

Table 1291. Births to Unmarried Women by Country: 1980 to 2006

[Percent of all live births]

Country	1980	1990	2000	2004	2005	2006
United States ¹	18.4	28.0	33.2	35.8	36.9	38.5
Canada	12.8	24.4	28.3	25.6	25.6	(NA)
Japan	0.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.1
Denmark.	33.2	46.4	44.6	45.4	45.7	46.4
France	11.4	30.1	43.6	47.4	48.4	50.5
Germany ²	(NA)	15.1	23.4	27.9	29.2	30.0
Ireland	5.9	14.6	31.5	31.9	32.0	33.2
Italy	4.3	6.5	9.7	(NA)	15.4	(NA)
Netherlands	4.1	11.4	24.9	32.5	34.9	37.1
Spain	3.9	9.6	17.7	25.1	26.6	28.4
Sweden	39.7	47.0	55.3	55.4	55.4	55.5
United Kingdom	11.5	27.9	39.5	42.3	42.9	43.7

NA Not available. ¹ Marital status is inferred from a comparison of the child's and parents' surnames on the birth certificate for those states that do not report on marital status. No estimates are included for misstatements on birth records or failures to register births. ² Data are for 1991 instead of 1990.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, updated and revised from "Families and Work Transition in 12 Countries 1980–2001," *Monthly Labor Review*, September 2003, with national sources, some of which may be unpublished.