

Did You Know?

Birth Rates in the United States 2006

The 21st century is stereotyped as being an era where women no longer have time for child rearing because of their desire to have a career outside of the home. However, women are giving birth in this country more often than expected and are quite sufficient at holding a job along with raising a family.

- **80.5 million:** Estimated number of mothers of all ages in the United States.
- **2.0:** Average number of children that women today can expect to have in their lifetime.
- **2.6:** Average number of children that women in Utah can expect to have in their lifetime. This state tops the nation in average number of births per woman. Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont have the lowest average number — 1.7 births.
- **7.5:** Average number of children that women in Niger, in Africa, can expect to have in their lifetime. This country has the highest fertility rate in the world. At the other end of the spectrum are Italy and Spain, in Southern Europe, where 1.3 children is the average birth rate.
- **About 4 million:** Number of women who have babies each year in the United States. Of this number, about 415,000 are teen's ages 15 to 19, and more than 100,000 new moms are age 40 or older.
- **13.3%:** Percentage of Arkansas women with a birth in the last year who were teens. This percentage is among the highest in the country.
- **238,000:** Number of cohabiting women who, as of 2006, had given birth in the last year. There were 1.2 million nonmarital births overall.
- **25.2: Average** age of women in the U.S when they give birth for the first time — a record high.
- **1-in-32:** The odds of a woman delivering twins. Her odds of delivering multiple births of three or more babies are approximately 1-in-534.
- **July:** The most popular month in which to have a baby, with 364,226 births taking place that month this year.
- **Tuesday:** The most popular day of the week in which to have a baby, with an average of about 13,000 births taking place on Tuesdays during 2003.

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