

Table 50. Live births by plurality of birth and ratios, by age and race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2002

Plurality and race and Hispanic origin of mother	Age of mother										
	All ages	Under 15 years	15–19 years			20–24 years	25–29 years	30–34 years	35–39 years	40–44 years	45–54 years
			Total	15–17 years	18–19 years						
Number											
All live births											
All races ¹	4,021,726	7,315	425,493	138,731	286,762	1,022,106	1,060,391	951,219	453,927	95,788	5,487
White total ²	3,174,760	3,884	305,988	95,864	210,124	783,000	851,142	779,535	369,833	76,928	4,450
Non-Hispanic white	2,298,156	1,493	179,511	49,756	129,755	519,153	614,909	620,173	297,436	61,853	3,628
Black total ²	593,691	3,188	103,795	37,889	65,906	194,704	136,591	95,006	48,388	11,443	576
Non-Hispanic black	578,335	3,132	101,494	37,017	64,477	190,241	132,824	92,155	46,831	11,097	561
Hispanic ³	876,642	2,421	127,900	46,740	81,160	265,235	236,143	157,887	71,480	14,809	767
Live births in single deliveries											
All races ¹	3,889,191	7,226	418,654	136,793	281,861	998,739	1,028,038	911,431	430,447	90,378	4,278
White total ²	3,069,915	3,833	301,654	94,666	206,988	766,890	825,777	746,091	350,039	72,238	3,393
Non-Hispanic white	2,212,453	1,473	176,872	49,119	127,753	507,680	594,703	591,239	280,164	57,649	2,673
Black total ²	572,659	3,151	101,510	37,210	64,300	188,283	131,197	90,889	46,082	11,022	525
Non-Hispanic black	557,680	3,095	99,254	36,352	62,902	183,895	127,535	88,122	44,584	10,685	510
Hispanic ³	857,777	2,390	126,167	46,161	80,006	260,592	230,978	153,490	69,092	14,377	691
Live births in twin deliveries											
All races ¹	125,134	89	6,746	1,921	4,825	22,856	30,725	36,956	21,637	5,033	1,092
White total ²	98,304	51	4,277	1,187	3,090	15,717	23,942	30,849	18,172	4,350	946
Non-Hispanic white	79,949	20	2,605	631	1,974	11,183	18,962	26,581	15,846	3,889	863
Black total ²	20,423	37	2,255	673	1,582	6,315	5,234	3,949	2,181	401	51
Non-Hispanic black	20,064	37	2,210	659	1,551	6,240	5,135	3,871	2,128	392	51
Hispanic ³	18,128	31	1,710	574	1,136	4,549	4,980	4,176	2,208	413	61
Live births in higher order multiple deliveries ⁴											
All races ¹	7,401	–	93	17	76	511	1,628	2,832	1,843	377	117
White total ²	6,541	–	57	11	46	393	1,423	2,595	1,622	340	111
Non-Hispanic white	5,754	–	34	6	28	290	1,244	2,353	1,426	315	92
Black total ²	609	–	30	6	24	106	160	168	125	20	–
Non-Hispanic black	591	–	30	6	24	106	154	162	119	20	–
Hispanic ³	737	–	23	5	18	94	185	221	180	19	15
All multiple births											
All races ¹	33.0	12.2	16.1	14.0	17.1	22.9	30.5	41.8	51.7	56.5	220.3
White total ²	33.0	13.1	14.2	12.5	14.9	20.6	29.8	42.9	53.5	61.0	237.5
Non-Hispanic white	37.3	13.4	14.7	12.8	15.4	22.1	32.9	46.7	58.1	68.0	263.2
Black total ²	35.4	11.6	22.0	17.9	24.4	33.0	39.5	43.3	47.7	36.8	88.5
Non-Hispanic black	35.7	11.8	22.1	18.0	24.4	33.4	39.8	43.8	48.0	37.1	90.9
Hispanic ³	21.5	12.8	13.5	12.4	14.2	17.5	21.9	27.8	33.4	29.2	99.1
Twin births											
All races ¹	31.1	12.2	15.9	13.8	16.8	22.4	29.0	38.9	47.7	52.5	199.0
White total ²	31.0	13.1	14.0	12.4	14.7	20.1	28.1	39.6	49.1	56.5	212.6
Non-Hispanic white	34.8	13.4	14.5	12.7	15.2	21.5	30.8	42.9	53.3	62.9	237.9
Black total ²	34.4	11.6	21.7	17.8	24.0	32.4	38.3	41.6	45.1	35.0	88.5
Non-Hispanic black	34.7	11.8	21.8	17.8	24.1	32.8	38.7	42.0	45.4	35.3	90.9
Hispanic ³	20.7	12.8	13.4	12.3	14.0	17.2	21.1	26.4	30.9	27.9	79.5
Higher order multiple births ⁴											
All races ¹	184.0	*	21.9	*	26.5	50.0	153.5	297.7	406.0	393.6	2132.3
White total ²	206.0	*	18.6	*	21.9	50.2	167.2	332.9	438.6	442.0	2494.4
Non-Hispanic white	250.4	*	18.9	*	21.6	55.9	202.3	379.4	479.4	509.3	2535.8
Black total ²	102.6	*	28.9	*	36.4	54.4	117.1	176.8	258.3	174.8	*
Non-Hispanic black	102.2	*	29.6	*	37.2	55.7	115.9	175.8	254.1	180.2	*
Hispanic ³	84.1	*	18.0	*	*	35.4	78.3	140.0	251.8	*	*

– Quantity zero.

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

¹Includes races other than white and black and origin not stated.²Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget guidelines. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in the data for each race group according to the mother's reported race; see "Technical Notes."³Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.⁴Births in greater than twin deliveries.