

**Table 1. Number of pregnancies, by pregnancy intention and outcome, and of births; and percentage distribution of pregnancies and births, by demographic characteristics of the woman, the United States, 1988**

Characteristic	Pregnancies					All births
	All	Unintended			Intended	
		All	Abortions	Births		
<b>N (in 000s)</b>	<b>5,500.3</b>	<b>3,284.4</b>	<b>1,590.8</b>	<b>1,693.6</b>	<b>2,215.9</b>	<b>3,909.5</b>
<b>Age</b>						
<18	6.5	9.7	10.8	8.6	1.8	4.8
18–19	9.7	13.4	14.7	12.1	4.3	7.7
20–24	28.9	32.1	32.7	31.5	24.1	27.3
25–29	28.8	23.5	21.8	25.0	36.8	31.7
30–34	18.2	14.3	12.4	16.1	23.9	20.6
35–39	6.6	5.8	6.0	5.7	7.8	6.9
≥40	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.0
<b>% of poverty level</b>						
<100	25.4	32.2	28.9	35.4	15.3	24.0
100–149	11.1	12.8	13.3	12.3	8.6	10.2
≥150	63.5	55.0	57.8	52.3	76.1	65.8
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>						
Hispanic	12.8	13.4	12.5	14.2	11.9	12.9
Black	18.4	24.5	24.9	24.1	9.4	15.8
White	68.9	62.2	62.6	61.7	78.7	71.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes: Miscarriages excluded. Distributions may not add to 100% because of rounding. Sources: **Births**—estimated from the 1988 NMIHS, reference 10 and special tabulations provided by NCHS staff. The NMIHS includes only births to women aged 15–49, while the NCHS statistics include births to those younger than 15. Births to women younger than 15 were added to the estimated numbers of unintended and intended births by distributing their births (10,588; from the NCHS) according to the intention-status distribution of births to 15–17-year-olds (from NMIHS), adjusted to the marital status and race and ethnicity distributions of births to women younger than 15 (from NCHS). Then, because the weighted NMIHS numbers of births by mother's age and race and ethnicity did not replicate exactly the number of births reported by the NCHS, we adjusted the number of births in each age or race and ethnicity category to the number of births reported by the NCHS by distributing the difference between the number estimated from NMIHS data and the number reported by the NCHS according to the intention-status distribution of NMIHS births in that category. The NCHS does not report births by income or poverty status, so we have reported only the weighted numbers from the NMIHS with the correction for births to women younger than 15 as described above. **Abortions**—S.K. Henshaw, 1992, Table 1 (see reference 16), and special tabulations from the AGI 1987 Survey of Women Having Abortions, adjusted for the total number of abortions in 1988.