



Table 19.1: Live Births by Maternal Marital Status

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	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
All live births	125563	100	124023	100	122937	100	124345	100	124099	100	122725	100	125506	100	128961	100	127680	100	126774	100
Maternal marital status																				
Married	70007	55.8	69299	55.9	69880	56.8	71455	57.5	70773	57.0	69236	56.4	70316	56.0	72519	56.2	71573	56.1	71006	56.0
Unmarried	55556	44.2	54724	44.1	53057	43.2	52890	42.5	53326	43.0	53489	43.6	55190	44.0	56442	43.8	56107	43.9	55768	44.0

Table 19.2: Live Births to Unmarried Women by Maternal Race/Ethnicity and Borough of Residence

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	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Births to unmarried women																				
Among blacks	22371	68.0	21831	68.0	20573	67.0	19684	66.4	19762	67.1	19550	67.6	19930	68.5	20148	68.8	19414	69.5	19018	69.4
Among whites	4132	11.2	3965	10.8	3792	10.4	4065	10.7	3972	10.5	4002	10.7	4269	11.2	4602	11.7	4477	11.7	4611	12.0
Among Hispanics	26161	64.9	25995	64.7	25588	64.1	25725	64.7	26016	65.4	26332	66.6	27282	67.5	27715	68.1	27751	68.7	27661	68.7
Among Asian/Pacific Islanders	2619	17.3	2679	18.3	2857	18.6	3239	19.5	3354	20.0	3385	20.6	3496	20.1	3817	19.8	3398	18.7	3386	19.1
Births to unmarried women																				
Among Manhattan residents	8004	40.2	7874	39.9	7551	38.6	7594	37.2	7433	36.5	7382	36.9	7391	36.5	7251	35.3	7208	35.8	6825	34.1
Among Bronx residents	14600	67.8	14603	67.3	14082	66.5	14191	67.0	14137	67.8	14308	68.9	14954	70.3	15236	70.5	15399	70.6	15493	70.9
Among Brooklyn residents	18073	45.7	17900	45.1	17160	44.0	16903	43.1	17022	43.2	16907	43.3	17364	43.3	17797	42.8	17472	42.3	17636	42.2
Among Queens residents	12158	42.6	11729	42.9	11613	42.6	11480	42.0	11898	43.6	11962	44.2	12156	44.2	12628	44.4	12458	44.6	12233	44.7
Among Staten Island residents	1625	27.5	1566	28.0	1604	27.6	1612	27.3	1747	30.0	1674	30.0	1857	32.0	1949	33.3	1947	34.0	1983	34.7
Births to unmarried women																				
Among all live births	55556	44.2	54724	44.1	53057	43.2	52890	42.5	53326	43.0	53489	43.6	55190	44.0	56442	43.8	56107	43.9	55768	44.0

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Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics data compiled by Bureau of Maternal, Infant, and Reproductive Health, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, August 2011.

Table 20.1: Live Births to Unmarried Women by Maternal Age

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	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Births to unmarried women																					
Among mothers <18 years	3606	94.6	3385	94.5	2997	94.7	2851	95.3	2803	94.3	2752	94.9	2669	95.0	2654	95.5	2532	95.5	2363	97.6	
Among mothers 18-29 years	36438	55.0	35675	55.1	34607	54.2	34488	54.0	34817	54.8	34949	55.6	36275	56.3	36824	55.9	36605	56.7	35900	56.8	
Among mothers 30-34 years	9140	28.6	9131	28.4	8969	28.0	8857	27.1	8972	27.5	8947	28.2	9248	28.6	9790	29.0	9789	29.1	10099	29.5	
Among mothers 35+ years	6370	27.1	6532	27.7	6484	27.2	6693	26.9	6732	26.9	6839	27.1	6997	27.0	7173	27.0	7181	26.7	7405	27.5	
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Highlights

- From 2000 to 2009:
 - Overall, just over 40% of births in New York City have consistently been to unmarried women (Table 19.1).
- In 2009:
 - Hispanics and blacks were 5.7 and 5.8 times, respectively, more likely to be unmarried compared to whites (Figure 19.1, Table 19.2).
 - The percentage of births to unmarried women was highest among mothers under 18 years of age (97.6%) and decreased with increasing maternal age (Table 20.1).

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