

**TABLE 1B-8  
LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND DELIVERY  
CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER  
AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1992-2002  
(WHITE NON-HISPANIC MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Number of births</b>	37,727	37,381	37,780	38,488	38,494	37,869	38,611	38,711	39,850	38,934	38,819
<b>PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS:</b>											
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 Years	10.8	10.8	10.7	10.5	10.6	9.9	10.0	10.0	9.4	8.7	7.9
≥30 Years	33.7	34.4	36.6	36.8	36.8	37.3	37.3	37.4	38.1	39.1	39.3
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	23.2	24.9	25.3	25.7	26.0	24.7	25.0	24.8	24.8	24.5	25.0
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	6.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	80.4	79.0	79.7	80.0	82.8	84.3	83.5	84.7	86.0	86.2	86.5
3rd Trimester	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.9	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9
No Care	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2
≥5	95.1	94.0	92.4	91.1	94.7	95.6	94.2	93.3	93.6	94.9	95.4
≥9	83.7	81.5	80.0	79.7	83.5	84.4	83.4	82.5	82.6	84.7	84.1
≥13	36.6	34.7	32.5	31.0	33.5	34.8	33.0	34.2	34.2	35.2	33.4
<b>Medical risks/   complications<sup>1</sup></b>	43.9	44.3	45.3	44.0	44.5	48.0	47.6	44.2	45.7	46.7	47.9
<b>Gestational Age<sup>2</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	7.8	8.4	8.5	8.9	9.2	10.0	9.7	9.8	10.5	10.1	10.5
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<2,500 grams	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.7	6.7
<1,500 grams	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	51.5	51.0	51.0	51.4	51.0	52.2	51.4	51.3	51.5	51.2	51.7
Female	48.5	49.0	49.0	48.6	49.0	47.8	48.6	48.7	48.5	48.8	48.3
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.5
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>	19.1	18.3	18.2	18.0	17.0	18.4	18.6	19.6	20.6	22.2	23.8
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>3</sup>	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.7	99.0	99.0	98.0	98.2
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>4</sup>	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.0	4.0
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	59.2	59.0	59.0	58.2	58.8	58.6	59.0	58.8	58.6	59.7	59.3

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

<sup>2</sup> Physician's estimate.

<sup>3</sup> Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

<sup>4</sup> Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.