

Quick Reference for the FLHealthCHARTS Birth Query System

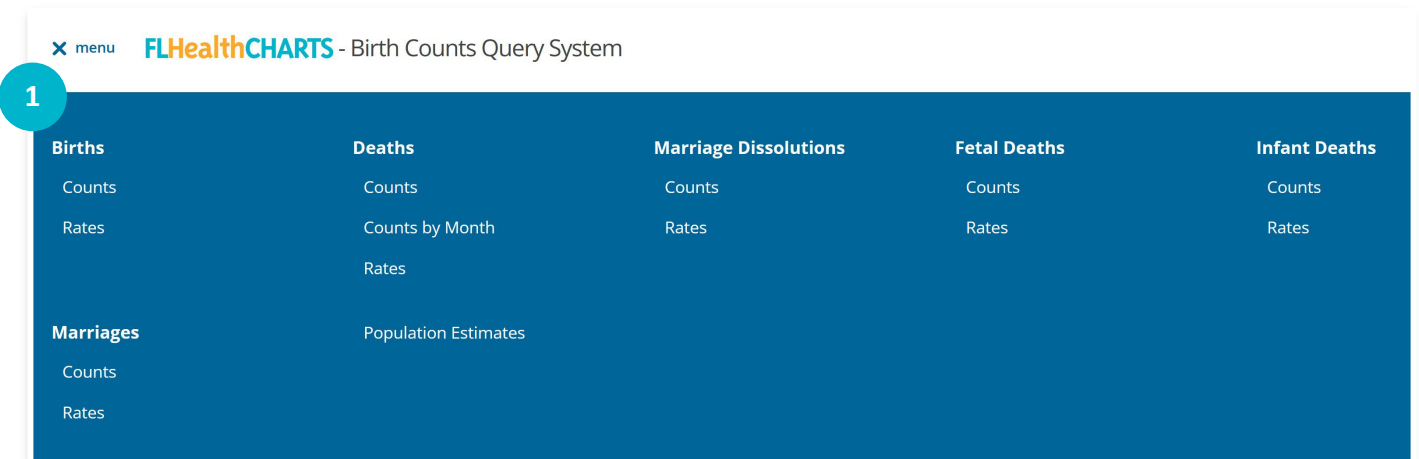
This overview of the FLHealthCHARTS.gov Birth Query System includes the basic functions of the application and frequently asked questions. The system is best viewed in the Chrome browser. An accompanying document, the Birth Query System Data Dictionary, describes each variable in detail.

- Provisional data is updated every day at approximately 5:00 a.m. When final data is published for the year, the term “provisional” is removed and that data will not change.
- If there are no values for the field selected, it will not be displayed.
- The census tract of 99999999999 is an unknown census tract.
- Rates are considered unstable and should be used with caution if they are based on fewer than 5 events or if the denominator (population at risk) is fewer than 20.

Functions and Features of the Birth Query System

Header Navigation

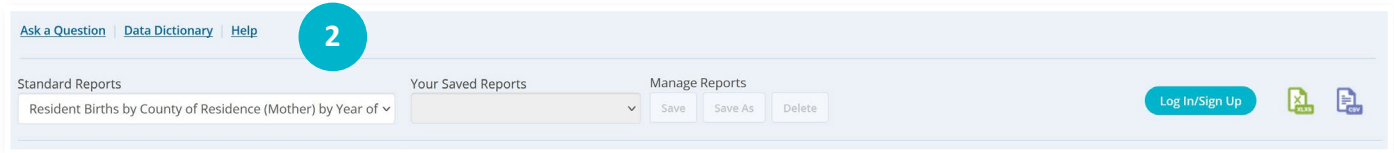
Click the logo to go back to the FLHealthCHARTS landing page.



- Menu
Use this button to switch between query systems.
- Ask a Question
Send us questions about the system.
- Data Dictionary
Learn about the data, its source, and other interpretative information.
- Help
Learn how to use this query system with a PDF guide.

Standard Reports

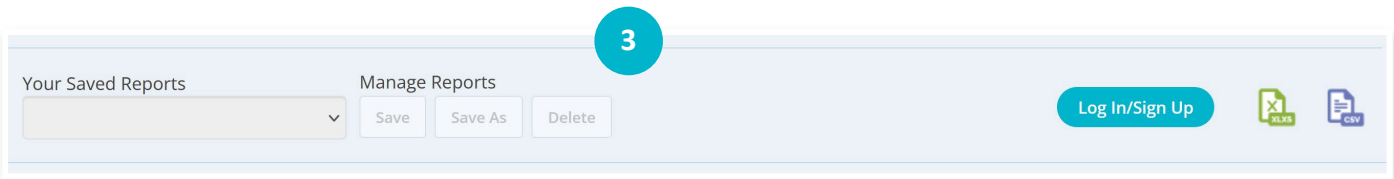
Commonly requested reports are available by clicking the report title in this dropdown menu.



