Published data on deaths (Vital Statistics of the United States, 1958. Volume II, Mortality Data) include 1,822 deaths for Massachusetts that were reported twice. The figures were corrected for this error in the HMD.


Unadjusted for under-registration

There is a discrepancy between the published total and the sum of male and female births: 2,360,299 (total) - 1,211,684 (male) -1,148,715 (female) = -100.

For the years 1959–1961, there is no age category coded 699 (which indicates that age is unknown). Instead, there is a category coded 660 with a large number of deaths. It was assumed that this code indicated “unknown age” and those deaths were therefore recoded as such.

These birth counts have been adjusted (by NCHS) for under-registration. Births not adjusted for under-registration are 2,173,638 (males) and 2,071,158 (females) (Table 30, page 229). Data for Alaska are already included in the tabulations for the United States. To obtain 1959 birth counts including Hawaii, the counts given in Table 3-B (pp. 3-16: 2,199,000 males and 2,096,000 females, which exclude Hawaii) have been added to those given for Hawaii in Table 24 (p. 21: 8,788 males and 8,312 females). Tabulations are based on a 50% sample.

Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

These birth counts have been adjusted (by NCHS) for under-registration.

These birth counts have been adjusted for under-registration by applying published (NCHS) rates for both sexes assuming that there was no difference in under-reporting by sex.
Death tabulations for all years 1989 to the latest year available were prepared within the Berkeley Research Data Center from the Restricted Mortality Files, which provide enough information to allocate deaths to Lexis triangles. Because of confidentiality issues, all cells with less than 10 counts have been suppressed. For these cells, which concentrate at very high ages, death counts by single year of age (rather than by Lexis triangle, i.e. by single year of age and single year of birth) have been computed from the Public Mortality Files (which do not have information about the year of birth). Cells for which data from the Public (instead of Restricted) Mortality Files have been used are indicated with this note number.