

**TABLE 1B-5
LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE
AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER
AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1991-2001
(RURAL REGIONS)***

Characteristic	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
NUMBER OF BIRTHS	14,281	14,284	14,410	12,163	12,093	12,515	12,053	12,115	11,877	12,333	11,851
PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS:											
AGE OF MOTHER											
≤19 years	17.2	17.2	17.7	16.4	16.7	16.6	16.6	17.0	17.4	16.9	15.9
≥30 years	24.5	26.3	26.3	27.6	28.4	28.5	27.6	28.7	27.3	27.6	27.7
MARITAL STATUS											
Unmarried	40.3	40.2	42.3	41.2	40.9	42.2	42.2	42.9	42.9	44.2	43.3
MOTHER'S EDUCATION											
<9 years	6.6	8.8	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1
MOTHER'S ETHNIC GROUP											
White ¹	45.3	44.9	45.1	47.5	49.3	49.1	47.7	48.0	48.0	47.5	47.9
Hispanic	21.6	23.3	23.8	21.5	22.0	22.9	23.3	22.5	22.7	23.9	24.3
Black	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2
American Indian	30.6	29.3	28.6	28.6	26.3	26.1	26.5	26.7	25.4	25.7	24.6
Other	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.9	2.0
PRENATAL CARE BEGAN											
1st Trimester	57.6	60.3	59.9	61.7	65.0	65.8	67.7	66.7	70.8	72.2	71.9
3rd Trimester	9.3	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.0	7.7	6.8	7.0	5.7	5.4	5.0
No Care	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6
PRENATAL VISITS											
1-4	10.2	9.1	8.7	9.1	8.2	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.3	6.8
≥5	84.7	86.5	86.1	86.2	87.7	87.8	88.6	88.6	88.7	88.0	89.2
≥9	59.1	61.9	60.4	59.8	63.5	64.8	65.9	66.3	67.0	66.5	67.1
≥13	20.5	21.7	21.2	20.8	21.7	25.5	23.2	25.1	25.6	24.4	24.5
MEDICAL RISKS/ COMPLICATIONS²	50.4	49.0	48.6	48.8	46.6	46.1	47.9	49.9	48.7	47.0	52.1
GESTATIONAL AGE³											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	7.8	8.0	8.6	8.1	9.0	9.4	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3
BIRTH WEIGHT											
<2,500 grams	7.1	6.7	7.4	7.0	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.2
<1,500 grams	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0
CHILD'S SEX											
Male	51.8	50.9	49.8	51.2	51.4	51.2	52.0	51.1	50.4	51.6	51.1
Female	48.2	49.1	50.2	48.8	48.6	48.8	48.0	48.9	49.6	48.4	48.9
PLURALITY											
Multiple births	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.8
CAESAREAN DELIVERY	17.2	16.1	16.0	15.6	16.4	15.9	16.5	17.2	18.1	17.9	19.3
PLACE OF DELIVERY											
Hospital ⁴	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.7	98.4	98.3	98.3	98.0	98.7	98.6	97.9
ATTENDANT AT BIRTH											
Midwife ⁵	14.4	15.2	15.9	16.7	15.6	15.5	16.3	15.4	15.0	14.7	13.5
PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS											
1 or more	66.4	66.3	65.8	65.1	64.4	64.0	63.3	63.5	64.0	64.0	65.6

* Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas. See **Technical Notes** for more information

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.