

About the FLHealthCHARTS Birth Query System

The Birth Query System provides counts and rates for Florida’s resident and recorded births as reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics on birth certificates. 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.

This system provides data from 1989 forward. Descriptions below include the changes to the types of data collected over time and the years of their availability.

Pivot Table Field List for Modifying and Creating Reports

Measures	Availability	Description
Note: Expand the measures symbol (Σ) to view the options in the online system.		
Recorded Births	Birth Counts	Number of infants born in Florida, regardless of the mothers’ residence state. (recorded) (1989 forward)
Repeat Births to Teens	Birth Counts	Number of singleton and first-born of multiple births where the mother had at least one previous live birth and is less than 20 years old (1989 forward)
Resident Births	Birth Counts Birth Counts	Number of infants born to mothers who were Florida residents at time of birth, regardless of state of birth (1989 forward)
Resident Fetal Death plus Resident Live Births	Birth Counts	Number of fetal deaths (stillbirths) resulting in a baby born without signs of life after at least 20 weeks gestation and number of live births to mothers who were Florida residents at time of fetal death or live birth (1989 forward)
Resident Birth Rate per 1000 Total Population	Birth Rates	Number of births per 1,000 population, available for Birth Rates only (1989 forward)
Resident Fertility Rate per 1000	Birth Rates	Number of resident births per 1,000 females ages 15-44, available for Birth Rates only (1989 forward)

Row, Column and Filter Variables	Description
Note: Variables are found in both the count and rate query systems unless otherwise noted.	
Breastfeeding Initiation	<p>Infant was being breastfed at the time the birth certificate was completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown <p>(2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown)</p>
Father Listed on Certificate	<p>The last name of the father of baby was listed on the birth certificate - Yes, No</p> <p>(2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown)</p>
High Risk Pregnancy	<p>Mother had history of gestational or prepregnancy diabetes, chronic or gestational hypertension, previous preterm delivery or other previous poor birth outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown <p>(2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown)</p>

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NICU Level III	Hospital where birth occurred was a Level III NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown (2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown)
Kotelchuck Prenatal Care Index	The Kotelchuck Index uses the date prenatal care began and the number of prenatal visits to classify the adequacy of prenatal care into these groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate (less than 50% of expected visits) • Intermediate (50%-79%),3. Adequate (80%-109%), • Adequate Plus (110% or more). • Unknown (1989 forward) See Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index (Kottelchuck Index) note Beginning in April 2018, the percentage excludes from the denominator cases with unknown date prenatal care began or unknown number of prenatal visits.
Mother Not Born in US	Mother was born outside of the U.S. – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown (2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown) Yes means mother was not born in the US. No means mother was born in US.
Mother’s Education Level	Mother’s level of education at the time of birth grouped as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <high school (expand to see 8th grade or less, 9th-12th grade no diploma) • High school graduate or higer (expand to see high school graduate or GED, some college but no degree, Associate’s Degree, Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree, Doctorate Degree) • Unknown (2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown) See Mother’s Education note . Beginning in April 2018, mothers with unknown education were excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.
Mother’s Marital Status	Marital Status of mother at time of birth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married • Not married • Other or unknown status (1989 forward)
Mother’s Pre-pregnancy BMI	Pre-pregnancy body mass index (BMI) of mother – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underweight (<18.5) • Normal Weight (18.5-24.9) – this is a healthy weight • Overweight (25.0-29.9) • Obese I (30.0-34.9) (A BMI of 30+ is obese) • Obese II (35.0-39.9) (A BMI of 30+ is obese) • Obese III (BMI >40) (A BMI of 30+ is obese) • Unknown BMI (2004 forward, prior to 2004 all are classified as unknown) Beginning in April 2018, mothers with unknown pre pregnancy weight or height were excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage
Mother’s WIC Participation	Mother received WIC food for herself during this pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown (2004 forward)

