

I. Introduction

This volume is the 93rd annual vital statistics report of the State of North Carolina. It is intended to serve as a basic resource to those individuals, institutions, and agencies delivering and/or planning health services for the citizens of North Carolina.

The tables of this report show annual frequencies, annual rates, and five-year rates for the state, six Perinatal Care Regions, and the 100 counties of North Carolina. Due to incompleteness of the data and potential problems with accuracy, information for cities is not shown. The reader may obtain vital statistics for cities in North Carolina by special request to the Center.

Section II contains maps depicting county data. Sections III–VI contain description and discussion

of the terms and procedures underlying the tabular and graphical data presented.

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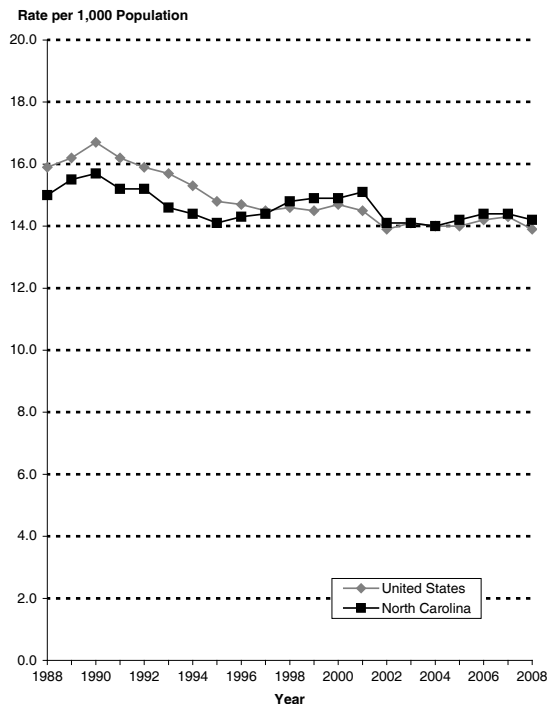
Any percentage or rate with a small number of events in the numerator will have substantial random variation over time.

A rule of thumb is that any percentage or rate with fewer than 20 events in the numerator may be subject to serious random error.

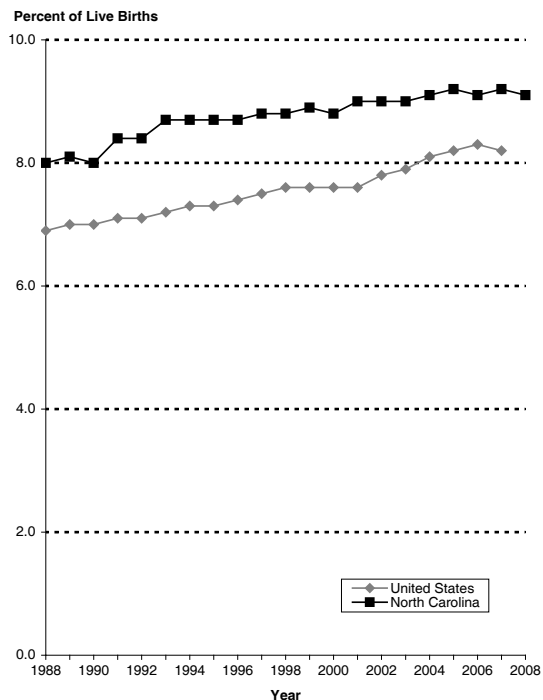
Therefore, many of the percentages and rates in this volume should be interpreted with caution.

Trends depicted in the graphs are for North Carolina and the United States. Data for the U.S. are from the National Center for Health Statistics. Some of the more recent national data are based on provisional/ preliminary statistics.

