

Supplemental Table 9. Comparison of Childbearing Patterns Between Preliminary Vital Statistics Estimates for Calendar Year 2005, the June 2006 Current Population Survey, and the 2006 American Community Survey

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(Percent distribution. Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Vital Statistics 2005	CPS July 2005 to June 2006		ACS 2006	
		Estimate	Margin of error ¹	Estimate	Margin of error ¹
Number of births	4,138	3,974	142	4,183	37
Percent distribution	100.0	100.0	(X)	100.0	(X)
AGE²					
Under 20 years	10.2	10.5	1.1	6.7	0.2
20 to 24 years	25.1	23.5	1.6	22.4	0.4
25 to 29 years	27.3	26.3	1.6	28.1	0.4
30 to 34 years	23.0	22.3	1.5	23.6	0.3
35 years and over	14.4	17.3	1.4	19.3	0.2
RACE³					
.White only	78.0	79.4	1.5	67.6	0.4
..White only, not Hispanic	55.1	60.0	1.8	57.3	0.4
.Black only	15.3	12.9	1.2	14.5	0.3
.Asian and Pacific Islander or Asian only	5.6	4.5	0.8	5.0	0.2
HISPANIC ORIGIN (of any race)⁴					
Hispanic	23.8	20.9	1.5	20.9	0.4
MARITAL STATUS⁵					
.Currently married and separated	63.1	65.9	1.8	67.2	0.4
.Unmarried	36.9	34.2	1.8	32.8	0.4
BIRTH ORDER⁶					
First birth	39.6	39.0	1.8	NA	NA
Second or higher	60.4	61.0	1.8	NA	NA

Note: The universe for the CPS is Women 15 to 44 years old at the time of interview between July 2005 to June 2006. The universe for vital statistics is for all women with births in 2005. The universe for ACS is women 15 to 50 in 2006 who had a birth in the past year.

1/ When the margin of error is added to or subtracted from the point estimate, it produces a 90 percent confidence interval.

2/ Vital Statistics data reflect the age of the mothers at the time of child's birth. CPS data indicate age of women at survey date.

3/ Race of mother. CPS data refers to White only; White only, not Hispanic; Black only; and Asian only (these differ and are not necessarily comparable to the Vital statistics race categories of White; White, not Hispanic; Black; and Asian and Pacific Islander).

4/ Origin of mother.

5/ CPS data refer to marital status of women at the time of interview and include as currently married never married women at the time of their first birth who subsequently married by the time of the interview. Vital Statistics data refer to marital status at the time of the birth.

6/ 0.2 percent of birth certificates did not report birth order to Vital Statistics.

Source: Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Sutton PD, Ventura SJ, Menacker F, Kirmeyer S, Munson ML. Births: Final data for 2005. National vital statistics reports; vol 56 no 6. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2007. U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, June 2006 and American Community Survey, 2006.

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