

**TABLE 1B-9
LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS (LBW) ACCORDING TO MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND
DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,
BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1991-2001
(WHITE NON-HISPANIC MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
NUMBER OF LBW BIRTHS	2,397	2,328	2,407	2,515	2,578	2,565	2,543	2,559	2,516	2,772	2,615
PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:											
AGE OF MOTHER											
≤19 years	14.4	12.8	12.2	13.1	11.8	12.9	11.1	12.4	10.7	11.4	9.7
≥30 years	33.6	34.0	36.1	37.7	38.3	39.3	39.3	38.1	39.6	40.1	42.9
MARITAL STATUS											
Unmarried	31.2	31.9	32.8	33.6	34.8	33.9	32.5	33.0	29.2	30.8	27.8
MOTHER'S EDUCATION											
<9 years	3.4	6.9	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.3
PRENATAL CARE BEGAN											
1st Trimester	71.7	74.7	74.2	74.3	73.4	77.7	80.6	78.1	79.3	81.4	83.6
3rd Trimester	4.3	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.8	3.2	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.7
No Care	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.6
PRENATAL VISITS											
1-4	9.4	6.5	8.3	7.5	7.4	5.8	4.8	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.5
≥5	85.5	86.0	85.1	83.8	80.3	87.7	93.0	94.4	82.6	83.3	87.9
≥9	63.6	69.7	64.3	65.1	62.3	69.3	70.8	65.0	65.0	65.6	68.8
≥13	28.2	33.3	29.0	26.7	24.6	29.1	30.4	25.9	28.5	30.1	31.8
MEDICAL RISKS/ COMPLICATIONS¹											
69.5	62.7	65.3	69.8	70.1	71.0	73.5	71.3	70.5	70.9	70.6	
GESTATIONAL AGE²											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	61.2	65.4	66.5	66.1	67.9	69.1	72.7	72.4	71.5	73.2	73.2
BIRTH WEIGHT											
<1,500 grams	20.2	16.7	17.3	15.2	16.8	17.0	17.2	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.4
<1,000 grams	12.2	8.5	8.8	7.0	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.6	6.7	6.9
CHILD'S SEX											
Male	49.0	47.8	46.7	45.6	46.9	48.5	48.8	47.7	48.9	49.3	47.5
Female	50.9	52.2	53.3	54.4	53.1	51.5	51.2	52.3	51.1	50.7	52.5
PLURALITY											
Multiple births	17.4	21.4	19.7	21.4	23.8	24.3	23.9	26.1	25.0	28.7	28.1
CAESAREAN DELIVERY											
34.0	36.8	33.2	36.2	35.8	36.7	37.9	39.0	39.5	43.0	44.0	
PLACE OF DELIVERY											
Hospital ³	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.5	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.8	99.5
ATTENDANT AT BIRTH											
Midwife ⁴	1.8	1.9	2.8	2.7	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.2
PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS											
1 or more	56.9	56.4	56.4	58.1	55.8	58.6	55.1	56.5	56.0	56.0	55.8

¹ Reported medical risks for this pregnancy and/or complications of labor and delivery.

² Physician's estimate.

³ Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

⁴ 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.