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Mother's Smoking Status	Mother smoked during pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Yes, but quit during pregnancy • Unknown (1989 forward) See Mother's Smoking Status note
Number of Prenatal Visits	Number of prenatal visits during this pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 visits • 1 visit • 2-7 visits • 8-15 visits • 16-24 visits • 25+ visits • Unknown visits (1989 forward)
Plurality	Plurality of birth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singleton • Twins • Triplets • Quadruplets or more, • Unknown (1989 forward)
Trimester Prenatal Care Began	Trimester prenatal care began <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Trimester • 2nd Trimester • 3rd Trimester • No prenatal care • Unknown prenatal care status (1989 forward). Beginning in April 2018, mothers with unknown prenatal care were excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.
Mother's Age	Age of mother at time of birth Grouped as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-14 • 15-44 • 45+ • Unknown. Groups can be expanded to show single years of age. (for 1989 forward)
Birth Attendant	Attendant at Birth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Doctor (MD) • Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) • Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) • Licensed Midwife (LM) • Other, Unknown (1989 forward)
Delivery Method	Final method of delivery for this birth - grouped as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaginal (Vaginal- no prior c-section, Vaginal birth after c-section, Vaginal birth - unknown delivery history) • C-Section (Primary C-section, Repeat C-section, C-section birth unknown delivery history) • Unknown (1989 forward)

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Delivery Payment Source	<p>Payment source for delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid • Private Insurance • Self-pay • Other • Unknown <p>(2004 forward)</p> <p>Starting April 2018, mothers with unknown payment source were excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.</p>
Birth Facility Type	<p>Facility where birth occurred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital • Freestanding birth center • Clinic or doctor's office • Home birth • En route or other place • Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p>
Infant Transferred	<p>Infant was transferred to another facility within 24 hours of delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • Unknown <p>(2004 forward)</p>
Inter-pregnancy interval	<p>Interval between births</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < 6 months • 6-11 months • 12-17 months • 18-23 months • 24-35 months • 36+ months • No prior pregnancies, Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p> <p>An interval of <18 months is considered undesirable in terms of the mother's health and optimal outcome for the infant.</p>
Birth Weight of Infant	<p>Infant's birth weight in grams -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <2500 grams (expands to <1500 grams (expands to <500, 500-749, 750-999, 1000-1249, 1250-1499) • 1500-2499 (expands to 1500-1999, 2000-2400)), 2500+ grams (expands to 2500-3999, 4000+) • Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p>
Obstetric Estimate of Gestation	<p>Clinical Obstetric Estimate of Gestation in Weeks</p> <p>The birth attendant's estimate of the gestational age of the infant at the time of birth. Grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <32 (<21, 21-23, 24-25, 26-27,28-29,30-31) and can also be expanded to display individual weeks starting with week 21. Note: Very Pre-term Births are defined as an obstetric estimate of gestational age <32 weeks) • 32-36 (32-33, 34-36) and can also be expanded to display individual weeks. • 37+ (37-28, 39-40, 41-42, 43+) and can also be expanded to display individual weeks to 43+. • Unknown weeks <p><u>See gestation note.</u></p> <p>(1989 forward)</p>

