



It's a Fact: Mothers Day in Indiana

from the Indiana Business Research Center

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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