

# County-, State-, and National-Level Birth Counts and Fertility Rates, United States, 1982–2024

CODEBOOK

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## Project Overview and Data Construction

These rates were computed from the United States Population Estimates Program (PEP) data published by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each year, the Census Bureau produces resident population estimates since the most recent decennial census by using measures of population change (births, deaths, migration) through a cohort-component method. Estimates are generated by age and sex allowing for the computation of crude birth and general fertility rates (U.S. Census Bureau, 2024).

The initial datasets were obtained as text, CSV, or Excel files from the Census Bureau's website and imported into Stata for processing. All computations were conducted in Stata. Consistent with best practices for data archiving, the datasets were documented and preserved in the form in which they were acquired. Subsequent revisions or updates released by the Census Bureau after the acquisition date are not incorporated into these files.

### Methods / Data Construction

County-level birth and fertility rates were constructed by merging annual Census Population Estimates Program (PEP) components-of-change files with corresponding intercensal and postcensal population estimates by age and sex. Birth counts were used as numerators, and total population and female population aged 15–44 were used as denominators for the computation of crude birth rates (CBR) and general fertility rates (GFR), respectively. All data processing, harmonization, and rate calculations were conducted in Stata v. 16 using reproducible scripts. No imputation was performed for missing numerator or denominator values; rates were calculated only where geographic alignment between numerators and denominators was present. County-level rates reflect contemporaneous Census geography for each year and do not impose a standardized historical county boundary.

Variable labels and formats used in internal processing files (e.g., Stata) are documented in this codebook but are not embedded in the distributed CSV files due to format limitations.

## Primary Data Sources

This dataset integrates county-level birth counts and population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau through the Population Estimates Program (PEP) and related federal statistical programs. Birth counts are drawn directly from Census county-level PEP components-of-change files, which report annual resident live births as part of the population estimation process. While the Census Bureau explicitly documents upstream data sources for many other published derived statistics, PEP components-of-change files do not identify the administrative or survey sources underlying individual components. Accordingly, birth counts are treated here as Census-produced statistical outputs rather than republished vital statistics microdata. Population denominators are drawn from intercensal and postcensal PEP estimates by age and sex. Geographic identifiers and historical continuity measures are sourced from the National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS).

## References

1980–1990

### *Numerator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population and components of change: 1980–1990 (COMP8090)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/1980-1990/counties/totals/comp8090.zip>

### *Denominator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: 1980–1990 (PE-02)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/1980-1990/counties/asrh/pe-02.csv>

1990–2000

### *Numerator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates and components of change: 1990–2000 (2000c8\_00)* [Data set]. [https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/1990-2000/estimates-and-change-1990-2000/2000c8\\_00.txt](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/1990-2000/estimates-and-change-1990-2000/2000c8_00.txt)

### *Denominator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *Intercensal population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin for states and counties: 1990–2000* [Data set]. <https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/time-series/demo/popest/intercensal-1990-2000-state-and-county-characteristics.html>

2000–2010

### *Numerator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates: April 1, 2010 evaluation estimates (CO-EST2010-ALLDATA)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010/2010-eval-estimates/co-est2010-alldata.csv>

*Denominator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *Intercensal population estimates by age and sex for counties: 2000–2010 (CO-EST00INT-AGESEX-5YR)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2000-2010/intercensal/county/co-est00int-agesex-5yr.csv>

2010–2020

*Numerator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates: 2010–2020 (CO-EST2020-ALLDATA)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/counties/totals/co-est2020-alldata.csv>

*Denominator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *Intercensal population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin for counties: 2010–2020 (CC-EST2020INT-AGESEX-ALL)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2010-2020/intercensal/county/asrh/cc-est2020int-agesex-all.csv>

2020–2024

*Numerator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates: 2020–2024 (CO-EST2024-ALLDATA)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2024/counties/totals/co-est2024-alldata.csv>

*Denominator*

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *County population estimates by age and sex: 2020–2024 (CC-EST2024-AGESEX-ALL)* [Data set]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2024/counties/asrh/cc-est2024-agesex-all.csv>

## Abbreviations, Rate Definitions, & Computation Methods

### Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

**Definition.** A set of standardized numeric codes developed by the U.S. federal government to uniquely identify geographic entities such as states and counties. In this dataset, state and county FIPS codes are provided in both numeric and zero-padded string formats. When used in tandem, these identifiers uniquely identify counties and support consistent merging, sorting, and cross-dataset compatibility across Census and Population Estimates Program (PEP) data products.

