

Table 5. Live births, according to detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970–2001

[Data are based on birth certificates]

<i>Race and Hispanic origin of mother</i>	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001
	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	3,959,417	4,058,814	4,025,933
White	3,109,956	2,576,818	2,936,351	3,037,913	3,290,273	3,098,885	3,132,501	3,194,005	3,177,626
Black or African American	561,992	496,829	568,080	581,824	684,336	603,139	605,970	622,598	606,156
American Indian or Alaska Native	22,264	22,690	29,389	34,037	39,051	37,278	40,170	41,668	41,872
Asian or Pacific Islander	---	---	74,355	104,606	141,635	160,287	180,776	200,543	200,279
Chinese	7,044	7,778	11,671	16,405	22,737	27,380	28,853	34,271	31,401
Japanese	7,744	6,725	7,482	8,035	8,674	8,901	8,722	8,969	9,048
Filipino	8,066	10,359	13,968	20,058	25,770	30,551	30,677	32,107	32,468
Hawaiian	---	---	4,669	4,938	6,099	5,787	6,093	6,608	6,411
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	---	---	36,565	55,170	78,355	87,668	106,431	118,588	120,951
Hispanic or Latino ¹	---	---	307,163	372,814	595,073	679,768	764,339	815,868	851,851
Mexican	---	---	215,439	242,976	385,640	469,615	540,674	581,915	611,000
Puerto Rican	---	---	33,671	35,147	58,807	54,824	57,138	58,124	57,568
Cuban	---	---	7,163	10,024	11,311	12,473	13,088	13,429	14,017
Central and South American	---	---	21,268	40,985	83,008	94,996	103,307	113,344	121,365
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latino	---	---	29,622	43,682	56,307	47,860	50,132	49,056	47,901
Not Hispanic or Latino: ¹									
White	---	---	1,245,221	1,394,729	2,626,500	2,382,638	2,346,450	2,362,968	2,326,578
Black or African American	---	---	299,646	336,029	661,701	587,781	588,981	604,346	589,917

--- Data not available.

¹Prior to 1993, data from States lacking an Hispanic-origin item on the birth certificate were excluded (see Appendix II, Hispanic origin).

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. Interpretation of trend data should take into consideration expansion of reporting areas and immigration. 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, Birth File. Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Ventura SJ, Menacker F, Park MM, Sutton PD. Births: Final Data for 2001. National vital statistics reports; vol 51, no 2. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics, 2002; Births: Final data for each data year 1997–2000. National vital statistics reports. Hyattsville, Maryland; Final natality statistics for each data year 1970–96. Monthly vital statistics report. Hyattsville, Maryland.