

Table 14. Total number of births, rates, and percent of births with selected demographic characteristics, by Hispanic origin of mother and by race for mothers of non-Hispanic origin and by place of birth of mother: United States, 1998

Characteristic	All origins ¹	Hispanic						Non-Hispanic		
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central and South American	Other and unknown Hispanic	Total ²	White	Black
Number										
Births	3,941,553	734,661	516,011	57,349	13,226	98,226	49,849	3,158,975	2,361,462	593,127
Rate										
Birth rate ³	14.6	24.3	26.4	19.0	10.0	⁷ 23.2		13.4	12.3	18.2
Fertility rate ⁴	65.6	101.1	112.1	75.5	50.1	⁷ 90.2		60.7	57.7	73.0
Total fertility rate ⁵	2,058.5	2,947.5	3,198.0	2,268.0	1,560.0	⁷ 2,719.0		1,919.5	1,837.0	2,235.5
Sex ratio ⁶	1,047	1,040	1,037	1,044	1,105	1,042	1,050	1,049	1,052	1,034
Percent										
All births										
Births to mothers under 20 years	12.5	16.9	17.5	21.9	6.9	10.3	20.2	11.6	9.4	21.6
4th- and higher-order births	10.5	13.6	14.7	12.3	5.7	11.1	11.0	9.8	8.5	15.0
Births to unmarried mothers	32.8	41.6	39.6	59.5	24.8	42.0	45.3	30.9	21.9	69.3
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	78.1	50.7	44.8	64.1	87.0	61.5	66.4	84.4	87.2	73.3
Mothers born in the 50 States and DC	80.5	39.9	39.7	63.8	39.7	10.1	73.3	89.9	94.9	90.3
Mothers born in the 50 States and DC										
Births to mothers under 20 years	13.6	25.4	26.4	23.7	12.1	21.8	24.0	12.4	9.7	23.3
4th- and higher-order births	9.9	11.2	11.8	11.1	4.9	5.0	10.8	9.8	8.4	15.1
Births to unmarried mothers	33.8	48.0	46.3	61.8	25.5	45.8	47.5	32.4	22.5	72.3
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	82.2	64.5	62.7	64.3	86.1	78.4	67.9	84.0	87.0	72.2
Mothers born outside the 50 States and DC										
Births to mothers under 20 years	8.1	11.2	11.6	18.7	3.5	9.0	9.8	3.9	3.5	6.3
4th- and higher-order births	12.8	15.2	16.6	14.5	6.2	11.8	11.5	9.5	9.7	13.7
Births to unmarried mothers	28.5	37.2	35.1	55.2	24.4	41.6	37.7	16.6	10.7	40.7
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	61.0	41.4	32.7	63.6	87.6	59.5	62.2	87.6	90.2	83.5

¹ Includes origin not stated.² Includes races other than white and black.³ Rate per 1,000 population.⁴ Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years.⁵ Rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5.⁶ Male live births per 1,000 female live births.⁷ Includes Central and South American and other and unknown Hispanic.

NOTE: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. In this table Hispanic women are classified only by place of origin; non-Hispanic women are classified by race. See Technical notes.