### Population Estimates Program (PEP)

**Definition.** The U.S. Census Bureau's program that produces annual estimates of the resident population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin for states, counties, and other geographic areas between decennial censuses. In this dataset, PEP data are used as population denominators for the computation of birth and fertility rates.

### Birth Counts

**Definition.** Refers to the annual number of resident live births occurring within a given geographic area and calendar year. In this dataset, birth counts are used as numerators in the computation of crude birth rates (CBR) and general fertility rates (GFR).

Although births are one component of population change used by the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program (PEP) to produce annual population estimates, in this data product birth counts and population denominators originate from distinct Census data products and are treated as analytically separate inputs for rate construction.

### Crude Birth Rate (CBR)

**Definition.** The crude birth rate is the number of live births in a population during a calendar year divided by the total population, multiplied by 1,000. It reflects the general level of fertility but does not account for the sex and age structure of the population. Values are stored at full floating-point precision.

#### **Equation.**

$$CBR = ( \text{Number of live births} / \text{Total population} ) \times 1000$$

### General Fertility Rate (GFR)

**Definition.** The general fertility rate is the number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44 in a given year. It measures fertility among the population at risk of childbearing (females ages 15-44) and is a standard population-level indicator of fertility. Values are stored at full floating-point precision.

#### **Equation.**

$$GFR = ( \text{Number of live births} / \text{Number of females aged 15-44} ) \times 1000$$

## File Layout

The dataset is provided in both long and wide formats.

The long format files are intended for longitudinal and panel-based analyses, whereas the wide format files facilitate descriptive analyses, visualization, and use in software environments that require one record per geographic unit.

### Long Format

The long format file has one record per county-year observation. The file includes annual data for all U.S. counties and county-equivalents for the years 1982 through 2024. The resulting unit of analysis for the long format file is county-year. The file contains 138,279 county-year observations.

Each row contains the following types of variables:

- Identification variables
  - `gisjoin` Stable historical county continuity ID (NHGIS)
  - `statefp` FIPS state code (numeric)
  - `countyfp` FIPS county code (numeric)
  - `statefp_str` FIPS state code, zero-padded strings
  - `countyfp_str` FIPS county code, zero-padded strings
  - `geoid` County code, zero-padded strings
  - `statenh` NHGIS state geographic identifier
  - `countynh` NHGIS County geographic identifier
  - `state` State name
  - `county` County name
  - `year` Calendar year
- Analytic variables
  - `births` Annual resident live births
  - `popest` Total population estimate
  - `age1544_fem` Female population aged 15-44
  - `cbr` Crude birth rate
  - `gfr` General fertility rate

State- and national-level totals are included in the long-format file to facilitate within-file comparisons across geographic levels.

- `births_state` Annual resident live births (state total)
- `popest_state` Total population estimate (state total)
- `age1544_fem_state` Female population aged 15-44 (state total)
- `cbr_state` Crude birth rate
- `gfr_state` General fertility rate
- `births_us` Annual resident live births (US total)
- `popest_us` Total population estimate (US total)
- `age1544_fem_us` Female population aged 15-44 (US total)



## Using the Data

The data files associated with this release are distributed in comma-separated values (CSV) format for broad compatibility across statistical software packages. Variable names in the CSV files correspond exactly to those documented in this codebook. Due to format limitations, variable labels, units, and descriptive metadata are not embedded in the CSV files and should be applied by users after import as needed. All variable definitions, construction details, and summary statistics are provided in this codebook, which serves as the authoritative metadata reference for this data product.

