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Figure 1 - Florida Resident Births

by Mother's Race

Other

7.3%

Black

20.5%



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0.5%

White 71.7% 2024 Volume 2a

Florida Vital Statistics

Florida Births

There were 221,413 resident live births in Florida in 2023, 2,990 (-1.3%) fewer than the year prior. In 2007, there was a record 239,120 resident live births in the state.

Most of the resident births in Florida were to white mothers (Figure 1).

Table 1 - Florida Live Birth Rates* by Mother's Race 2023

Total	White	Black	Other
9.8	9.1	11.7	11.4

Florida's birth rate had been hovering between 11.1 and 11.4 from 2010 to 2016, falling more recently to 10.3, 9.7, 9.8, 10.0, and 9.8 in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively. Birth rates continue to be higher for nonwhites than whites (Table 1). In 2023, the birth rate for Hispanics (regardless of race) was 12.3, while Non-Hispanics was 8.7. Hispanic births represent 34.3 percent of all births in the state.

Table 2 shows the number of live births by age and race of the mother. Overall, 43.0 percent of all births are to women aged 20-29, while 73.8 percent are to women aged 20-34. The highest number of births are to women aged 30-34, representing 30.7 percent of total births.

Table 2 - Florida Resident Births							
by Age and Race of Mother							
2023							

	Mother's Race								
Mother's Age	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total				
<15	60	35	7	1	103				
15-17	1,314	618	136	19	2,087				
18-19	3,946	1,710	336	30	6,022				
20-24	24,727	8,604	2,073	158	35,562				
25-29	43,301	12,071	3,978	340	59,690				
30-34	49,915	12,557	5,259	338	68,069				
35-39	28,562	7,487	3,398	203	39,650				
40-44	6,438	2,083	847	57	9,425				
45+	489	167	80	6	742				
Unknown	8	0	0	55	63				

Note: Totals may differ from those in text due to missing data on age and/or race. *Birth Rate is the number of births per 1,000 population.

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Teen Births

Teen births (to mothers aged 15-19) accounted for 3.7 percent of all births in 2023. These births represented 3.3 percent of births to white mothers and 4.6 percent to nonwhite mothers. Birth rates were higher for blacks than whites (8.5 vs 5.7), even though the number of births to teens was more for whites than blacks (5,260 vs 2,328).

Teen birth rates are higher for older teens (ages 18-19) than for younger teens (ages 15-17). Both rates had been trending downward over time, as shown in Figure 2. In 2023 the birth rate was 2.8 for girls aged 15-17 and 11.2 for girls aged 18-19. Since 1989, birth rates hit a high of 22.2 for girls aged 15-17 in 1989 and 49.6 for girls aged 18-19 in 1990.

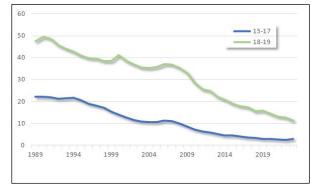


Figure 2 - Florida Teen Birth Rate* by Age

Unwed Mothers

In general, the percent of live births to unwed Florida mothers had been steadily increasing, representing 15.0 percent of all births in 1970, 22.9 percent in 1980, 31.7 percent in 1990, 38.2 percent in 2000, and 47.5 percent in 2010. This percentage appears to have peaked in 2012 and 2013 at 48.0 percent, before falling to 45.7 percent in 2023. For white mothers, 40.9 percent of live births was to an unwed woman, while for nonwhite mothers this percentage was 58.2 percent.

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Florida Deaths

There were 229,045 resident deaths in Florida in 2023, an decline of 4.1 percent from 238,953 in 2022. As shown in Table 3, male death rates typically equal or exceed female death rates by age group. Also, for most age groups, black death rates equal or exceed the death rates for whites.

The two major causes of deaths in Florida in 2023 were heart diseases and cancer (Figure 3), representing 41.9 percent of resident deaths in the state. The number of deaths due to these two major causes typically increases as the population ages. As such, the percentage of deaths due to heart diseases and cancer is greatest for those 65 and older, representing 84.1 percent and 77.0 percent of the deaths for these two causes, respectively. Deaths due to COVID-19 continued to fall in 2023, representing 1.6 percent of all deaths in the state after peaking at 13.2 percent in 2021.

