Dates When State Began Keeping Birth and Death Records

STATE*	YEAR STATE FIRST RECORDED BIRTHS	YEAR STATE FIRST RECORDED DEATHS	STATE*	YEAR STATE FIRST RECORDED BIRTHS	YEAR STATE FIRST RECORDED DEATHS
Alabama	1908	1908	Nebraska	1904	1904
Alaska	1913	1913	Nevada	1911	1911
Arizona	1909	1909	New Hampshire	1905	1905
Arkansas	1914	1914	New Jersey	1878	1878
California	1905	1905	New Mexico	1920	1920
Colorado	1910	1900	New York	1880	1880
Connecticut	1897	1897	New York City	1910	1949
Delaware	1930	1962	North Carolina	1913	1946
District of Columbia	1871	1855[#]	North Dakota	1908	1908
Florida	1915	1915	Ohio	1908	1944
Georgia	1919	1919	Oklahoma	1908	1908
Hawaii	1896	1896	Oregon	1903	1903
Idaho	1911	1911	Pennsylvania	1906	1906
Illinois	1916	1916	Puerto Rico	1931	1931
Indiana	1882	1882	Rhode Island	1852	1852
Iowa	1880	1880	South Carolina	1915	1915
Kansas	1911	1911	South Dakota	1905	1905
Kentucky	1911	1911	Tennessee	1914	1914
Louisiana	1914	1914	Texas	1903	1903
Maine	1892	1892	Utah	1905	1905
Maryland	1898	1898	Vermont	1857	1857
Massachusetts	1841	1841	Virginia	1912	1912
Michigan	1867	1867	Washington	1907	1907
Minnesota	1900	1908	West Virginia	1917	1917
Mississippi	1912	1912	Wisconsin	1907	1907
Missouri	1910	1910	Wyoming	1919	1919
Montana	1907	1907			

*Always check with town or county because they may also have the records of birth, marriages and deaths before the state began recording them.

[#]No death records kept in Civil War years.