

**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, 1994-2004
(BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of LBW births	317	296	290	337	322	332	358	392	327	354	373
PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:											
Age of mother											
≤19 years	22.0	21.3	17.9	20.7	26.7	22.9	23.7	17.9	18.0	16.9	18.0
≥30 years	24.3	23.9	25.8	27.3	23.6	24.8	24.9	28.0	29.1	24.6	26.8
Marital status											
Unmarried	66.9	70.3	69.3	69.7	67.7	64.4	68.0	68.3	67.0	68.1	68.4
Mother's education											
<9 years	2.5	5.4	2.4	5.6	3.7	2.2	3.7	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.1
Prenatal care began											
1st Trimester	62.8	58.4	66.9	61.7	66.8	68.1	67.1	69.9	74.0	74.0	72.1
3rd Trimester	6.3	7.8	6.6	7.7	3.4	4.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	5.4	3.5
No Care	9.5	5.4	7.6	8.0	7.5	2.5	6.3	4.5	4.6	5.9	6.7
Prenatal visits											
1-4	10.4	12.2	12.4	13.4	12.1	8.4	6.9	9.3	6.7	9.3	9.4
≥5	71.9	70.3	72.7	73.9	71.8	74.6	76.6	76.8	84.7	79.7	82.3
≥9	54.5	46.6	54.4	56.1	51.9	55.7	52.3	57.6	56.9	56.8	59.5
≥13	18.9	18.6	21.0	25.2	19.9	25.1	25.7	29.1	22.3	28.8	24.1
Medical risks complications¹											
	71.3	76.4	73.5	74.5	75.2	70.0	69.7	67.2	65.1	59.3	61.7
Gestational age²											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	67.2	66.2	68.5	63.7	68.0	72.6	70.1	69.1	68.5	70.1	71.6
Birth weight											
<1,500 grams	20.8	19.6	24.5	19.3	21.5	22.9	19.8	19.4	21.4	18.4	21.7
<1,000 grams	10.7	9.8	15.9	10.7	13.7	14.5	10.9	12.5	12.8	11.6	10.5
Child's sex											
Male	46.7	44.9	15.9	48.4	47.2	50.2	47.4	43.5	48.9	49.4	47.5
Female	53.3	55.1	54.8	51.6	52.8	49.8	52.6	56.5	51.1	50.6	52.5
Plurality											
Multiple births	20.5	17.2	45.2	16.9	16.5	17.3	20.9	25.1	18.7	19.5	20.1
Caesarean delivery											
	30.0	27.4	32.1	30.3	32.3	31.3	33.4	34.4	38.5	34.7	36.2
Place of delivery											
Hospital ³	98.4	99.3	99.3	98.2	98.4	100.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	99.7	98.7
Attendant at birth											
Midwife ⁴	2.5	2.0	2.1	3.6	1.9	3.1	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.6
Previous live births											
1 or more	62.1	67.9	61.7	65.6	57.5	61.5	65.4	66.4	64.8	64.7	63.5

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.