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Month of Birth	Month of birth grouped by calendar year, available for birth counts only (1989 forward)
Mother's Ethnicity	<p>Mother's ethnicity:</p> <p>Birth Counts Section grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic (Central/South American, Cuban, Mexican, Other or Unknown Hispanic, Puerto Rican) • Non-Hispanic (Haitian, Non-Hispanic) • Unknown <p>Birth Rates Section grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic • Non-Hispanic • Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p>
Mother's Race	<p>Mother's race:</p> <p>Birth Counts Section grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White • Black • Other (can be further expanded to American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino, Korean, Other races, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Asian Other, Guam, Samoan, Other Pacific Islander, More than one race) • Unknown <p>Birth Rates Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White • Black and Other (Black, Other) • Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p>
Gravida	<p>A count of all pregnancies, resulting in either a live birth or other termination of pregnancy, a mother has had (including the pregnancy that resulted in the current live birth).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9 • 10 • 11+ • Unknown <p>(1989 forward)</p>
Recorded County	Florida County where the birth occurred – Lists all 67 counties (1989 forward)
Parity	<p>A count of all previous live births (not including the current live birth) and fetal deaths that occurred after 24 weeks gestation a mother has had.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 • 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9 • 10 • 11+ • Unknown (1989 forward)
Residence Census Tract	<p>Residence census tracts are presented based on the mother's residence census tract for the address listed on birth certificate. Florida residents only (1995 forward for final data. Census tracts are not available for provisional years of data.)</p> <p>Census tracts are presented first by county which should be expanded to show census tracts. Data are available for 1995 forward for final data. Census tracts are not available for provisional data.</p> <p>Data in this application are mapped to the US Census Bureau's census tracts and are displayed according to the years listed below. If census tracts persist from one period to another, those tracts will be repeated over multiple rows.</p> <p>1995-2006: US Census Bureau's 2000 Census Tracts 2007-2019: US Census Bureau's 2010 Census Tracts 2020 forward: US Census Bureau's 2020 Census Tracts</p> <p>The link below provides a census tract and related demographic information based on a street address: https://geomap.ffiec.gov/FFIECGeocMap/GeocodeMap1.aspx</p>
Residence City (Birth Count Query only)	<p>Mother's Residence city Reported for incorporated cities of 2,400 or more population. Others are included in 'balance of county'. Data is grouped by county. Florida residents only (2004 forward)</p>
County of Residence (Mother)	<p>Florida county of residence of the mother Lists all 67 counties (1989 forward)</p>
Resident Zip Code (Birth Count Query only)	<p>Current residence zip code (for births it is the mother's current residence zip code as listed on birth certificate) - Florida residents only, initially presented by county. (for 1991 forward)</p>
Sex	<p>Gender of the infant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female • Male • Unknown (1989 forward)
Year of Birth	<p>Year of birth (1989 forward)</p>

Notes:**Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) Index (Kotelchuck Index)**

The Kotelchuck Index, also called the Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) Index, uses two crucial elements obtained from birth certificate data: when prenatal care began (initiation) and the number of prenatal visits from when prenatal care began until delivery (received services). The Kotelchuck index classifies the adequacy of initiation as follows: pregnancy months 1 and 2, months 3 and 4, months 5 and 6, and months 7 to 9, with the underlying assumption that the earlier prenatal care begins the better. To classify the adequacy of received services, the number of prenatal visits is compared to the expected number of visits for the period between when care began and the delivery date. The expected number of visits is based on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists prenatal care standards for uncomplicated pregnancies and is adjusted for the gestational age when care began and for the gestational age at delivery. A ratio of observed to expected visits is calculated and grouped into four categories indicated below.

1. Inadequate (received less than 50% of expected visits)
2. Intermediate (50%-79%)
3. Adequate (80%-109%)
4. Adequate Plus (110% or more)

Mother's Education Level: The wording of the birth certificate changed in 2004. Prior to 2004, the highest grade level completed was listed on the certificate. The number of years ranged from 0 to 17, with 17 standing for 17 years or more, 99 represented unknown education. Starting in 2004, the question was changed to "What was highest educational degree achieved by mother?" The responses are: 1) 8th grade or less 2) 9th-12th grade; no diploma 3) high school graduate or GED 4) Some college but no degree 5) Associate's Degree (E.G., AA, AS) 6) Bachelor's Degree (E.G., BA, AB, BS) 7) Master's Degree (E.G., MA, MS) 8) Doctorate Degree (E.G., PHD, EDD) 9) Unknown. Because the data are not directly comparable between the previous and current question about mother's education, the data are provided only for 2004 forward.

Mother's Smoking Status: Prior to January 2011, Florida's question about smoking differed from the National Center for Health Statistics' recommend question. Additionally, the question changed over time. Prior to 2004, the choices were Yes, No or Unknown. Starting in 2004, the responses were changed to Yes, No, Yes, but quit during pregnancy, or Unknown. The data are presented by categories of response, but there are no "Yes, but quit during pregnancy" responses prior to 2004 since that was not an option. Due to these changes, data is not comparable across years or in relation to other states.

Special Reports: The special report called "Repeat Births to teens by County of Residence (Mother) by Year of Birth" includes both resident and recorded events.

Changes and Updates:

May 22, 2023 Added description of census tracts used by year of data.