

**TABLE 1B-5
LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE
AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH
ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1992-2002
(RURAL REGIONS)***

Characteristic	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of births	14,284	14,410	12,163	12,093	12,515	12,053	12,115	11,877	12,333	11,851	12,498
PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS											
Age of mother											
≤19 years	17.2	17.7	16.4	16.7	16.6	16.6	17.0	17.4	16.9	15.9	15.7
≥30 years	26.3	26.3	27.6	28.4	28.5	27.6	28.7	27.3	27.6	27.7	27.4
Marital status											
Unmarried	40.2	42.3	41.2	40.9	42.2	42.2	42.9	42.9	44.2	43.3	44.5
Mother's education											
<9 years	8.8	6.5	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.2
Mother's ethnic group											
White ¹	44.9	45.1	47.5	49.3	49.1	47.7	48.0	48.0	47.5	47.9	46.5
Hispanic	23.3	23.8	21.5	22.0	22.9	23.3	22.5	22.7	23.9	24.3	24.4
Black	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1
American Indian	29.3	28.6	28.6	26.3	26.1	26.5	26.7	25.4	25.7	24.6	24.3
Other	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.1
Prenatal care began											
1st Trimester	60.3	59.9	61.7	65.0	65.8	67.7	66.7	70.8	72.2	71.9	70.8
3rd Trimester	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.0	7.7	6.8	7.0	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.1
No Care	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.7
Prenatal visits											
1-4	9.1	8.7	9.1	8.2	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.3	6.8	7.2
≥5	86.5	86.1	86.2	87.7	87.8	88.6	88.6	88.7	88.0	89.2	88.5
≥9	61.9	60.4	59.8	63.5	64.8	65.9	66.3	67.0	66.5	67.1	66.0
≥13	21.7	21.2	20.8	21.7	25.5	23.2	25.1	25.6	24.4	24.5	25.2
Medical risks/ complications²	49.0	48.6	48.8	46.6	46.1	47.9	49.9	48.7	47.0	52.1	54.7
Gestational age³											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	8.0	8.6	8.1	9.0	9.4	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4
Birth weight											
<2,500 grams	6.7	7.4	7.0	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.8
<1,500 grams	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9
Child's sex											
Male	50.9	49.8	51.2	51.4	51.2	52.0	51.1	50.4	51.6	51.1	51.1
Female	49.1	50.2	48.8	48.6	48.8	48.0	48.9	49.6	48.4	48.9	48.9
Plurality											
Multiple births	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.4
Caesarean delivery	16.1	16.0	15.6	16.4	15.9	16.5	17.2	18.1	17.9	19.3	20.6
Place of delivery											
Hospital ⁴	98.7	98.5	98.7	98.4	98.3	98.3	98.0	98.7	98.6	97.9	97.5
Attendant at birth											
Midwife ⁵	15.2	15.9	16.7	15.6	15.5	16.3	15.4	15.0	14.7	13.5	12.2
Previous live births											
1 or more	66.3	65.8	65.1	64.4	64.0	63.3	63.5	64.0	64.0	65.6	65.0

* Rural = Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Santa Cruz and Yavapai counties. The remaining counties comprise Arizona's urban 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.