

**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, 1990-2000  
(ALL ETHNIC GROUPS)**

Characteristic	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>NUMBER OF BIRTHS</b>	4,451	4,545	4,476	4,653	4,812	4,945	5,074	5,227	5,317	5,652	6,101
<b>PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS</b>											
<b>AGE OF MOTHER</b>											
≤19 years	18.2	18.5	17.0	17.3	17.9	17.7	17.5	16.4	17.1	16.9	17.0
≥30 years	29.4	29.4	29.2	30.3	31.5	31.9	33.0	32.9	31.7	31.7	32.6
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>											
Unmarried	41.3	43.8	44.9	45.1	46.0	46.5	45.9	45.2	45.6	44.1	45.6
<b>MOTHER'S EDUCATION</b>											
<9 years	9.1	10.0	11.9	9.3	9.7	8.9	10.0	9.6	10.1	8.7	9.2
<b>MOTHER'S ETHNIC GROUP</b>											
White <sup>1</sup>	55.5	52.7	52.0	51.7	52.3	52.1	50.6	48.7	48.1	45.8	46.7
Hispanic	27.8	29.3	31.3	31.6	32.0	33.7	34.4	35.5	35.9	37.6	37.9
Black	6.6	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.7
American Indian	8.5	9.1	8.0	8.0	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.3
Other	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.7	2.5
<b>PRENATAL CARE BEGAN</b>											
1st Trimester	62.5	61.3	65.6	65.4	65.4	66.0	69.5	70.9	70.0	69.6	71.3
3rd Trimester	6.4	6.8	5.3	5.3	6.2	6.6	5.6	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0
No Care	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.6	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.5
<b>PRENATAL VISITS</b>											
1-4	13.0	13.3	9.6	10.8	10.6	10.5	9.5	8.9	9.7	8.5	8.6
≥5	78.0	78.4	80.2	79.1	78.3	75.4	80.9	83.9	78.3	78.3	78.2
≥9	54.4	54.2	60.8	56.1	56.4	54.7	59.8	61.9	55.3	58.2	57.6
≥13	22.5	23.2	28.2	23.4	21.5	21.0	23.8	25.6	22.3	24.7	25.7
<b>MEDICAL RISKS/ COMPLICATIONS<sup>2</sup></b>	66.4	69.9	64.7	67.1	70.5	71.2	72.0	72.7	70.4	69.2	69.7
<b>GESTATIONAL AGE<sup>3</sup></b>											
≤37 weeks	73.8	71.7	76.6	77.2	77.0	77.9	79.8	81.0	81.8	78.7	79.5
<b>BIRTH WEIGHT</b>											
<1,500 grams	19.7	20.3	17.2	18.0	15.5	17.3	17.5	17.1	16.8	17.7	18.3
<1,000 grams	10.9	12.5	9.2	9.1	7.3	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.4	9.6	9.1
<b>CHILD'S SEX</b>											
Male	47.7	48.7	47.6	47.3	46.7	47.2	49.6	49.0	48.2	50.0	49.7
Female	52.3	51.3	52.4	52.7	53.3	52.8	50.4	51.0	51.8	50.0	50.3
<b>PLURALITY</b>											
Multiple births	18.1	16.1	18.2	18.1	18.7	20.6	20.1	20.3	21.9	21.3	22.1
<b>CAESAREAN DELIVERY</b>	32.0	31.9	33.5	31.1	32.6	33.2	28.1	34.6	35.6	35.2	38.0
<b>PLACE OF DELIVERY</b>											
Hospital <sup>4</sup>	98.1	99.3	99.1	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.7	99.7
<b>ATTENDANT AT BIRTH</b>											
Midwife <sup>5</sup>	2.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.6
<b>PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS</b>											
1 or more	59.4	60.1	59.2	59.7	58.7	57.1	59.3	61.1	57.8	58.3	58.6

<sup>1</sup> Non-Hispanic.

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

<sup>3</sup> Physician's estimate.

<sup>4</sup> Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

<sup>5</sup> Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.