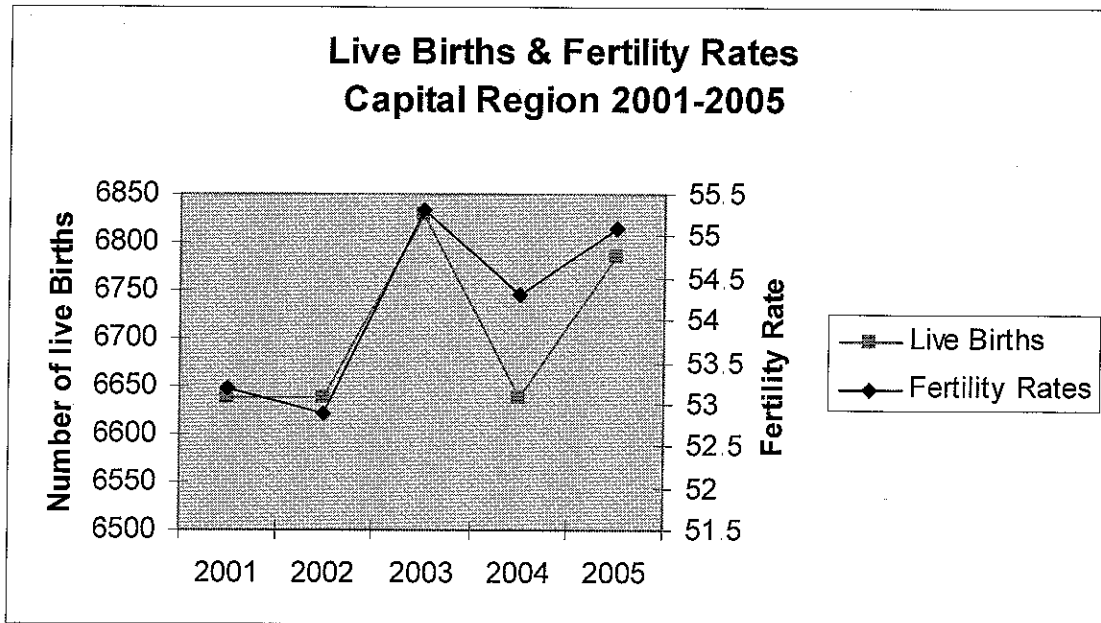
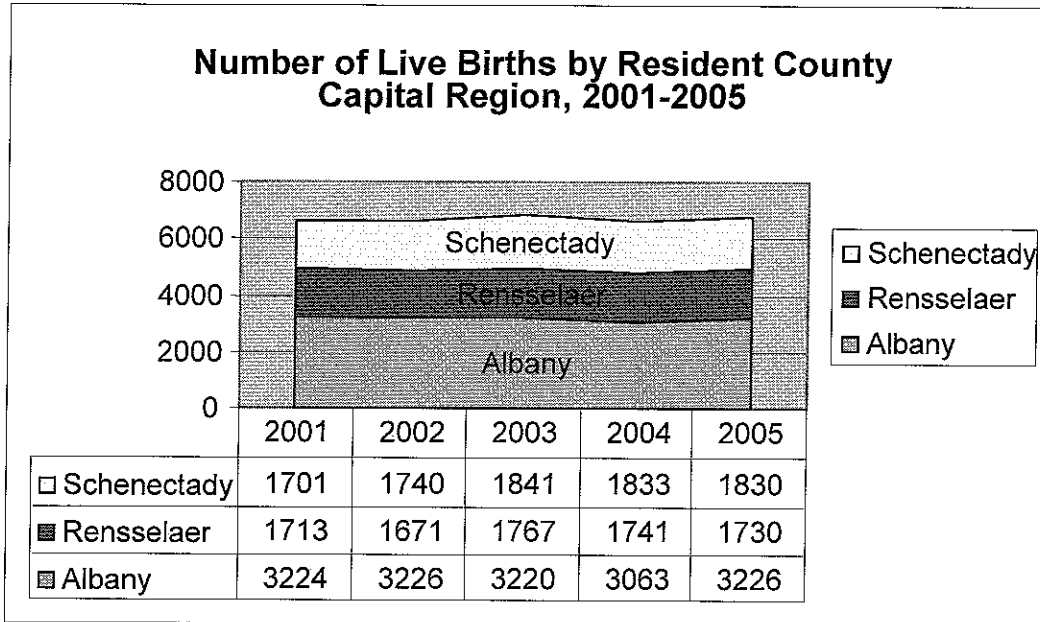


Births

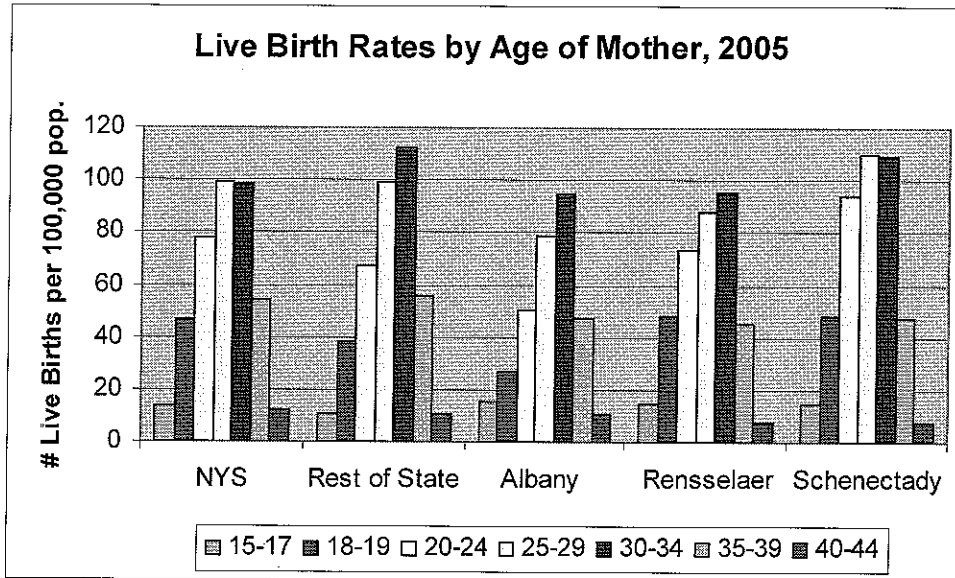
The Capital Region had 6,786 live births in 2005.



Both the live birth rate¹ and the fertility rate² have fluctuated in recent years to show overall increases in rates.

¹ Number of live births per 1,000 population

² Number of live births per 1,000 female population 15-44



Each of the three counties represents a similar distribution of live births by age group (Figure 18). The highest live birth rates in Albany and Schenectady Counties are among women aged 25-29 and 30-34. In Rensselaer County, 25-29 year olds have the highest birth rate, but it is very close to the rate for 30-39 year olds.