Click the report you want, and it will be displayed. If you want to build your own report, these standard reports provide a great starting point.

Saved Reports

If you register as a CHARTS User, you can create and save your own reports. They will be displayed here.



The report specifications, not the data, are saved. So if you retrieve a report that uses provisional data, the latest data will appear the next time you open it.

→ Manage Reports (*Save, Save as, and Delete*)

Save: Save overwrites changes to an existing report.

Save As: Save As lets you save a report and name it.

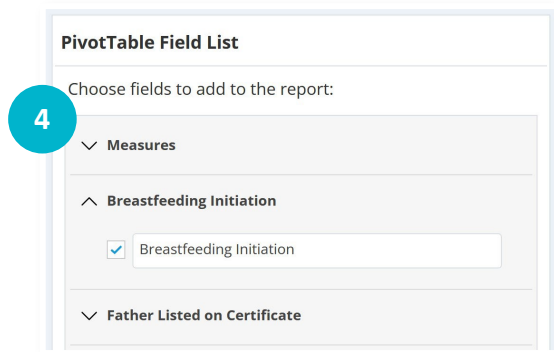
Delete: Delete removes the selected report.

→ Login/Sign Up

Login as a CHARTS User to name reports and save them for use again later.

→ Excel Export

Export the data in your report to Excel in either a .xlsx or .csv format.



Pivot Table Field List

Select the measure of interest in this section.

Use the triangle symbol to expand the selections.

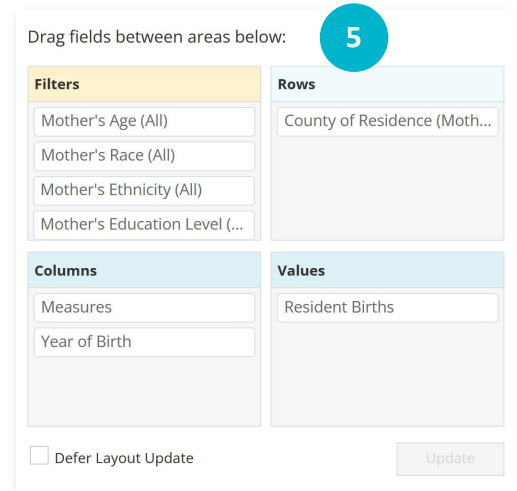
By default, the measure is set to Resident Births. For a measure to become 'active', expand the list, then click in the box. You should only select one measure at a time, but you can select multiple fields such as breastfeeding initiation, father listed on birth certificate and so on.

Your selections are displayed in the data table. Definitions are provided in the Data Dictionary.

Drag Fields Between Areas Below

Learn more using the interactive features of the query system. Select a standard report and observe what is displayed in the filters, columns, rows, and values squares and in the blue area of the report itself.

- The first square is for filters – *you can have up to 5 selections here.*
A filter allows you to limit the data shown to only records with certain characteristics, such as races or birth weights.
- The second square shows the column variables – *you can have up to 3 column variables.*
- The third square shows the rows – *you can have up to 3 row variables.*
- The fourth square shows the values. This is the measure that you selected, such as resident births or recorded births.



Use the ‘Drag fields between areas’ function to change the selections:
Click on a filter, column, or row and drag it to another area.

Use the ‘Pivot Table Field List’ to select other variables for your report by clicking the small triangle to open the selection. Check the box that appears. Your report will automatically include the new, selected variable. You can move it to another location such as row, column, or filter.

Report Results

Your report is presented in a data table.

The title of the report is shown at the top of the table. For example, Resident Births by County of Residence (Mother) by Year of Birth tells you that the data being shown is for resident births. County and Year are the rows and columns of the table.

You can see which items are selected by looking at the boxes at the top of the table. The sections of the report, above the data itself, tell you which filters (the yellow section at the top), values and columns (the darker blue section), and rows (the lighter blue section) are being used in this report. You can easily change selections by clicking the X to remove that item. Click the filter symbol on the left side of the X to see the selection options and check those you want to see.