## Known Limitations and Geographic Notes

This section documents known data limitations arising from Census geographic boundary changes, identifier revisions, and the treatment of county equivalents over time. These cases reflect published Census practices and data availability in the underlying source files, rather than errors introduced during data processing.

### Nonstandard Estimation Period for Births (1981)

Birth counts for 1981 are not included in the archive. In the Census components-of-change file for 1980–1990, the first estimation period spans April 1, 1980, through June 30, 1981 (a 15-month interval), which is not comparable to subsequent annual estimate periods. To preserve temporal consistency across the birth series, the archive begins with 1982, the first full 12-month estimation period.

### Missing County-Year Observations

As a result of these factors, a small number of county-year observations are missing either birth counts, or population estimate. These observations are retained with missing values rather than imputed in order to preserve consistency with the original Census data.

### Variation in County Coverage Over Time

The total number of counties represented in the dataset varies slightly across years. In some years, the number of counties represented does not exactly match the official count of U.S. counties for that year due to historical Census reporting practices, changes in county-equivalent definitions, and identifier revisions. These discrepancies are retained as observed and documented where relevant in the state-specific notes below.

### Constructed Births and Rates for 1990

Birth counts for 1990 are constructed from two partial estimation periods spanning the 1980–1990 and 1990–2000 Census components-of-change files. Specifically, births for July 1, 1989, through March 30, 1990, are drawn from the 1980–1990 components files, and births for April 1, 1990, through July 1, 1990, are drawn from the subsequent components file. These components are combined to approximate a full demographic year ending in 1990.

As a result, the 1990 birth count and derived crude birth rate (CBR) and general fertility rate (GFR) for that year are computed variables and should be interpreted with caution relative to adjacent years.

## State-Specific Geographic Notes

### Alaska

Alaska does not have counties. County-equivalent units (boroughs and census areas) have changed over time due to borough formation and boundary revisions. Birth counts and population estimates are reported using contemporaneous Census geography. Rates are calculated only where numerator and denominator geographies align; no attempt is made to harmonize Alaska county equivalents across time.

## Colorado

Broomfield County, Colorado (FIPS 08-014) was created in 2001 from portions of Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld counties. County-level population estimates, and birth counts are therefore unavailable for Broomfield County prior to its creation.

## Connecticut

Connecticut counties are no longer recognized as county-level statistical units beginning with the 2020 Census. Population estimates are published for planning regions, which are treated as county equivalents by the Census Bureau. Accordingly, Connecticut data in this archive are reported at the county level through 2019 and at the planning-region level from 2020 forward. Rates are calculated only where numerator and denominator geographies are aligned.

## Florida

Miami-Dade County transitions from county FIPS code 25 to 86 in 1990 in Census Population Estimates Program data. In the transition year, birth counts, and population denominators are reported under different identifiers, and the birth count differs substantially from adjacent years. No county-level birth rate is calculated for Miami-Dade County in 1990.

## South Dakota

Shannon County, South Dakota (FIPS 46-113) was renamed Oglala Lakota County (FIPS 46-102). The 2010 birth count was reassigned to FIPS 46-102 to maintain identifier continuity across the rename; no geographic change occurred.

## Virginia

Several Virginia independent cities (e.g., Bedford City, Clifton Forge City, South Boston City) appear in birth records after population estimates for those cities were discontinued due to reversion to county status. These observations retain birth counts but have missing population denominators.

## References

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *1980-1990 components of change file documentation (COMP8090)* [TECHNICAL documentation]. [https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/file-layouts/1980-1990/comp8090\\_doc.txt](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/file-layouts/1980-1990/comp8090_doc.txt)

U.S. Census Bureau. (2024, December). *Methodology for the United States population estimates: Vintage 2024: Nation, states, counties, and Puerto Rico—April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024* (Version 2024) [PDF]. <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2024/methods-statement-v2024.pdf>

## Missing Values & Data Flags

0	Data were reported for this county for this year and value was 0
“.”	Data were not reported for this year in this county

