

Table 4
Pregnancy Outcome Statistics
(Data from State and National Reporting Systems)

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Birth Rate (per 1,000 Population), 2017 ¹	11.8	11.7	28
Fertility Rate (per 1,000 Women Ages 15–44), 2017 ¹	60.3	59.6	32
Live Births 2017 (thousands) ²	3,855.5	120.1	8
Non-Hispanic White	1,992.5	64.3	8
Non-Hispanic Black	560.7	27.9	4
Hispanic	898.8	18.5	7
American Indian/Alaskan Native	30.0	1.5	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	272.8	5.5	13
Percent Change in Births Since 2000 ^{1,2}	-5.0	-0.2	18
Percent of Live Births by Maternal Race/Ethnicity, 2017 ²			
Non-Hispanic White Births	51.7	53.5	32
Non-Hispanic Black Births	14.5	23.2	7
Hispanic Births	23.3	15.4	21
American Indian/Alaskan Native Births	0.8	1.2	12
Asian/Pacific Islander Births	7.1	4.6	20
Percent of 2017 Live Births to Unmarried Mothers ¹	35.2	40.9	21
White, Non-Hispanic	27.0	26.4	30
Black, Non-Hispanic	66.7	71.2	17
Hispanic	39.4	49.9	30
Percent of 2017 Live Births Delivered Preterm (<37 weeks gestation) ¹	9.9	10.5	13
White, Non-Hispanic	9.1	9.5	13
Black, Non-Hispanic	13.9	13.9	21
Hispanic	9.6	9.2	34
Percent Very Low Birthweight (<=3 lbs. 4 ozs.), 2017 ¹	1.4	1.7	6
Percent Low Birthweight (<=5 lbs. 8 ozs.), 2017 ¹	8.3	9.4	7
White, Non-Hispanic	7.0	7.6	11
Black, Non-Hispanic	13.9	14.6	11
Hispanic	7.4	7.5	20
Teen Birth Rate, 2017 ³	18.8	20.6	22
Legal Induced Abortion Rate, 2015 ⁴	11.8	11.6	11
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births, 2016 ^{5,6}	5.9	7.2	11
Neonatal Deaths per 1,000 Live Births, 2016 ⁶	3.9	4.9	6
Postneonatal Deaths per 1,000 Neonatal Survivors, 2016 ⁶	2.0	2.3	19

¹National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Division of Vital Statistics, CDC Wonder Online Database: Natality public-use dataset. ²National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports. Births: Final Data for 2017: Tables 6. ³National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports. Births: Final Data for 2017: Tables 8. ⁴Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Abortion Surveillance — United States, 2015. MMWR 11/23/2018. ⁵National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports. Deaths Final Data for 2016: Table 15. ⁶National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Division of Vital Statistics, CDC Wonder Online Database: Linked Birth / Infant Death Records public-use dataset.