

Vital Statistics Live Birth Data

OVERVIEW

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General Description: New York State Public Health Law (4130) defines a live birth as the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.

Data Methodology: New York State consists of two registration areas, New York City and New York State Exclusive of New York City (also referred to as Rest of State). New York City (NYC) includes the five counties of Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), Queens and Richmond (Staten Island); the remaining 57 counties comprise New York State Exclusive of New York City. The Bureau of Vital Records, Division of Administration, New York State Department of Health, processes data from certificates of live births recorded in New York State Exclusive of New York City. Through a cooperative agreement, the New York State Department of Health receives data on live births recorded in New York City from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and on live births recorded outside of New York State to residents of New York State from other states and Canada. The Bureau Health Informatics, Vital Statistics Unit is responsible for annual reporting and dissemination of vital statistics data.

Limitations of Use: Information found in this data is derived from what is reported on birth certificates. New York State Public Health Law prohibits the release of identifiable birth data, therefore further stratification of the data is not possible.

Similar data in tabular form can be found in the Annual Vital Statistics Tables located on the New York State Department of Health website: http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/

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