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<b>denom_available</b>	Denominator available for rate calculation (1=yes)
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type: numeric (byte)  
 range: [0,1] unites: 1  
 unique values: 2 missing . : 0/136,052  
 tabulation: Freq. Value  
                   934 0  
                   135,118 1

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<b>pep_regime</b>	Census population estimate regime
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type: numeric (byte)  
 range: [1,5] unites: 1  
 unique values: 5 missing . : 0/136,052  
 tabulation: Freq. Numeric Label  
                   25,312 1 Pre-1990 intercensal  
                   31,640 2 1990s intercensal  
                   31,640 3 2000s intercensal  
                   31,640 4 2010s intercensal  
                   15,820 5 2020s postcensal

## Variable Descriptions & Summary Statistics

This section provides detailed metadata for each variable included in the dataset, including definitions, data type, valid ranges, and frequency distributions.

*Note:* Summary statistics presented in this section were generated using the finalized long-format dataset in Stata.

<b>gisjoin</b>	Stable historical county continuity identifier (NHGIS GISJOIN)
type:	string
unique values:	3,151                      missing "": 559/136,052
examples:	"G1700510" "G2600470" "G3601130" "G4701650"

GISJOIN is a standard identifier used in [National Historical Geographic Information System \(NHGIS\)](#) data tables and boundary files. It always begins with a “G” prefix and are based on Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) codes with one digit added to differentiate historical areas (e.g., for current states and counties, the NHGIS code matches the FIPS codes with a “0” appended).

### Utility of GISJOIN – Handling of Leading Zeros and Storing as Text vs. Numbers

Many software programs automatically interpret numeric codes as numbers, which can remove leading zeros. For example, the state FIPS code for Colorado is “08,” but is often read and stored as the number 8. The “G” prefix used in GISJOIN ensures that applications treat these variables as text strings rather than numeric values.

Preserving leading zeros is essential when combining codes to create unique identifiers. For example, concatenating the state code “08” (Colorado) with the county code “001” (Adams County) produces the GEOID “08001” or the GISJOIN “G0800010.” If the codes were stored as numbers (8 and 1), additional steps would be required to restore leading zeros before concatenation. Retaining zeros also facilitates parsing combined identifiers when extracting component codes (e.g., isolating “08” from “08001”).

Consistent data types are critical for data integration. Numeric identifiers cannot be directly matched with text identifiers during joins.

For more information on using NHGIS data and GISJOIN please see their website:

<https://www.nhgis.org/geographic-crosswalks>

<b>statefp</b>	FIPS state code (numeric)
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type: numeric  
 range: [1,56] units: 1  
 unique values: 51 missing . : 0/ 136,052

STATEFP reports the state in which the event occurred/ was issued, using the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) coding scheme. The FIPS scheme orders the states alphabetically.

In its original form STATEFIP is a 2-digit numeric variable, however given conventions of statistical software any leading zeros may have been removed when data were stored as numeric.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Label</u>
01	Alabama	30	Montana
02	Alaska	31	Nebraska
04	Arizona	32	Nevada
05	Arkansas	33	New Hampshire
06	California	34	New Jersey
08	Colorado	35	New Mexico
09	Connecticut	36	New York
10	Delaware	37	North Carolina
11	District of Columbia	38	North Dakota
12	Florida	39	Ohio
13	Georgia	40	Oklahoma
15	Hawaii	41	Oregon
16	Idaho	42	Pennsylvania
17	Illinois	44	Rhode Island
18	Indiana	45	South Carolina
19	Iowa	46	South Dakota
20	Kansas	47	Tennessee
21	Kentucky	48	Texas
22	Louisiana	49	Utah
23	Maine	50	Vermont
24	Maryland	51	Virginia
25	Massachusetts	53	Washington
26	Michigan	54	West Virginia
27	Minnesota	55	Wisconsin
28	Mississippi	56	Wyoming
29	Missouri		

<b>countyfp</b>	FIPS county code (numeric)
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type: numeric  
 range: [1, 840] units: 1  
 unique values: 335 missing . : 0/136,052

COUNTYFIP reports the county in which the event occurred/ was issued using the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) coding scheme. The county FIPS codes are state-dependent and must be combined with their associated state FIPS code (STATEFIP) to uniquely identify each county.

