

Executive summary

Each year, the Oregon Health Authority’s Center for Health Statistics publishes the Oregon Vital Statistics Annual Report, an analytical look at the health of Oregon as measured by the health of its citizens. By this means, policy makers and health professionals have a source of important knowledge that can be used to form the basis for action and benchmarks for assessing progress. Volume 1 of the report includes data on live births, induced terminations of pregnancy, and teen pregnancy. In addition, Volume 1 contains counts of marriages, divorces, Oregon registered domestic partnerships and dissolutions of domestic partnership.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, VOLUME 1		
Vital statistic	2017	2016
Population	4,141,100	4,076,350
Live births (residents)		
Number	43,630	45,533
Crude birth rate	10.5	11.2
Fertility rate	54.3	57.0
Low birthweight infants (residents)		
Number	2,981	2,980
Rate	68.3	65.5
Births to unmarried mothers (residents)		
Number	15,738	16,221
Ratio	361.8	357.1
Induced abortions (occurrences)		
Number	8,506	8,942
Ratio to live births	192.6	194.5
Unions and dissolutions (occurrences)		
Marriages	27,604	28,041
Divorces	14,009	13,602
Domestic partnerships	83	71
Dissolutions of domestic partnership	21	34
<p>Crude birth rates are per 1,000 population; fertility rates are per 1,000 15–44-year-old females; unmarried mother ratio and low birthweight rate are per 1,000 live resident births; induced abortion ratio is per 1,000 live occurrence births. Rates and ratios exclude missing and unknown values.</p> <p>Population source: Population Research Center, Portland State University.</p>		