

**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, 1996-2006**  
**(WHITE NON-HISPANIC MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Number of LBW births</b>	2,565	2,543	2,559	2,516	2,772	2,615	2,600	2,672	2,836	2,729	2,891
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	12.9	11.1	12.4	10.7	11.4	9.7	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.6	8.6
≥30 years	39.3	39.3	38.1	39.6	40.1	42.9	42.7	44.5	41.9	40.5	41.8
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	33.9	32.5	33.0	29.2	30.8	27.8	31.7	30.3	30.3	32.7	33.0
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.8
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	77.7	80.6	78.1	79.3	81.4	83.6	83.5	83.4	84.8	86.9	85.6
3rd Trimester	3.2	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.7
No Care	2.0	2.1	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.1	3.0
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	5.8	4.8	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	6.2	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.2
≥5	87.7	93.0	94.4	82.6	83.3	87.9	87.5	87.9	90.4	92.0	91.6
≥9	69.3	70.8	65.0	65.0	65.6	68.8	64.7	66.8	69.6	69.7	68.6
≥13	29.1	30.4	25.9	28.5	30.1	31.8	28.5	31.8	29.4	28.1	27.1
<b>Medical risks/ Complications<sup>1</sup></b>	71.0	73.5	71.3	70.5	70.9	70.6	72.6	69.6	66.2	70.9	66.5
<b>Gestational age<sup>2</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	69.1	72.7	72.4	71.5	73.2	73.2	74.4	72.4	76.8	74.3	74.6
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<1,500 grams	17.0	17.2	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.4	17.3	16.5	14.9	15.8	16.1
<1,000 grams	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.6	6.7	6.9	8.5	7.7	7.1	8.4	7.1
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	48.5	48.8	47.7	48.9	49.3	47.5	48.0	49.5	47.2	46.2	47.4
Female	51.5	51.2	52.3	51.1	50.7	52.5	52.0	50.5	52.8	53.8	52.6
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	24.3	23.9	26.1	25.0	28.7	28.1	29.1	29.6	30.3	28.8	28.7
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>	36.7	37.9	39.0	39.5	43.0	44.0	45.8	48.1	46.8	47.9	48.4
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>3</sup>	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.4	99.8	99.5	99.8	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.5
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>4</sup>	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	58.6	55.1	56.5	56.0	56.0	55.8	55.2	54.7	54.6	54.3	56.9

<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.