	90.9	93.0
30–34.	98.3	94.9	97.6
35–39.	52.8	51.3	53.7
40–44.	12.0	11.8	12.0

NOTES: Age-specific birth rates are births per 1,000 females in specified age group. Rates for 2020 have been revised and may differ from those published in "Births: Final Data for 2020." Rates are based on counts enumerated as of April 1 for census year 2020 and estimated as of July 1 for 2019 and 2021.

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Data table for Figure 3. Vaginal births after cesarean delivery, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019–2021

Race and Hispanic origin	2019	2020	2021
		Percent	
All	13.8	13.9	14.2
Non-Hispanic White	13.9	14.0	14.4
Non-Hispanic Black	13.6	13.7	13.8
Hispanic	13.1	13.4	13.5

NOTE: The vaginal birth after cesarean delivery rate is the number of births to females having a vaginal delivery per 100 births to females with a previous cesarean delivery.

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Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of preterm births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019–2021

Race and Hispanic origin	2019	2020	2021
	Percent		
All	10.23	10.09	10.49
Non-Hispanic White	9.26	9.10	9.50
Non-Hispanic Black	14.39	14.36	14.75
Hispanic	9.97	9.84	10.23

NOTE: Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.