

**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, 1994-2004**  
**(ALL ETHNIC GROUPS)**

Characteristic	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Number of births</b>	4,812	4,945	5,074	5,227	5,317	5,536	5,975	5,943	5,926	6,427	6,704
<b>PERCENT OF LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BIRTHS:</b>											
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	17.9	17.7	17.5	16.4	17.1	16.9	17.0	16.1	14.9	14.9	14.3
≥30 years	31.5	31.9	33.0	32.9	31.7	31.7	32.6	33.1	34.3	34.7	34.3
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	46.0	46.5	45.9	45.2	45.6	44.1	45.6	44.5	45.3	45.7	46.5
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	9.7	8.9	10.0	9.6	10.1	8.7	9.2	9.7	8.8	9.5	8.7
<b>Mother's ethnic group</b>											
White <sup>1</sup>	52.3	52.1	50.6	48.7	48.1	45.8	46.7	44.0	43.9	41.6	42.3
Hispanic	32.0	33.7	34.4	35.5	35.9	37.6	37.9	39.5	39.2	41.8	41.2
Black	6.6	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.1	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.6
American Indian	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.6
Other	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.6	5.3	4.8	4.4
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	65.4	66.0	69.5	70.9	70.0	69.6	71.3	73.6	74.2	73.8	75.4
3rd Trimester	6.2	6.6	5.6	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	2.9
No Care	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.1	4.5
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	10.6	10.5	9.5	8.9	9.7	8.5	8.6	8.4	9.0	8.0	9.3
≥5	78.3	75.4	80.9	83.9	78.3	78.3	78.2	82.0	82.9	82.9	84.7
≥9	56.4	54.7	59.8	61.9	55.3	58.2	57.6	60.4	57.7	58.7	59.8
≥13	21.5	21.0	23.8	25.6	22.3	24.7	25.7	27.3	25.0	26.5	23.9
<b>Medical risks/ complications<sup>2</sup></b>											
	70.5	71.2	72.0	72.7	70.4	69.2	69.7	68.0	68.9	64.0	63.8
<b>Gestational age<sup>3</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	65.6	67.2	68.3	70.0	70.8	70.3	71.3	70.7	70.9	70.9	73.3
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<1,500 grams	15.5	17.3	17.5	17.1	16.8	16.0	16.6	15.5	16.6	15.9	16.4
<1,000 grams	7.3	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.4	8.8	7.9	7.9
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	46.7	47.2	49.6	49.0	48.2	50.0	49.7	47.4	48.3	48.6	48.0
Female	53.3	52.8	50.4	51.0	51.8	50.0	50.3	52.5	51.7	51.4	52.0
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	18.7	20.6	20.1	20.3	21.9	21.3	22.1	22.5	23.2	23.4	23.7
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>											
	32.6	33.2	28.1	34.6	35.6	35.2	38.0	37.6	39.7	41.2	40.8
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>4</sup>	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.6
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>5</sup>	4.3	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.1	2.8	3.1
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	58.7	57.1	59.3	61.1	57.8	58.3	58.6	58.1	58.0	58.7	58.1

<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.