

**TABLE 1B-8**  
**LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND DELIVERY**  
**CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER**  
**AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1996-2006**  
**(HISPANIC OR LATINO MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Number of births</b>	27,396	27,941	28,824	30,784	33,893	35,103	36,089	39,101	40,822	42,156	44,862
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.0	19.3	18.9	18.2	17.4	17.5	17.1	17.2
≥30 years	21.3	21.2	21.0	21.4	21.4	22.4	22.9	23.6	24.7	25.6	25.5
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	50.1	48.3	49.7	50.3	51.4	51.0	52.2	52.7	53.9	54.3	55.4
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	21.4	20.5	20.2	20.0	20.0	19.7	19.0	19.2	18.8	17.5	16.4
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	61.8	63.9	62.6	62.7	63.5	65.3	65.6	65.8	67.0	69.5	70.1
3rd Trimester	8.9	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.3	5.2	5.1
No Care	2.7	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.8	4.8	4.5	3.6	3.6
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	7.9	7.1	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.7	6.4	5.5	5.2
≥5	86.3	87.8	84.1	83.4	84.3	86.8	88.2	87.4	88.4	90.8	91
≥9	64.8	67.4	65.5	64.9	65.3	68.4	69.4	68.5	67.9	70.0	70.3
≥13	24.2	25.5	26.5	27.0	29.3	32.7	32.6	28.9	25.8	22.9	23.9
<b>Medical risks/ Complications<sup>1</sup></b>	45.2	45.0	42.0	39.7	42.1	41.6	41.0	38.1	39.3	40.5	41.5
<b>Gestational age<sup>2</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	8.9	9.0	9.3	9.5	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.8	10.3	10.1	10.1
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<2,500 grams	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.9
<1,500 grams	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	50.9	51.2	50.8	51.1	50.9	50.8	51.2	51.0	51.2	51.1	51.2
Female	49.1	48.8	49.2	48.9	49.1	49.2	48.8	49.0	48.8	48.9	48.8
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>	15.5	15.4	15.8	16.2	17.4	18.6	19.5	21.1	21.9	23.5	24.0
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>3</sup>	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>4</sup>	8.7	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.5	7.3	7.0	5.6	5.9	5.2	4.6
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	62.9	63.1	63.3	64.0	63.6	64.9	65.5	65.5	65.9	66.7	66.0

<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.