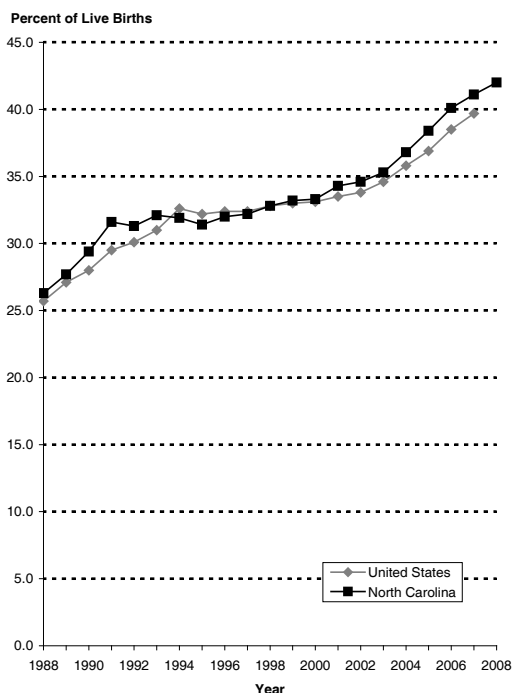
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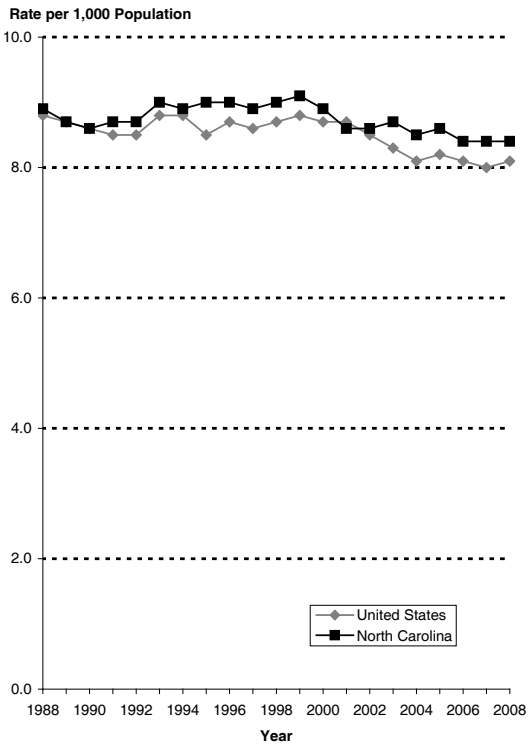
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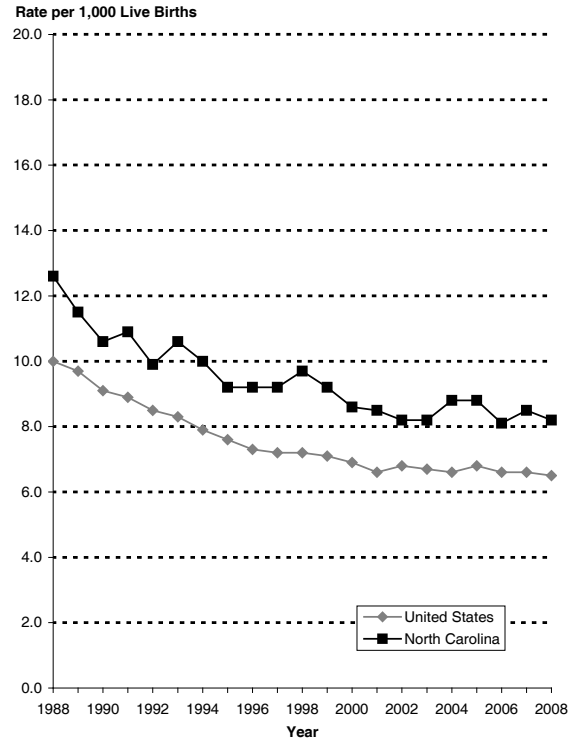
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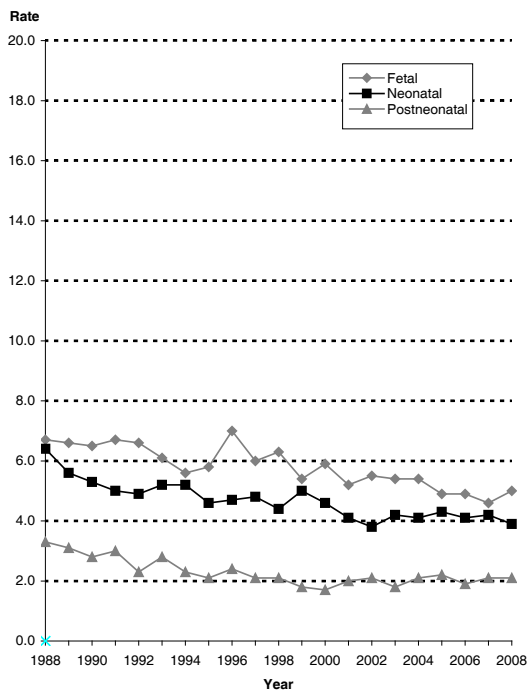