For residents between age 1 and 44, unintentional injury (accidents) was the primary cause of death, representing 38.3 percent of the deaths in this age group.

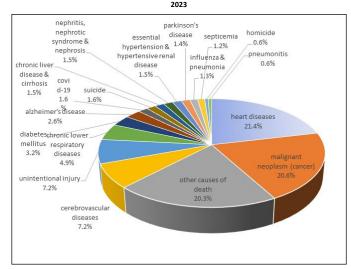
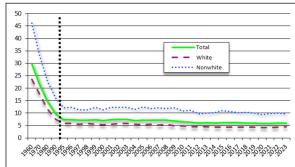


Figure 3 - Florida Resident Deaths by Major Cause

Florida Infant Mortality

In 2023, 1,339 babies died prior to their first birthday. The infant death rate was 6.0 deaths per 1,000 live births. Figure 4 displays decade data (1960 through 1990) and annual data (1995 through 2021). Through the mid-1990s, infant mortality rates trended downward for both whites and nonwhites.

Figure 4 - Florida Infant Mortality Rate



Florida Natural Change

Natural change is defined as the difference between births and deaths. Since 1989 and prior to 2020, Florida's natural change remained positive (number of annual births were greater than the number of annual deaths in Florida). In 2020, Florida's natural change turned negative.

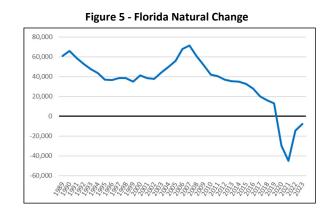


Table 3 - Florida Resident Deaths by Age and Race

	White	e Males	White Females Black Males		Males	Black Females Other Males		Males	es Other Females		Total*			
Age	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**	Number	Death Rate**
<1	375	4.64	347	4.52	277	12.21	208	9.42	61	7.47	50	6.52	1,339	6.14
1-4	86	0.28	63	0.21	58	0.55	37	0.36	17	0.36	8	0.18	272	0.30
5-9	53	0.13	36	0.09	37	0.27	30	0.22	5	0.09	5	0.09	166	0.14
10-14	85	0.19	53	0.13	42	0.30	18	0.13	13	0.22	7	0.13	218	0.17
15-19	311	0.66	118	0.26	185	1.34	54	0.40	39	0.72	13	0.25	721	0.56
20-24	586	1.17	216	0.45	279	1.91	97	0.67	40	0.78	13	0.25	1,241	0.90
25-34	2,127	2.00	889	0.88	800	2.69	352	1.19	132	1.32	41	0.41	4,356	1.52
35-44	3,367	3.09	1,683	1.62	967	3.78	549	2.03	183	2.01	91	0.91	6,867	2.41
45-54	5,194	4.77	2,970	2.78	1,356	6.23	922	3.84	245	3.13	156	1.75	10,880	3.91
55-64	12,746	10.53	7,947	6.28	2,575	12.67	1,858	8.10	407	6.42	312	4.14	25,934	8.51
65-74	21,857	20.87	15,414	12.95	3,433	25.61	2,705	16.06	697	15.07	544	9.10	44,761	16.91
75-84	29,673	45.44	25,589	32.95	2,774	50.01	2,747	34.63	800	34.85	762	27.04	62,453	38.66
85+	26,808	122.45	36,513	110.43	1,774	121.66	3,095	99.68	687	105.22	889	89.98	69,830	114.17
Unknown	2		2		1		0		0		0		7	
Total	103,270	12.00	91,840	10.43	14,558	7.78	12,672	6.37	3,326	4.85	2,891	3.96	229,045	10.10

*Totals may not add due to unknown. **Crude Death Rate is the number of deaths per 1,000 population. Data in this report are from the Florida Department of Health, CHARTS data query system, FLHealthCharts.gov.

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