County boundaries—and occasionally county names—have changed over time. This dataset retains the boundaries in effect for each specified year rather than applying a standardized county geography across all years. Users should interpret each county as it existed administratively during the reference year of the data.

In its original form COUNTYFIP is a 3-digit numeric variable, however given conventions of statistical software any leading zeros may have been removed when data were stored as numeric.

*Notes on Missing Values:*

Washington DC has eight administrative wards. They are not treated as county equivalents and do not have FIPS codes.

American Indian Areas are not treated as county equivalents and do not have FIPS codes.

<b>statefp_str</b>	FIPS state code string fmt
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type: string  
 unique values: 51 missing . : 0/ 136,052

<b>countyfp_str</b>	FIPS county code string fmt
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type: string  
 unique values: 335 missing . : 0/ 136,052

<b>geoid</b>	County GEOID (statefp_str + countyfp_str)
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type: string  
 unique values: 3,164 missing . : 0/ 136,052  
 examples: "17069"  
           "26053"  
           "36117"  
           "47173"

<b>statenh</b>	State NHGIS geo ID
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type: numeric (int)  
 range: [10, 560] units: 10  
 unique values: 51 missing: 559/136,052

<b>countynh</b>	County NHGIS geo ID
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type: numeric (int)  
 range: [10, 8400] units: 10  
 unique values: 328 missing: 559/136,052

<b>state</b>	State name
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type: string (str21), but longest is str20  
 unique values: 51 missing "" : 0/136,052  
 examples: "Illinois"  
           "Michigan"  
           "New York"  
           "Tennessee"  
 warning: variable has embedded blanks

<b>county</b>	County name
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type: string (str57), but longest is str46  
 unique values: 1,897 missing "" : 0/136,052  
 examples: "Cook County"  
               "Hertford County"  
               "Menard County"  
               "Sangamon County"  
 warning: variable has embedded blanks

<b>year</b>	Calendar year
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type: numeric (long)  
 range: [1982, 2024] units: 1  
 unique values: 43 missing . : 0/136,052

<b>births</b>	Annual resident live births (Census PEP)
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type: numeric (long)  
 range: [0,203290] units: 1  
 unique values: 10,121 missing . : 940/136,052  
 mean: 1249.69  
 std. dev: 4490.03  
 percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
                   59 132 312 790 2372

*Note:* Number of births occurring during the Census demographic year (July 1 through June 30), as defined in the Census Population Estimates Program. For 1990, births are computed by combining two partial estimation periods across the 1980—1990 and 1990—2000 components-of-change files to approximate a full demographic year.

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<b>popest</b>	Total population estimate (Census PEP)				
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type: numeric (double)  
 range: [43,10125014] units: 1  
 unique values: 74,947 missing . : 934/136,052  
 mean: 91621.2  
 std. dev: 298009  
 percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
                   5184 10799 24384.5 62042 180962

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<b>age1544_fem</b>	Female population aged 15-44 (Census PEP)				
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type: numeric (double)  
 range: [0,2232489] units: 1  
 unique values: 38,204 missing . : 934/136,052  
 mean: 19572.7  
 std. dev: 66918.8  
 percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
                   862 1968 4710.5 12538 38276

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<b>cbr</b>	Crude birth rate [(births/popest)*1000]				
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type: numeric (float)  
 range: [0,62.804974]  
 unique values: 125,311 missing . : 956/136,052  
 mean: 12.7821  
 std. dev: 3.21682  
 percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
                   9.22266 10.7404 12.488 14.4275 16.5975

*Note:* For 1990, the CBR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding population estimate.

<b>gfr</b>	General fertility rate [(births/age1544_fem)*1000]
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type:          numeric (float)
range:         [0,2000]
unique values: 107,108          missing . : 958/136,052
mean:          66.3789
std. dev:      15.2278
percentiles:   10%      25%      50%      75%      90%
                51.6841  57.9878  64.786   72.774   82.8278

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*Note:* for 1990, the GFR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding female population denominator.

