

TABLE 1B-4
LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE
AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,
BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1992-2002
(URBAN REGIONS)*

Characteristic	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of births	54,391	54,627	58,733	60,293	62,879	63,510	65,825	68,611	72,596	73,319	74,851
PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS:											
Age of mother											
≤19 years	14.4	14.4	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.3	14.6	14.4	13.9	13.5	12.7
≥30 years	29.3	29.6	30.5	30.7	30.6	31.2	30.7	30.6	30.9	31.5	32.0
Marital status											
Unmarried	35.1	36.6	37.6	37.6	38.2	36.8	37.6	38.1	38.5	38.8	39.5
Mother's education											
<9 years	12.4	9.5	9.4	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.9	10.0	9.7
Mother's ethnic group											
White ¹	57.6	56.5	54.5	53.9	51.7	50.6	49.8	48.1	46.8	45.3	44.1
Hispanic	33.5	34.4	35.9	37.3	39.2	39.6	39.7	40.9	42.6	43.9	44.1
Black	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5
American Indian	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Other	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.9	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.9	5.0
Prenatal care began											
1st Trimester	72.6	71.3	71.5	71.9	74.3	75.7	74.9	74.6	75.4	76.1	76.5
3rd Trimester	5.0	5.3	5.4	6.0	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2
No Care	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.2
Prenatal visits											
1-4	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0
≥5	91.2	90.7	89.0	87.2	91.1	92.2	89.4	88.4	89.0	90.9	92.0
≥9	78.0	75.3	73.1	72.5	76.1	77.5	75.4	74.3	74.9	77.3	77.6
≥13	34.6	30.8	28.1	27.4	29.8	31.2	29.9	30.7	32.2	34.4	32.8
Medical risks/ complications²	45.7	46.2	47.0	45.3	46.2	47.5	45.2	42.2	44.6	43.9	44.1
Gestational age³											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	7.9	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.9	10.4	10.0	10.1
Birth weight											
<2,500 grams	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.8
<1,500 grams	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Child's sex											
Male	51.2	51.0	50.9	51.2	50.8	51.8	51.2	51.3	51.1	50.8	51.4
Female	48.8	49.0	49.1	48.8	49.2	48.2	48.8	48.7	48.9	49.2	48.6
Plurality											
Multiple births	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
Caesarean delivery	17.4	17.2	17.3	17.0	16.3	17.1	17.3	18.0	19.1	20.5	21.8
Place of delivery											
Hospital ⁴	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.0	99.1
Attendant at birth											
Midwife ⁵	6.3	7.3	6.8	7.1	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.6	7.4	6.7	6.1
Previous live births											
1 or more	60.5	60.8	60.0	59.4	60.5	60.6	60.9	61.0	60.9	61.8	65.0

* Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Yuma counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas. See **Technical Notes** for more information.

¹ Non-Hispanic.

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

³ Physician's estimate.

⁴ Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

⁵ Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.