

**TABLE 1B-3
LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL
CARE AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,
BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1991-2001
(ALL ETHNIC GROUPS)**

Characteristic	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
NUMBER OF BIRTHS	4,545	4,476	4,653	4,812	4,945	5,074	5,227	5,317	5,536	5,975	5,943
PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:											
AGE OF MOTHER											
≤19 years	18.5	17.0	17.3	17.9	17.7	17.5	16.4	17.1	16.9	17.0	16.1
≥30 years	29.4	29.2	30.3	31.5	31.9	33.0	32.9	31.7	31.7	32.6	33.1
MARITAL STATUS											
Unmarried	43.8	44.9	45.1	46.0	46.5	45.9	45.2	45.6	44.1	45.6	44.5
MOTHER'S EDUCATION											
<9 years	10.0	11.9	9.3	9.7	8.9	10.0	9.6	10.1	8.7	9.2	9.7
MOTHER'S ETHNIC GROUP											
White ¹	52.7	52.0	51.7	52.3	52.1	50.6	48.7	48.1	45.8	46.7	44.0
Hispanic	29.3	31.3	31.6	32.0	33.7	34.4	35.5	35.9	37.6	37.9	39.5
Black	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.7	6.3
American Indian	9.1	8.0	8.0	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.6
Other	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.7	2.5	3.6
PRENATAL CARE BEGAN											
1st Trimester	61.3	65.6	65.4	65.4	66.0	69.5	70.9	70.0	69.6	71.3	73.6
3rd Trimester	6.8	5.3	5.3	6.2	6.6	5.6	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.3
No Care	5.5	5.6	5.6	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.1
PRENATAL VISITS											
1-4	13.3	9.6	10.8	10.6	10.5	9.5	8.9	9.7	8.5	8.6	8.4
≥5	78.4	80.2	79.1	78.3	75.4	80.9	83.9	78.3	78.3	78.2	82.0
≥9	54.2	60.8	56.1	56.4	54.7	59.8	61.9	55.3	58.2	57.6	60.4
≥13	23.2	28.2	23.4	21.5	21.0	23.8	25.6	22.3	24.7	25.7	27.3
MEDICAL RISKS/ COMPLICATIONS²	69.9	64.7	67.1	70.5	71.2	72.0	72.7	70.4	69.2	69.7	68.0
GESTATIONAL AGE³											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	60.5	64.4	66.5	65.6	67.2	68.3	70.0	70.8	70.3	71.3	70.7
BIRTH WEIGHT											
<1,500 grams	20.3	17.2	18.0	15.5	17.3	17.5	17.1	16.8	16.0	16.6	15.5
<1,000 grams	12.5	9.2	9.1	7.3	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.4
CHILD'S SEX											
Male	48.7	47.6	47.3	46.7	47.2	49.6	49.0	48.2	50.0	49.7	47.4
Female	51.3	52.4	52.7	53.3	52.8	50.4	51.0	51.8	50.0	50.3	52.5
PLURALITY											
Multiple births	16.1	18.2	18.1	18.7	20.6	20.1	20.3	21.9	21.3	22.1	22.5
CAESAREAN DELIVERY	31.9	33.5	31.1	32.6	33.2	28.1	34.6	35.6	35.2	38.0	37.6
PLACE OF DELIVERY											
Hospital ⁴	99.3	99.1	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.6
ATTENDANT AT BIRTH											
Midwife ⁵	3.1	3.5	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.7
PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS											
1 or more	60.1	59.2	59.7	58.7	57.1	59.3	61.1	57.8	58.3	58.6	58.1

¹ Non-Hispanic.

² Reported medical risks for this pregnancy and/or complications of labor and delivery.

³ Physician's estimate.

⁴ Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

⁵ Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.

Note: The birth ratios by newborn's weight for 1999 and 2000 were revised and may differ from those previously published.