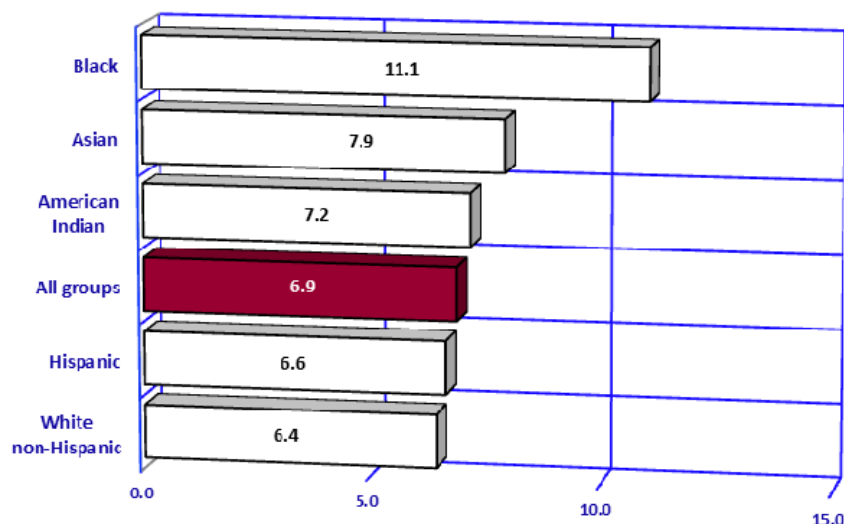


1B. NATALITY: MATERNAL CHARACTERISTICS AND NEWBORN'S HEALTH

Figure 1B-19
Percent Low Birthweight^a by Mother's Race/Ethnicity,
Arizona Residents, 2013

In 2013, 6.9 percent of all Arizona infants were born at a low birthweight (LBW), or at less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds 8 ounces).

In Arizona, LBW rates differed by mother's racial/ethnic group. LBW rates were highest for newborns of Black or African American mothers (11.1 percent), Asian or Pacific Islander mothers (7.9 percent), and American Indian mothers (7.2 percent). Newborns of Hispanic or Latino and White non-Hispanic mothers had the lowest LBW rates (6.6 and 6.4 percent respectively; based on data in **Table 1B-26**).



Notes: ^a Low birthweight is less than 2,500 grams (less than 5 pounds 8 ounces).

Figure 1B-20
First Trimester Prenatal Care by Mother's Race/Ethnicity,
Arizona Residents, 2013

The percent of Arizona mothers giving birth who received early prenatal care (i.e., in the first trimester) has remained relatively stable from 2008 (79.4 percent) to 2013 (81.3 percent; **Table 1B-2**).

In Arizona, American Indian, Hispanic or Latino, and Black or African American mothers were least likely to begin prenatal care in the first trimester (**Figure 1B-20**). The highest utilization rates of early prenatal care were among White non-Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander mothers (based on data in **Table 1B-26**).

