

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for 2009

Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for December 2009 will be the final issue of the monthly provisional data series. See the **NVSR Monthly Provisional Notice** (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/nvsr/monthly_provisional_notice.htm) for more information.

Table A. Provisional vital statistics for the United States, December 2009

[Rates for infant deaths are deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births; fertility rates are live births per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years; all other rates are per 1,000 total population. National data are based on events occurring in the United States, regardless of place of residence. Data are subject to monthly reporting variation. See “Technical Notes”]

Item	December				12 months ending with December				
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate		
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2007
Live births	344,000	351,000	13.1	13.5	4,136,000	4,247,000	13.5	13.9	14.3
Fertility rate	65.5	66.6	66.8	68.4	69.2
Deaths	216,000	213,000	8.3	8.2	2,426,000	2,453,000	7.9	8.1	8.0
Infant deaths	2,000	2,200	5.9	6.3	26,200	27,600	6.3	6.5	6.6
Natural increase	128,000	138,000	4.8	5.3	1,710,000	1,794,000	5.6	5.8	6.3
Marriages ¹	138,000	140,000	5.3	5.4	2,077,000	2,157,000	6.8	7.1	7.3
Divorces ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.4	3.5	3.6
Population base (in millions)	308.1	305.8	306.8	304.5	302.2

... Category not applicable.
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¹The 12-month ending marriage figures for 2007 excludes data for Louisiana. The population for this marriage rate also excludes Louisiana.
²Divorce figures exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota. Populations for divorce rates also exclude these states.

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Technical Notes

Data shown here are provisional and include only events occurring within the United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). Tables by state also include events occurring in Puerto Rico. Provisional birth, death, and infant death data in this report are based on a combination of counts of events provided by each reporting area and registered vital events processed into National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data files. Some of these may not have occurred in the specified month of this report. Monthly provisional birth, death, and infant death data may be updated during the course of a data year. Updates based on registered events will be included in the month the event occurred. However, updates based on counts received from the states may include the event in the month it was processed rather than the month in which it occurred. This may result in a low figure for a given month followed

by a high figure for the month(s) in which the delayed records were processed. Once the provisional data year has ended, updates cease. Thus, provisional birth, death, and infant death data may not accurately track either the preliminary or the final number of events registered.

Marriage and divorce data in this report are counts of all events occurring in the state that were received in the registration offices during the 1-month period. Divorce figures include reported annulments. There is considerable variability among the states in the procedures that are used to submit the counts of marriages and divorces to NCHS and in the extent to which the states update their counts of marriages and divorces as new information is received. Therefore, counts vary in their completeness. Marriage and divorce counts, unlike other provisional data, may be updated after the end of a data year if final counts are provided by the state. Readers seeking further information on this should contact NCHS at births@cdc.gov.



Table 2. Provisional number of marriages and divorces: Each state and Puerto Rico, December 2008 and 2009, and cumulative figures, 2007–2009

[By state of occurrence. Divorces include reported annulments]

