SECTION 4 - TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Natality data for the United States are limited to births occurring within the United States, including those occurring to residents and nonresidents of the United States. However, births to nonresidents of the United States are excluded from all tabulations by place of residence beginning in 1970. (See section on classification by occurrence and residence for further discussion.) Births occurring to U.S. citizens outside the United States are not included in any tabulations in this report. Similarly, the data for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam are limited to births registered in these areas.

Standard Certificate of Live Birth

The Standard Certificate of Live Birth, issued by the Public Health Service, has served for many years