

TABLE 1B-7
LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND
DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER
AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1995-2005
(WHITE NON-HISPANIC MOTHERS)

Characteristic	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of LBW births	2,578	2,565	2,543	2,559	2,516	2,772	2,615	2,600	2,672	2,836	2,729
PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:											
Age of mother											
≤19 years	11.8	12.9	11.1	12.4	10.7	11.4	9.7	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.6
≥30 years	38.3	39.3	39.3	38.1	39.6	40.1	42.9	42.7	44.5	41.9	40.5
Marital status											
Unmarried	34.8	33.9	32.5	33.0	29.2	30.8	27.8	31.7	30.3	30.3	32.7
Mother's education											
<9 years	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.8
Prenatal care began											
1st Trimester	73.4	77.7	80.6	78.1	79.3	81.4	83.6	83.5	83.4	84.8	86.9
3rd Trimester	4.8	3.2	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.7	1.6
No Care	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.1
Prenatal visits											
1-4	7.4	5.8	4.8	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	6.2	5.2	5.7	5.8
≥5	80.3	87.7	93.0	94.4	82.6	83.3	87.9	87.5	87.9	90.4	92.0
≥9	62.3	69.3	70.8	65.0	65.0	65.6	68.8	64.7	66.8	69.6	69.7
≥13	24.6	29.1	30.4	25.9	28.5	30.1	31.8	28.5	31.8	29.4	28.1
Medical risks/ Complications¹											
70.1	71.0	73.5	71.3	70.5	70.9	70.6	72.6	69.6	66.2	70.9	
Gestational age²											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	67.9	69.1	72.7	72.4	71.5	73.2	73.2	74.4	72.4	76.8	74.3
Birth weight											
<1,500 grams	16.8	17.0	17.2	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.4	17.3	16.5	14.9	15.8
<1,000 grams	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.6	6.7	6.9	8.5	7.7	7.1	8.4
Child's sex											
Male	46.9	48.5	48.8	47.7	48.9	49.3	47.5	48.0	49.5	47.2	46.2
Female	53.1	51.5	51.2	52.3	51.1	50.7	52.5	52.0	50.5	52.8	53.8
Plurality											
Multiple births	23.8	24.3	23.9	26.1	25.0	28.7	28.1	29.1	29.6	30.3	28.8
Caesarean delivery											
35.8	36.7	37.9	39.0	39.5	43.0	44.0	45.8	48.1	46.8	47.9	
Place of delivery											
Hospital ³	99.5	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.8	99.5	99.8	99.5	99.5	99.6
Attendant at birth											
Midwife ⁴	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.9
Previous live births											
1 or more	55.8	58.6	55.1	56.5	56.0	56.0	55.8	55.2	54.7	54.6	54.3

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

²Physician's estimate.

³Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

⁴Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.