



# It's a Fact: Mothers Day in Indiana

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## Fact 1 – Lots and lots of babies

There were **87,193** births in Indiana in 2005, accounting for **2.1** percent of all births in the U.S.

## Fact 2 – Hoosier birth rate same as U.S.

Indiana's birth rate in 2005 was **13.9**, essentially the same as the U.S. rate of **14**. (Birth rate = number of births per 1,000 population)

## Fact 3 – First-timers

**38** percent of Indiana's births were to first-time mothers (2005).

## Fact 4 –Hoosier moms with 5 or more kids

5 percent of Indiana's births in 2005 were to women having their 5th child or more.

## Fact 5 – Biological clocks go off in mid-twenties

Average age of Indiana mothers having their first child: **24.1** (more than a year younger than the U.S. average **25.2**). Just ten years ago, Indiana's average age of first time mothers was **23.7**, an indication that Hoosier women are waiting longer to start their families.

## Fact 6 – Young mothers

11 percent of Indiana babies in 2005 were born to women under the age of 20.

## Fact 7 - Hoosier twins

**32 out of every 1,000** births were sets of **twins** (between 2003 and 2005),

## Fact 8 – September baby boom

There was an average of **256** births each day in September in Indiana, the highest average daily total of any month. January was the lowest month with an average of **220** births per day. (2005)

## Fact 9 – What's in a name

**Emma** was the most popular name for new-born girls in Indiana and **Jacob** was the most frequent name for boys. Jacob and Emily were the most popular names nationally. (2006)

### Most Popular Hoosier Names Through the Years

Year	Boys	Girls
2006	Jacob	Emma
2000	Jacob	Hannah
1990	Michael	Jessica
1980	Michael	Jennifer

## Fact 10 – Working Moms

61 percent of moms who gave birth in 2006 were in the labor force.

### Our sources:

Facts 1, 2, 5, and 7:

[National Center for Health Statistics](#)

Facts 3, 4, 6, and 8:

[Indiana State Department of Health, Natality Statistics](#)

Fact 9:

[Popular Baby Names, U.S. Social Security Administration](#)

Fact 10:

[American Community Survey 2006](#)

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