

NATALITY TAPE FILE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1968

Outline of Tape Record

This tape file represents a 50% sample of births occurring in the United States for Calendar Year 1968. There is one tape record for each birth in the sample formatted according to the outline of items and codes on the pages which follow. The outline is arranged by location of the item in the tape record.

Tape characteristics are as follows:

1. Labels, Headers and Trailers = Unlabeled tapes, no headers and trailers
2. Density = 9 track, 1600 or 800 BPI as requested
3. Record Length = 81 characters
4. Blocking Factor = 1620 (20 records per block)

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Tape Location	Size of Field	Code Outline
1	1	Year = 8
2-3	2	
4	1	
5-10	6	
11	1	<u>Record Type (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... <u>Residents</u> - State and County of Occurrence and Residence are the same. 2 ... <u>Nonresidents by place of residence</u> - State and/or County of Occurrence and Residence are different.
12	1	<u>Resident Status (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... <u>Residents</u> - State and County of Occurrence and Residence are the same. 2 ... <u>Intrastate nonresidents</u> - State of Occurrence and residence are the same but County is different. 3 ... <u>Interstate nonresidents</u> - State of Occurrence and Residence are different.

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<u>13-25</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Place of Residence (Computer generated)</u> See the Geographic Code Manual for a complete listing of areas and codes.
13-14	2	<u>State</u> - The states are numbered in alphabetical sequence from 01-51.
15-17	3	<u>County</u> - Counties are numbered in alphabetical sequence within State.
18-20	3	<u>City</u> - These codes identify each city with a population of 10,000 ^{250,000} or more in the 1960 Census. Cities are numbered alphabetically within State. Balance of County is coded 999 in these positions.
21	1	<u>Population Size (Place of residence)</u> 0 ... Places of 1,000,000 or more 1 ... Places of 500,000 to 1,000,000 2 ... Places of 250,000 to 500,000 3 ... Places of 100,000 to 250,000 4 ... Places of 50,000 to 100,000 5 ... Places of 25,000 to 50,000 6 ... Places of 10,000 to 25,000 9 ... All other areas
22-24	3	<u>Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA)</u> 001-201 ... SMSA codes as outlined in the Geographic Code Manual. 000 ... Nonmetropolitan counties except those coded VVV. VVV (numeric) ... Nonmetropolitan counties included in the Standard Consolidated Areas.

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25	1	<u>Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan County Code</u> 1 ... Metropolitan County 2 ... Nonmetropolitan County
26	1	<u>Race of Father</u>
27	1	<u>Race of Mother</u>
28	1	<u>Race of Child (Determined from Parents race)</u> Each race item is coded as follows: 1 ... White 2 ... Negro 3 ... Indian (includes Aleuts and Eskimos) 4 ... Chinese 5 ... Japanese 6 ... Hawaiian (includes part-Hawaiian) 7 ... Other Nonwhite 9 ... Unknown or not stated (Race of parents only)
29	1	<u>Race Recode # 1 (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... White 2 ... Nonwhite
30	1	<u>Race Recode #2 (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... White 2 ... Negro 3 ... Other nonwhite
31	1	<u>Sex</u> 1 ... Male 2 ... Female

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32-33	2	<u>Month of Birth</u> 01 ... January 07 ... July 02 ... February 08 ... August 03 ... March 09 ... September 04 ... April 10 ... October 05 ... May 11 ... November 06 ... June 12 ... December
34-37	4	Blank
38-39	2	<u>Age of mother - detail code</u> 12-49 ... Age in single years
40-41	2	<u>Age of mother recode #1 (Am₃₆ - Computer generated)</u> 14 ... Under 15 years 15-49 ... Single years of age
42	1	<u>Age of mother recode #2 (Am₈ - Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Under 15 years 2 ... 15-19 years 3 ... 20-24 years 4 ... 25-29 years 5 ... 30-34 years 6 ... 35-39 years 7 ... 40-44 years 8 ... 45-49 years

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43-44	2	<u>Age of mother recode #3 (Am₁₂ - Computer generated)</u> 01 ... Under 15 years 02 ... 15 years 03 ... 16 years 04 ... 17 years 05 ... 18 years 06 ... 19 years 07 ... 20-24 years 08 ... 25-29 years 09 ... 30-34 years 10 ... 35-39 years 11 ... 40-44 years 12 ... 45-49 years
45-46	2	Blank
47-48	2	<u>Children Born Alive, Number of</u> 01-54 ... Number of children 99 ... Not stated
49	1	<u>Children Born Alive, Recode #1 (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... First child 6 ... Sixth child 2 ... Second child 7 ... Seventh child 3 ... Third child 8 ... Eight or more children 4 ... Fourth child 9 ... Not stated 5 ... Fifth child
50	1	<u>Children Born Alive, Recode #2 (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... First child 2 ... Second child 3 ... Other and not stated
51-57	7	Blank

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58	1	<u>Attendant at Birth</u> 1 ... Births in hospitals or institutions 2-4 ... Births not in hospitals or institutions 2 ... Attended by physician 3 ... Attended by midwife 4 ... Other and not specified
59-60	2	<u>Gestation Period</u> 17-52 ... Number of weeks 66 ... Premature 88 ... Not on certificate 99 ... Not stated
61	1	<u>Gestation Period, Recode (Computer generated)</u> 0 ... Under 20 weeks 1 ... 20-27 weeks 2 ... 28-31 weeks 3 ... 32-35 weeks 4 ... 36 weeks 5 ... 37-39 weeks 6 ... 40 weeks 7 ... 41-42 weeks 8 ... 43 weeks and over 9 ... Not stated (including premature and item not on certificate)
62-65	4	<u>Weight at Birth</u> Weight at birth has been converted to grams as follows: 0227 - 8165 ... Number of grams 9999 ... Not stated

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66-67	2	<u>Weight at Birth, Recode #1 (Computer generated)</u> 01 ... 500 grams or less 02 ... 501 - 1,000 grams 03 ... 1,001 - 1,500 grams 04 ... 1,501 - 2,000 grams 05 ... 2,001 - 2,500 grams 06 ... 2,501 - 3,000 grams 07 ... 3,001 - 3,500 grams 08 ... 3,501 - 4,000 grams 09 ... 4,001 - 4,500 grams 10 ... 4,501 - 5,000 grams 11 ... 5,001 grams or more 12 ... Not stated
68	1	<u>Weight at Birth, Recode #2 (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... 2,500 grams or less 2 ... 2,501 grams or more 3 ... Not stated
69	1	<u>Legitimacy</u> 1 ... Legitimate 2 ... Illegitimate 8 ... Not on certificate 9 ... Not stated
70	1	<u>Number at Birth</u> 1 ... Single birth 2 ... Twin 3 ... Triplet 4 ... Quadruplet 5 ... Quintuplet

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71	1	<u>Number at Birth Recode (Computer generated)</u> 1 ... Single Birth 2 ... Plural Birth
72-73	2	Blank
74-78	5	<u>Place of Occurrence (PB Codes)</u> State and County of occurrence codes. See the Geographic Code Manual for a complete listing of counties and codes.
79-81	23	Blank