

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*	2016	2015
Population	4,076,350	4,013,845
Live births (residents)		
Number	45,533	45,656
Crude birth rate	11.2	11.4
Fertility rate	57.0	58.0
Low birthweight infants (residents)		
Number	2,980	2,931
Rate	65.5	64.2
Births to unmarried mothers (residents)		
Number	16,221	16,380
Ratio	357.1	359.6
Induced abortions (occurrences)		
Number	8,942	8,610
Ratio to live births	194.5	186.8
Unions and dissolutions (occurrences)**		
Marriages	28,041	27,794
Divorces	13,602	13,831
Domestic partnerships	71	103
Dissolutions of domestic partnership	34	88
<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>**Same-sex marriage became legal in Oregon on May 19, 2014.</p>		