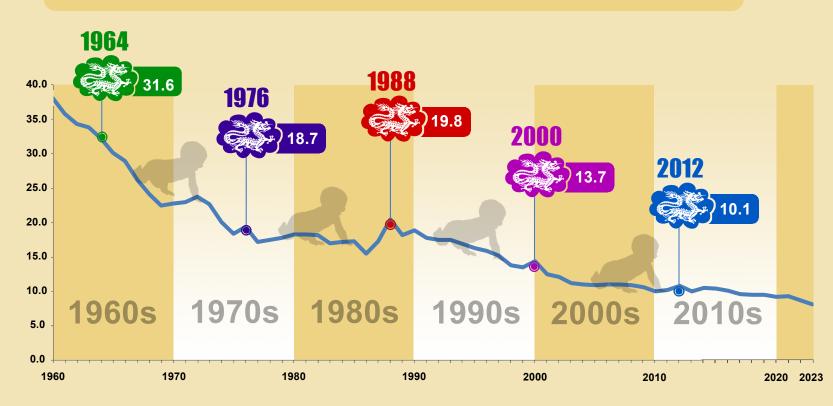
## **Crude Birth Rate**

Crude birth rate is the ratio of live-births to the population in the reference period. It is conventionally expressed as per thousand population.





Resident crude birth rate has generally been declining over the past decades. For the years that fall under the Chinese Zodiac sign of the Dragon, increases in the crude birth rates were registered since the 1970s.