

Under-Registration of Female Births
18th-Century Westborough, Massachusetts

| Month | Recorded Male Births | Recorded Female Births | Males Per 10 Females |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| January | 86 | 80 | 107.5 |
| February | 110 | 82 | 134.1 |
| March | 123 | 103 | 119.4 |
| April | 103 | 84 | 122.6 |
| May | 103 | 89 | 115.7 |
| June | 71 | 79 | 89.9 |
| July | 91 | 71 | 128.2 |
| August | 73 | 74 | 98.6 |
| September | 101 | 80 | 126.3 |
| October | 86 | 63 | 136.5 |
| November | 95 | 88 | 108.0 |
| December | 96 | 75 | 128.0 |
| TOTALS | 1,138 | 968 | 117.6 |

Estimated Female Births: 1,081

Unrecorded Female Births: 113

Source: *Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1903). The vital records cite the Westborough church records (C.R.) for some births. The church records actually record baptisms, which have been excluded from this table. The estimates for total female births and 113 unrecorded female births are based on the assumption that approximately 105.2 males were born for every 100 females. This was the case in the United States, 1950-1980; U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1984* (104th ed.; Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1983), 64. The estimates represent the minimum number of unrecorded births, as there were undoubtedly male children whose births were unrecorded.