

## 2011 addendum to the 2010 User Guide for the Natality Public Use File

For information on the 2011 Natality Public Use File, see the User Guide to the 2010 Natality Public Use File and also the Technical Notes of **Births: Final Data for 2011** available at: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr62/nvsr62\\_01\\_tables.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr62/nvsr62_01_tables.pdf)). The detailed 2011 User Guide is forthcoming; data issues specific to the 2011 file are listed below. Please note that data items from the 1989 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth considered not comparable with data items from the 2003 U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth are not included in this data file.

Following is a list of State-specific data quality issues of particular concern for 2011:

The reporting flags for the items listed below are set to “not reporting” in the public use file:

Arkansas:

- Tocolysis – The level of tocolysis is inflated due to inaccurate reporting. Data for this item for this state should be used with caution.

Delaware:

- Tocolysis and Moderate/heavy staining of amniotic fluid – the levels for these data items are considered to be inaccurate, due to underreporting, and should be used with caution.

Oklahoma:

- Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) – The level of CDH is inflated due to inaccurate reporting. Data for this item for this state should be used with caution.

*Data quality issues for Northern Marianas for 2011:*

Several data items for the Northern Marianas had very high not stated values, over 80 percent, and these data should be used with caution.