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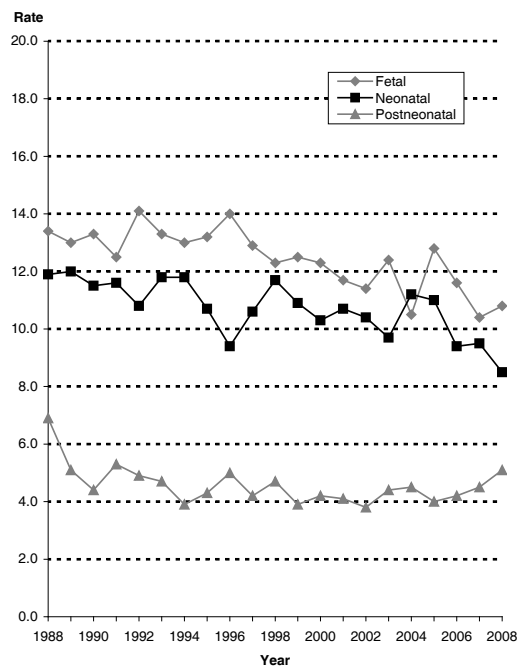
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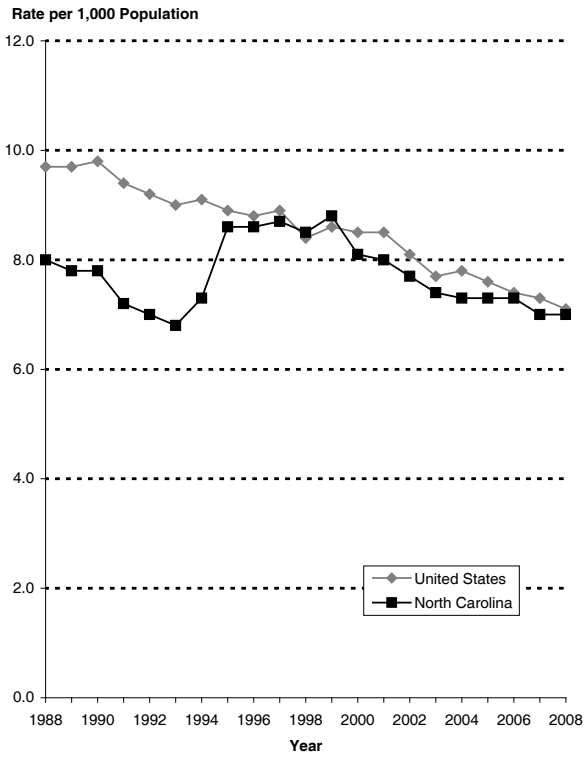
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Minority Perinatal and Postneonatal Mortality North Carolina 1988–2008



Marriage Rates 1988–2008



Divorce Rates 1988–2008

