

**Data Brief 418. Births in the United States, 2020**

**Data table for Figure 1. General fertility rates, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019 and 2020**

Race and Hispanic origin	2019	2020
All races and origins <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	58.3	56.0
Non-Hispanic white <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	55.3	53.2
Non-Hispanic black <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	61.4	59.2
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	65.3	63.1

<sup>1</sup>Includes births to race and Hispanic-origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race white, Hispanic single-race black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

<sup>2</sup>Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

<sup>3</sup>Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

NOTE: General fertility rates are births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in a specified group.

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

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**Data table for Figure 2. Birth rates, by selected age group:  
United States, 2019 and 2020**

Age group (years)	2019	2020
15–19. ....	16.7	15.4
20–24. ....	66.6	63.0
25–29. ....	93.7	90.2
30–34. ....	98.3	94.9
35–39. ....	52.8	51.8
40–44. ....	12.0	11.8

NOTE: Age-specific birth rates are births per 1,000 women in specified age group.

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**Data table for Figure 3. Low-risk cesarean delivery, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019 and 2020**

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	2019	2020
All races and origins . . . . .	25.6	25.9
Non-Hispanic black . . . . .	30.0	30.6
Hispanic . . . . .	24.8	25.1
Non-Hispanic white . . . . .	24.7	24.9

NOTE: Low-risk cesarean is cesarean delivery among nulliparous (first term), term (37 or more completed weeks based on the obstetric estimate), singleton (one fetus), and cephalic (head first) births.

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**Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of preterm births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, 2019 and 2020**

Race and Hispanic origin	Preterm <sup>1</sup>	Early preterm <sup>2</sup>	Late preterm <sup>3</sup>
	Percent		
All races and origins <sup>4</sup>			
2020 . . . . .	10.09	2.70	7.40
2019 . . . . .	10.23	2.77	7.46
Non-Hispanic white <sup>5</sup>			
2020 . . . . .	9.10	2.21	6.90
2019 . . . . .	9.26	2.27	6.99
Non-Hispanic black <sup>5</sup>			
2020 . . . . .	14.36	4.82	9.54
2019 . . . . .	14.39	4.94	9.45
Hispanic <sup>6</sup>			
2020 . . . . .	9.84	2.52	7.32
2019 . . . . .	9.97	2.61	7.36

<sup>1</sup>Preterm is births at less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>2</sup>Early preterm is births at less than 34 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>3</sup>Late preterm is births at 33–36 completed weeks of gestation.

<sup>4</sup>Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as Hispanic single-race white, Hispanic single-race black, and non-Hispanic multiple-race women, as well as births with origin not stated.

<sup>5</sup>Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table, non-Hispanic women are classified by race. Race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget standards. Single race is defined as only one race reported on the birth certificate.

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