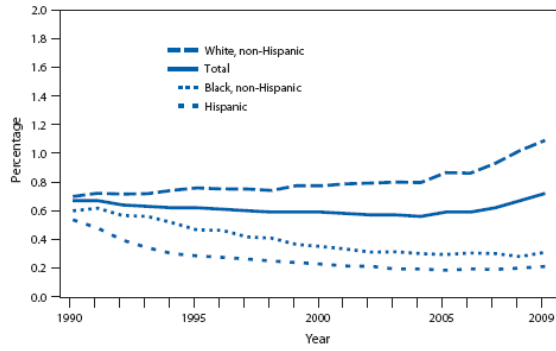


Percentage of Births That Were Home Births, by Maternal Race/Ethnicity — United States, 1990–2009*



* Race/ethnicity data exclude data from New Hampshire during 1990–1992 and Oklahoma in 1990 because these states did not report Hispanic ethnicity on birth certificates for those years.

In 2009, a total of 29,650 home births occurred in the United States, accounting for <1% of all U.S. births. After a gradual decline during 1990–2004, the percentage of home births increased by 29%, from 0.56% of births in 2004 to 0.72% in 2009. Nearly all of the total increase in home births from 2004 to 2009 was attributed to a 36% increase in home births among non-Hispanic white women. In 2009, approximately one out of every 140 births in the United States overall was a home birth; for non-Hispanic white women, approximately one out of every 90 births was a home birth.