<b>births_state</b>	Annual resident live births (state total, sum of counties)
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type:          numeric (float)
range:         [5039,613922]    units:      1
unique values: 2,164          missing . : 0/136,052
mean:          107345
std. dev:      107550
percentiles:   10%      25%      50%      75%      90%
                18956   39506   71586   129077  285662

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*Note:* Number of births occurring during the Census demographic year (July 1 through June 30), as defined in the Census Population Estimates Program. For 1990, births are computed by combining two partial estimation periods across the 1980—1990 and 1990—2000 components-of-change files to approximate a full demographic year.

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<b>popest_state</b>	Total population estimate (state total, sum of counties)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [449608,39547996] units: 1  
unique values: 2,193 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 7.6e+06  
std. dev: 7.2e+06  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
1.4e+06 2.9e+06 5.4e+06 1.0e+07 1.8e+07

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<b>age1544_fem_state</b>	Female population aged 15-44 (state total, sum of counties)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [101425,8168616] units: 1  
unique values: 2,192 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 1.6e+06  
std. dev: 1.2e+06  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
286926 597922 1.2e+06 2.1e+06 4.1e+06

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<b>cbr_state</b>	Crude birth rate (state, per 1,000 total pop)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [7.7703228,26.577948]  
unique values: 2,193 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 13.9177  
std. dev: 2.09557  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
11.3948 12.427 13.8159 15.1155 16.6947

*Note:* For 1990, the CBR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding population estimate.

<b>gfr_state</b>	General fertility rate (state, per 1,000 females 15-44)
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type:          numeric (float)
range:         [40.438107,115.86472]
unique values: 2,193                missing . : 0/136,052
mean:          64.9042
std. dev:      6.80006
percentiles:   10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                57.6054 60.5362 63.9944 68.5138 74.7617

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*Note:* for 1990, the GFR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding female population denominator.

<b>births_us</b>	Annual resident live births (US total, sum of counties)
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type:          numeric (float)
range:         [3584459,4309900]    units:      1
unique values: 43                missing . : 0/136,052
mean:          3.9e+06
std. dev:      183672
percentiles:   10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                3.7e+06 3.8e+06 3.9e+06 4.0e+06 4.2e+06

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*Note:* Number of births occurring during the Census demographic year (July 1 through June 30), as defined in the Census Population Estimates Program. For 1990, births are computed by combining two partial estimation periods across the 1980—1990 and 1990—2000 components-of-change files to approximate a full demographic year.

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<b>popest_us</b>	Total population estimate (US total, sum of counties)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [2.317e+08,3.401e+08] units: 1  
unique values: 43 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 2.9e+08  
std. dev: 3.4e+07  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
2.4e+08 2.6e+08 2.9e+08 3.2e+08 3.3e+08

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<b>age1544_fem_us</b>	Female population aged 15-44 (US total, sum of counties)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [54699328,67402864] units: 1  
unique values: 43 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 6.2e+07  
std. dev: 3.0e+06  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
5.7e+07 5.9e+07 6.2e+07 6.4e+07 6.5e+07

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<b>cbr_us</b>	Crude birth rate (US, per 1,000 total pop)
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type: numeric (float)  
range: [10.601137,16.338247]  
unique values: 43 missing . : 0/136,052  
mean: 13.8246  
std. dev: 1.66912  
percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%  
11.3035 12.4138 14.0559 15.4938 15.7722

*Note:* For 1990, the CBR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding population estimate.

<b>gfr_us</b>	General fertility rate (US, per 1,000 females 15-44)
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type:      numeric (float)
range:     [53.492725,69.695076]
unique values: 43          missing . : 0/136,052
mean:      63.985
std. dev:  4.0429
percentiles: 10%      25%      50%      75%      90%
              57.7463  62. 2825  65. 1567  66. 4698  68.6005

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*Note:* for 1990, the GFR is computed using the constructed 1990 birth count and the corresponding female population denominator.

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