

TABLE 1B-3
LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL
CARE AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,
BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1996-2006
(ALL RACE/ETHNIC GROUPS)

Characteristic	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of births	5,074	5,227	5,317	5,536	5,975	5,943	5,926	6,427	6,704	6,640	7,266
Age of mother											
≤19 years	17.5	16.4	17.1	16.9	17.0	16.1	14.9	14.9	14.3	14.2	14.5
≥30 years	33.0	32.9	31.7	31.7	32.6	33.1	34.3	34.7	34.3	33.5	34.3
Marital status											
Unmarried	45.9	45.2	45.6	44.1	45.6	44.5	45.3	45.7	46.5	48.3	48.3
Mother's education											
<9 years	10.0	9.6	10.1	8.7	9.2	9.7	8.8	9.5	8.7	8.3	7.8
Mother's race/ethnicity											
White ¹	50.6	48.7	48.1	45.8	46.7	44.0	43.9	41.6	42.3	41.1	39.8
Hispanic	34.4	35.5	35.9	37.6	37.9	39.5	39.2	41.8	41.2	40.8	42.3
Black	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.6	6.7
American Indian	7.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.9	6.5
Other	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.6	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.7
Prenatal care began											
1st Trimester	69.5	70.9	70.0	69.6	71.3	73.6	74.2	73.8	75.4	77.4	77.2
3rd Trimester	5.6	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.8
No Care	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.1	4.5	4.7	4.9
Prenatal visits											
1-4	9.5	8.9	9.7	8.5	8.6	8.4	9.0	8.0	9.3	9.4	8.5
≥5	80.9	83.9	78.3	78.3	78.2	82.0	82.9	82.9	84.7	85.6	86.3
≥9	59.8	61.9	55.3	58.2	57.6	60.4	57.7	58.7	59.8	60.3	60.1
≥13	23.8	25.6	22.3	24.7	25.7	27.3	25.0	26.5	23.9	22.1	21.9
Medical risks/											
Complications²	72.0	72.7	70.4	69.2	69.7	68.0	68.9	64.0	63.8	67.2	65.1
Gestational age³											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	68.3	70.0	70.8	70.3	71.3	70.7	70.9	70.9	73.3	73.7	72.7
Birth weight											
<1,500 grams	17.5	17.1	16.8	16.0	16.6	15.5	16.6	15.9	16.4	16.9	16.9
<1,000 grams	8.9	8.1	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.4	8.8	7.9	7.9	8.7	7.7
Child's sex											
Male	49.6	49.0	48.2	50.0	49.7	47.4	48.3	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.5
Female	50.4	51.0	51.8	50.0	50.3	52.5	51.7	51.4	52.0	52.9	52.5
Plurality											
Multiple births	20.1	20.3	21.9	21.3	22.1	22.5	23.2	23.4	23.7	22.2	22.5
Caesarean delivery	28.1	34.6	35.6	35.2	38.0	37.6	39.7	41.2	40.8	42.5	43.2
Place of delivery											
Hospital ⁴	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.7
Attendant at birth											
Midwife ⁵	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.5	1.9
Previous live births											
1 or more	59.3	61.1	57.8	58.3	58.6	58.1	58.0	58.7	58.1	58.3	59.6

¹Non-Hispanic.

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

³Physician's estimate.

⁴Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

⁵Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.