

Data Brief 468. Characteristics of Mothers by Source of Payment for the Delivery: United States, 2021

Data table for Figure 2 was revised on September 21, 2026. See the main report for details.

Data table for Figure 1. Distribution of births, by principal source of payment for delivery: United States, 2021

Source of payment	Percent
Total	100.0
Private insurance	51.7
Medicaid	41.0
Self-pay	3.9
Other	3.4

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality data file.



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Data table for Figure 2. Distribution of births, by principal source of payment for delivery and maternal race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2021

Race and Hispanic origin	Private insurance	Medicaid	Other	Self-pay
Percent				
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	23.2	66.2	8.9	1.8
Asian, non-Hispanic	72.7	22.5	3.0	1.9
Black, non-Hispanic	30.8	64.0	3.2	2.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	28.9	58.1	6.6	6.4
White, non-Hispanic	65.0	28.1	3.4	3.5
Hispanic ¹	32.1	58.1	3.4	6.5

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality data file.

Data table for Figure 3. Distribution of births, by principal source of payment for delivery and maternal age: United States, 2021

Age group (years)	Private insurance	Medicaid	Other	Self-pay
Percent				
Under 20	14.7	78.8	2.7	3.8
20–24.	28.9	63.0	4.3	3.9
25–29.	48.4	43.9	3.8	4.0
30–34.	63.9	29.4	3.1	3.6
35 and over	65.5	27.4	2.9	4.2

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality data file.

Data table for Figure 4. Distribution of births, by principal source of payment for delivery and maternal educational attainment: United States, 2021

Educational attainment	Private insurance	Medicaid	Other	Self-pay
Percent				
Less than high school	10.4	73.4	3.0	13.2
High school graduate or GED completed	31.0	61.9	2.9	4.2
Some college credit but no degree.	47.5	45.6	3.9	2.9
Associate degree.	61.7	31.5	4.0	2.8
Bachelor's degree or higher	84.8	9.5	3.1	2.6

NOTE: Analyses of educational attainment were limited to women aged 25 and over.
SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Natality data file.