

LIVE BIRTHS

DEFINITION: Total number of live births, disaggregated by race.

SIGNIFICANCE

The number of babies born in Louisiana each year is an important piece of data for anticipating the state's future needs. The number of babies born in a given year will affect the number of child care centers, schools, and pediatricians a region will need in the years to come.

The number of babies born to Louisiana mothers each year declined by 2,000 between 1996 and 2006, from 65,186 to 63,186. The demographic makeup of births closely mirrors that of the child population as a whole. In 2006, 95 out of every 100 Louisiana babies were born to mothers who identified as either non-Hispanic black or non-Hispanic white. Hispanics make up the next-largest group, accounting for 3.7% of all Louisiana births in 2006.¹ Approximately 1.5% of all births in Louisiana in 2006 were to Asian women and 0.7% were to American-Indian women.²

In 2006, Louisiana had a similar proportion of births to white women as the nation as a whole, with births to white mothers accounting for 55% of all births in Louisiana and 54% of all births nationwide. Reflecting the fact that Louisiana has a relatively large proportion of African-American residents, the percentage of births to black women was much higher in Louisiana (38%) than in the United States as a whole (15%). Likewise, a much smaller proportion of Louisiana births were to Hispanic women (3.7%) than the nation as a whole (24.4%).³

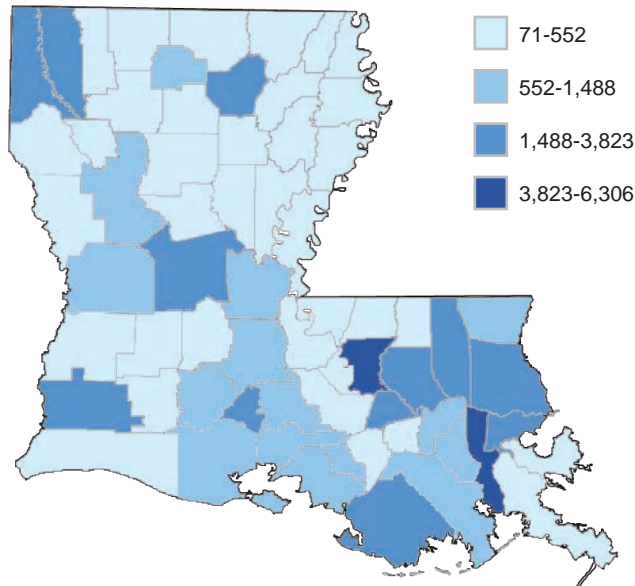
DATA SOURCE

Live births 2001-2006: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

RATE CALCULATION

$100 * (\text{number of births to black women} \div \text{total number of births})$

$100 * (\text{number of births to white women} \div \text{total number of births})$



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¹ National Center for Health Statistics, "Final Natality Data," retrieved from www.marchofdimes.com/peristats on 7/9/2009.

² *ibid.*

³ *ibid.*

LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE

2006	TOTAL	BLACK		WHITE	
	No.	No.	%	No.	%
LOUISIANA	63,186	24,293	38.4	36,809	58.3
Acadia	907	220	24.3	683	75.3
Allen	382	80	20.9	283	74.1
Ascension	1,715	437	25.5	1,254	73.1
Assumption	282	120	42.6	160	56.7
Avoyelles	629	231	36.7	388	61.7
Beauregard	524	61	11.6	450	85.9
Bienville	194	86	44.3	108	55.7
Bossier	1,766	457	25.9	1,255	71.1
Caddo	3,823	2,255	59.0	1,503	39.3
Calcasieu	2,874	882	30.7	1,938	67.4
Caldwell	137	27	19.7	110	80.3
Cameron	74	<5	LNE	73	98.6
Catahoula	141	41	29.1	100	70.9
Claiborne	209	116	55.5	92	44.0
Concordia	270	140	51.9	128	47.4
De Soto	400	192	48.0	205	51.3
East Baton Rouge	6,306	3,670	58.2	2,397	38.0
East Carroll	135	115	85.2	20	14.8
East Feliciana	284	138	48.6	144	50.7
Evangeline	552	182	33.0	368	66.7
Franklin	307	131	42.7	174	56.7
Grant	283	40	14.1	239	84.5
Iberia	1,208	493	40.8	688	57.0
Iberville	463	276	59.6	186	40.2
Jackson	193	64	33.2	128	66.3
Jefferson	5,666	1,913	33.8	3,129	55.2
Jefferson Davis	482	87	18.0	386	80.1
Lafayette	3,155	1,133	35.9	1,938	61.4
Lafourche	1,316	265	20.1	994	75.5
La Salle	179	26	14.5	149	83.2
Lincoln	593	277	46.7	301	50.8
Livingston	1,871	92	4.9	1,763	94.2
Madison	178	133	74.7	44	24.7
Morehouse	401	208	51.9	191	47.6
Natchitoches	620	330	53.2	280	45.2
Orleans	2,626	1,644	62.6	810	30.8
Ouachita	2,401	1,112	46.3	1,256	52.3
Plaquemines	294	67	22.8	210	71.4
Pointe Coupee	311	155	49.8	155	49.8
Rapides	2,022	787	38.9	1,192	59.0
Red River	160	86	53.8	74	46.3
Richland	308	147	47.7	158	51.3
Sabine	346	80	23.1	241	69.7
St. Bernard	200	22	11.0	173	86.5
St. Charles	719	242	33.7	449	62.4
St. Helena	114	73	64.0	41	36.0
St. James	307	181	59.0	126	41.0
St. John the Baptist	770	469	60.9	282	36.6
St. Landry	1,488	741	49.8	732	49.2
St. Martin	764	325	42.5	435	56.9
St. Mary	804	317	39.4	463	57.6
St. Tammany	3,102	397	12.8	2,610	84.1
Tangipahoa	1,937	815	42.1	1,101	56.8
Tensas	71	54	76.1	17	23.9
Terrebonne	1,752	404	23.1	1,203	68.7
Union	341	132	38.7	207	60.7
Vermilion	851	199	23.4	628	73.8
Vernon	938	165	17.6	725	77.3
Washington	723	273	37.8	446	61.7
Webster	511	193	37.8	316	61.8
West Baton Rouge	348	146	42.0	202	58.0
West Carroll	154	33	21.4	120	77.9
West Feliciana	112	46	41.1	65	58.0
Winn	193	69	35.8	123	63.7