

US Births Fall to Lowest Level in a Generation Amid Pandemic “Baby Bust”



The latest population update from the CDC shows a falling birth rate continued last year in the US, smashing theories about a lockdown “baby boom” as the number of births in the US fell by 4% in 2020, dropping to the lowest level since 1979. Birth rates dropped across every race, ethnicity and age group and the decline will likely continue in 2021. Job insecurity and fear of contracting the virus while pregnant likely dissuaded Americans from having babies. The declines were steeper in states that were hit the hardest by COVID-19, such as California and New York. T