**Fast Facts on American Mothers**

- Between 2008 and 2018, the share of women who gave birth in the last year who were unmarried remained around 36%. (FP-20-17)

- The median ages at first birth for Black and Hispanic mothers were 26 and 25, respectively, compared to almost 28 for White and other race women. (FP-20-05)

- The share of births to cohabiting mothers more than quadrupled from 6% to 26% between 1980 and 2014. (FP-17-04)

- The majority of recent births across all birth orders are characterized as intended, with the highest proportion of intended births occurring among second births (75%). (FP-21-04)

- In 2000, most never-married single women were childless (61%), but in 2018, the majority were mothers (58%). (FP-20-03)

- The overall birth rate for women aged 40-44 was at a low in 1981 of 3.8 births per 1,000 women but has since risen steadily to 11.4 in 2016. (FP-18-07)

- Among mothers aged 40-44, 20% had just one birth, 39% had two, 26% had three, and 15% had four or more. (FP-17-19)

- Mothers with four or more births typically started having their births at younger ages (median age of first birth at 19) while mothers who had only one waited until later ages (median age of first birth at 28). (FP-17-19)

- The median spacing between first and second births was smallest (29 months) among mothers aged 30-34 at their first birth, and largest (38 months) for mothers who had their first birth as a teenager. (FP-17-14)

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**Family Profiles**

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