

**TABLE 1B-11**  
**LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED**  
**MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS,**  
**BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH**  
**COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1993-2003**  
**(BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Number of LBW births</b>	321	317	296	290	337	322	332	358	392	327	354
<b>PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:</b>											
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	23.3	22.0	21.3	17.9	20.7	26.7	22.9	23.7	17.9	18.0	16.9
≥30 years	22.7	24.3	23.9	25.8	27.3	23.6	24.8	24.9	28.0	29.1	24.6
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	66.7	66.9	70.3	69.3	69.7	67.7	64.4	68.0	68.3	67.0	68.1
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	1.9	2.5	5.4	2.4	5.6	3.7	2.2	3.7	2.4	1.8	2.5
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	57.6	62.8	58.4	66.9	61.7	66.8	68.1	67.1	69.9	74.0	74.0
3rd Trimester	6.2	6.3	7.8	6.6	7.7	3.4	4.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	5.4
No Care	12.8	9.5	5.4	7.6	8.0	7.5	2.5	6.3	4.5	4.6	5.9
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	10.6	10.4	12.2	12.4	13.4	12.1	8.4	6.9	9.3	6.7	9.3
≥5	72.0	71.9	70.3	72.7	73.9	71.8	74.6	76.6	76.8	84.7	79.7
≥9	47.4	54.5	46.6	54.4	56.1	51.9	55.7	52.3	57.6	56.9	56.8
≥13	19.3	18.9	18.6	21.0	25.2	19.9	25.1	25.7	29.1	22.3	28.8
<b>Medical risks complications<sup>1</sup></b>											
	67.6	71.3	76.4	73.5	74.5	75.2	70.0	69.7	67.2	65.1	59.3
<b>Gestational age<sup>2</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	71.3	67.2	66.2	68.5	63.7	68.0	72.6	70.1	69.1	68.5	70.1
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<1,500 grams	23.4	20.8	19.6	24.5	19.3	21.5	22.9	19.8	19.4	21.4	18.4
<1,000 grams	14.0	10.7	9.8	15.9	10.7	13.7	14.5	10.9	12.5	12.8	11.6
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	47.7	46.7	44.9	15.9	48.4	47.2	50.2	47.4	43.5	48.9	49.4
Female	52.3	53.3	55.1	54.8	51.6	52.8	49.8	52.6	56.5	51.1	50.6
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	17.8	20.5	17.2	45.2	16.9	16.5	17.3	20.9	25.1	18.7	19.5
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>											
	28.0	30.0	27.4	32.1	30.3	32.3	31.3	33.4	34.4	38.5	34.7
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>3</sup>	99.1	98.4	99.3	99.3	98.2	98.4	100.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	99.7
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>4</sup>	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.1	3.6	1.9	3.1	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.3
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	70.1	62.1	67.9	61.7	65.6	57.5	61.5	65.4	66.4	64.8	64.7

<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.