Resident Births by County of Residence (Mother) by Year of Birth

Drag field here

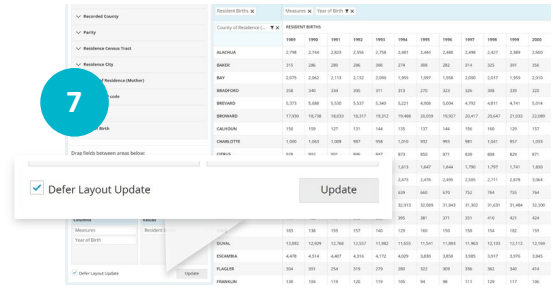
Resident Births X	Measures X	Year of Birth ▼ X										
County of Residence ... X	RESIDENT BIRTHS											
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
ALACHUA	2,798	2,744	2,823	2,556	2,758	2,481	2,444	2,480	2,498	2,427	2,389	2,600
BAKER	315	285	280	286	306	274	308	282	314	325	391	356
BAY	2,075	2,062	2,113	2,132	2,090	1,955	1,997	1,958	2,000	2,017	1,959	2,010
BRADFORD	358	340	334	305	311	313	270	323	326	308	339	330
BREVARD	5,373	5,688	5,530	5,537	5,340	5,221	4,908	5,004	4,792	4,811	4,741	5,014
BROWARD	17,930	18,738	18,033	18,317	19,312	19,488	20,059	19,927	20,417	20,647	21,033	22,089
CALHOUN	150	159	127	131	144	135	137	144	156	160	129	157
CHARLOTTE	1,000	1,063	1,008	987	958	1,010	932	993	981	1,041	957	1,033
CITRUS	928	902	901	896	847	873	850	871	839	808	829	871
CLAY	1,580	1,653	1,620	1,614	1,553	1,613	1,647	1,644	1,790	1,797	1,741	1,830
COLLIER	2,201	2,506	2,359	2,376	2,521	2,473	2,478	2,495	2,505	2,711	2,878	3,064
COLUMBIA	670	685	709	682	666	639	660	670	752	764	755	764
MIAMI-DADE	33,330	34,495	33,481	32,772	33,069	32,913	32,089	31,843	31,302	31,631	31,684	32,300
DESOTO	411	402	417	388	388	395	381	371	351	410	421	424
DIXIE	183	138	139	157	140	129	160	150	158	154	182	159

NOTE: If a measure has selection options that are grouped together, you can click on the arrow symbol in the table itself to get more info about that measure. For example, clicking ► shows details for Other race. Click again on the ▼ to contract it.

Defer Layout Update

Defer Layout Update lets you make multiple selections before the data is displayed or refreshed.

- This feature is best used when you have large amounts of data that will be generated such as zip codes or census tracts.
- When selected, every time you make a change, you must click “Update” for the data to be refreshed on your screen..



Data Notes

This section gives additional, general information about the data including when the provisional data is updated.

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In this system, if there are no values for the field selected, it will not be displayed.

Where 9999999999 is used as a census tract, it is unknown.

Use caution when interpreting rates based on small numbers of events. Rates are considered unstable if they are based on fewer than 5 events or if the denominator (population at risk) is fewer than 20. Use of this tool is for analytical and statistical purposes only.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I get data only for my county?

- A. Select a standard report that uses county, for example, Resident Births by County of Residence (Mother) by Year of Birth. In the data table, click the filter icon for RESIDENCE COUNTY. You will see all counties displayed. Uncheck the box at the top called "select all". Now select only the county or counties that you want by clicking their selection boxes. Click "OK" at the bottom of the listing. Your new report will show up in the table.
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Q. How do I get the state total without seeing all the counties?

- A. Although there is a total at the end of all rows, another way is to simply click the X to remove the county listing. Now the state total is shown in your report.
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Q. How can I format the data in my Excel export as numbers?

- A. Initially, the cells in the Excel export are not numbers. This is so the report can have titles and column and row headings. To convert the data to numbers, select a cell or the range of cells showing the small green triangles, right-click on the exclamation icon and select 'convert to number'. The green triangles in the cells will disappear and your data will be reformatted into numbers. An export to csv format is also available. The csv format will display the data as numbers. However, in some cases, you may need to edit the text for titles, columns and rows.
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Q. My table is blank! What does this mean?

- A. A blank table means your selections resulted in no data. If this happens, there is no data for your selections. For example, you may have removed the measure, or you may have removed all selections from a row, column, or filter area. If this is the case, add some selections. Another reason may be that, given the combination of factors you have selected, there were no occurrences. If your age range is small, the number of years is small, or the geography (county, city, zip, census tract) is a small area, then it is possible there were not any of the events you selected. Try expanding the selection criteria to obtain results.