



Births & Fertility

Birth cohorts affect the size of the future school population, labor force, and beyond. Just under 70,000 babies are born each year in Minnesota. Learn more about fertility trends.

Key Findings

- In 2012, there were 68,783 babies born to families who lived in Minnesota (even if the birth occurred out of state).
- 24% of all Minnesota babies born in 2012 were residents of Hennepin County, and 9% were Minneapolis residents.
- About 12,200 babies were born to mothers who were born outside of the U.S., most commonly Mexico or Somalia, in 2012.
- On an average day in 2012, 188 babies were born in Minnesota. Of them, 75 were first births, 13 were low birth weight, 21 were to women age 35 or older, and 9 were to women under age 20.
- Births peaked in Minnesota in 2007, with more than 73,000 babies born, and have not yet returned to that level following the most recent recession.

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