

**TABLE 1B-6**  
**LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL**  
**CARE AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,**  
**BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1992-2002**  
**(URBAN REGIONS)\***

Characteristic	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Number of LWB births</b>	3,525	3,589	3,954	4,062	4,214	4,374	4,428	4,653	5,100	5,081	5,079
<b>PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:</b>											
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	16.9	17.3	17.7	17.5	17.5	16.1	17.4	16.7	16.7	16.1	16.2
≥30 years	29.5	30.5	31.4	31.9	32.9	34.0	31.9	32.1	33.0	33.7	35.0
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	45.2	45.0	45.4	46.3	45.7	44.3	45.1	43.7	44.7	44.6	44.8
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	12.9	10.1	10.4	9.3	10.9	10.2	10.8	9.3	10.0	10.5	9.3
<b>Mother's ethnic group</b>											
White <sup>1</sup>	53.2	56.5	52.6	51.6	50.2	49.2	47.5	45.7	46.8	43.2	43.3
Hispanic	33.9	34.4	34.4	36.7	37.2	37.8	38.8	40.5	40.3	42.3	42.0
Black	8.1	4.0	7.7	6.7	6.5	7.1	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.9	6.2
American Indian	2.9	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.5	2.9	3.5	3.0
Other	1.9	2.0	2.7	1.8	2.7	3.1	3.4	4.0	3.5	4.1	5.6
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	67.5	67.5	67.7	67.3	70.4	72.3	70.9	69.9	71.7	73.9	71.0
3rd Trimester	4.8	4.8	5.2	6.1	5.1	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.8
No Care	5.5	5.7	4.5	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.9
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	9.0	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.3	8.3	9.4	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.8
≥5	80.8	79.9	79.3	75.4	81.0	84.5	78.2	78.1	78.7	81.7	83.0
≥9	63.5	58.9	58.9	56.1	61.6	63.2	58.1	58.7	58.8	61.4	58.4
≥13	30.5	24.9	22.9	21.8	24.9	27.0	23.1	25.0	27.2	28.5	25.3
<b>Medical risks/ complications<sup>2</sup></b>											
63.7	66.6	70.4	70.8	71.0	72.4	69.9	68.0	69.6	67.2	68.1	
<b>Gestational age<sup>3</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	65.4	68.2	66.7	67.6	68.4	70.8	72.2	71.1	72.3	71.2	71.8
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<1,500 grams	17.8	18.4	16.4	18.0	17.8	17.6	17.5	16.3	16.4	15.9	17.2
<1,000 grams	9.7	9.7	7.9	9.2	9.2	8.3	9.0	8.1	7.3	7.7	9.1
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	47.7	48.2	46.8	47.0	49.5	49.0	48.1	50.3	49.2	47.7	48.6
Female	52.3	51.8	53.1	53.0	50.5	51.0	51.9	49.7	50.8	52.3	51.4
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	19.1	18.9	19.2	21.6	20.8	21.4	22.0	21.6	23.0	23.7	24.0
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>											
34.1	31.4	33.4	33.4	33.7	34.7	35.5	35.0	38.5	37.9	40.8	
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>4</sup>	99.1	99.3	99.2	99.6	99.6	99.3	99.5	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>5</sup>	2.7	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.6
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	58.6	58.5	57.1	56.2	58.4	57.7	57.3	57.9	58.2	57.9	57.3

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

<sup>1</sup> Non-Hispanic.

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

<sup>3</sup> Physician's estimate.

<sup>4</sup> Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

<sup>5</sup> Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.