

New Birth Registration System

A new birth registration system was implemented beginning with January 1, 2007; births based on the revised birth data collection standards established by the National Center for Health Statistics. We continue to make revisions and updates to this system. As with any new system, certain adjustments are required that may cause periodic delays in issuing parents the newborn certified birth card and submitting files to the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Normal turnaround time for the newborn certified birth certificate is 4 to 6 weeks from the time of registration for married parents and 10 to 12 weeks from the time of registration for single mothers. The timeline for unmarried mothers is extended to allow time to process Voluntary Paternity Affidavits in time to be reflected on the newborn certified birth certificate.

Normal turnaround time for newborn Social Security Card is 6-8 weeks from the time of registration.

Additional delays to the birth record may occur if a data entry error is discovered when state vital records staff conduct a visual audit of the record. The newborn birth certificate is not issued until the error can be resolved. A number of records have also been rejected by the SSA and must also be resolved in order to be re-submitted to that federal agency.