

Birth certificate. A formal document which certifies as to the date and place of one's birth and a recitation of his or her parentage, as issued by an official in charge of such records. Furnishing of such is often required to prove one's age. See **Birth record**.

Birth control. Term which embraces all forms of contraception; prevention of conception.

Birth record. Official statistical data concerning dates and places of persons' birth, as well as parentage, kept by local government officials. See **Birth certificate**.