Area	Marriages					Divorces				
	December		January–December			December		January–December		
	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2007 ²	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2007 ²
Alabama	2,684	3,041	37,284	40,638	41,622	1,651	1,627	20,158	20,311	21,255
Alaska	361	420	5,525	5,790	5,800	381	260	3,324	2,998	2,897
Arizona ³	3,236	2,884	35,338	37,772	39,495	1,916	2,051	23,140	23,985	24,515
Arkansas	2,489	776	31,622	30,476	34,275	1,355	1,052	16,262	15,755	16,858
California	15,208	16,069	213,922	247,022	225,920	---	---	---	---	---
Colorado	1,316	2,196	37,439	35,964	34,160	1,901	1,794	21,197	20,993	21,177
Connecticut	2,046	1,407	19,800	19,099	19,502	1,016	1,324	10,837	12,016	11,194
Delaware	321	283	5,138	4,826	4,970	231	281	3,417	3,057	3,215
District of Columbia	104	115	1,892	2,367	2,418	115	111	1,324	1,562	994
Florida	10,002	11,459	141,175	147,882	155,929	6,055	6,082	79,915	79,859	84,373
Georgia	4,250	548	63,640	57,361	64,034	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	1,243	1,621	22,215	25,461	27,346	---	---	---	---	---
Idaho	820	1,024	13,873	14,649	14,981	635	591	7,700	7,429	7,348
Illinois	5,129	4,590	72,741	74,935	76,830	2,740	2,775	32,746	32,497	33,239
Indiana	4,923	4,932	52,900	51,671	44,441	---	---	---	---	---
Iowa	796	963	21,172	19,566	19,895	530	699	7,298	7,752	7,622
Kansas	1,683	2,817	18,475	18,775	19,024	1,027	1,776	10,303	9,953	9,426
Kentucky	1,714	2,318	33,422	33,928	33,351	1,634	1,675	19,931	19,690	19,743
Louisiana	624	2,406	28,716	30,032	32,787	---	---	---	---	---
Maine	612	463	9,446	9,841	9,870	279	492	5,323	5,585	5,614
Maryland	2,170	2,323	32,403	33,601	36,618	1,288	1,482	15,221	16,167	16,662
Massachusetts	2,075	1,919	36,701	36,923	37,895	1,274	837	12,725	12,871	14,644
Michigan	2,895	3,113	53,143	55,465	56,996	3,006	2,547	32,456	33,527	34,502
Minnesota	1,333	1,464	28,382	28,581	30,070	---	---	---	---	---
Mississippi	865	1,077	14,480	15,157	15,824	821	950	12,210	12,659	13,095
Missouri	2,306	2,476	39,767	40,146	40,405	1,814	1,918	23,299	22,132	22,223
Montana	398	451	7,132	7,467	7,263	399	276	3,904	4,042	3,901
Nebraska	306	712	12,468	12,353	12,159	153	510	5,379	5,914	6,151
Nevada	7,416	8,564	108,150	112,185	126,354	1,531	1,379	17,682	16,909	16,593
New Hampshire	451	423	8,509	8,993	9,350	279	409	4,868	5,080	4,981
New Jersey	2,349	2,852	46,291	46,689	46,519	1,957	2,024	23,978	25,766	25,687
New Mexico ⁴	952	507	10,208	8,033	11,229	626	431	7,969	8,148	8,434
New York ³	8,442	8,265	120,137	126,891	129,943	4,171	4,607	46,070	53,151	55,068
North Carolina	4,448	4,448	65,817	64,308	63,932	2,895	2,895	36,708	35,618	36,205
North Dakota	220	251	4,305	4,280	4,316	71	165	1,596	1,908	1,925
Ohio	4,067	4,207	64,766	68,904	70,632	2,312	2,844	36,861	38,067	38,884
Oklahoma	1,987	1,974	23,539	25,959	26,508	1,475	1,587	16,858	19,424	18,954
Oregon	1,433	1,654	23,530	26,139	26,664	1,067	1,168	13,277	14,809	14,499
Pennsylvania	3,721	3,721	64,218	69,974	71,094	3,138	3,138	28,828	34,411	35,508
Rhode Island	337	337	6,540	6,474	6,786	222	222	3,345	2,805	3,006
South Carolina	1,835	2,246	29,164	33,278	34,908	939	858	12,222	12,802	13,194
South Dakota	314	347	5,874	6,176	6,170	242	259	2,627	2,449	2,442
Tennessee	5,729	4,183	55,239	58,464	62,149	2,148	2,045	25,843	26,546	26,501
Texas	11,867	11,477	179,776	177,030	176,313	2,014	6,633	76,909	79,840	77,810
Utah	1,743	1,743	23,888	23,888	25,060	1,849	846	10,739	10,013	9,491
Vermont	277	227	4,701	4,937	5,317	279	250	2,102	2,252	2,256
Virginia	3,839	3,972	54,108	56,300	58,289	2,793	2,817	28,527	29,456	29,516
Washington	2,711	2,474	40,357	41,643	41,397	2,187	2,265	26,251	25,728	26,138
West Virginia	747	871	12,422	12,977	13,303	736	720	9,237	8,895	9,299
Wisconsin	1,184	1,542	30,271	31,444	32,159	1,525	1,334	17,270	16,885	16,458
Wyoming	81	307	4,718	4,683	4,826	79	222	2,833	2,667	2,610
Puerto Rico	2,450	2,550	18,749	19,045	21,603	1,661	1,515	14,920	14,880	15,454

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¹Figures based on monthly counts and may be underreported.²Figures based on final annual counts.³Figures for marriages are licenses issued for some counties.⁴Figures for marriages are marriage licenses issued.

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