

**TABLE 1B-2  
LIVE BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE  
AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX,  
BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1995-2005  
(ALL ETHNIC GROUPS)**

Characteristic	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Number of births</b>	72,386	75,094	75,563	77,940	80,505	84,985	85,213	87,379	90,783	93,396	95,798
<b>PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS:</b>											
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	15.2	15.0	14.7	15.0	14.9	14.3	13.8	13.1	12.9	12.7	12.5
≥30 years	30.3	30.2	30.6	30.4	30.1	30.4	31.0	31.4	31.6	32.3	32.2
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	38.2	38.8	37.7	38.4	38.8	39.3	39.4	40.2	41.2	41.9	42.8
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	8.9	9.3	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.4	9.3	8.7
<b>Mother's ethnic group</b>											
White <sup>1</sup>	53.2	51.3	50.1	49.5	48.1	46.9	45.7	44.4	42.8	42.0	41.4
Hispanic	34.7	36.5	37.0	37.0	38.2	39.9	41.2	41.3	43.1	43.7	44.0
Black	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6
American Indian	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6
Other	2.0	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.4
<b>Prenatal care begin</b>											
1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	70.7	72.9	74.4	73.6	74.1	75.0	75.5	75.7	75.6	76.3	77.7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester	6.4	5.7	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.8
No Care	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.9	2.8	2.3
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.2
≥5	87.3	90.6	91.6	89.4	88.4	88.9	90.6	91.5	90.2	91.7	93.3
≥9	71.0	74.3	75.6	74.4	73.4	73.7	75.9	75.9	74.6	75.5	76.6
≥13	26.5	28.8	29.9	29.2	29.9	31.1	33.0	31.7	29.8	27.6	25.9
<b>Medical risk/ Complications<sup>2</sup></b>	45.5	46.2	47.6	45.9	43.2	44.9	45.1	45.6	44.2	44.6	44.7
<b>Gestational age<sup>3</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	8.9	9.2	9.7	9.6	9.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.5	11.0	10.7
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<2,500 grams	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.2	6.9
<1,500 grams	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	51.2	50.9	51.8	51.2	51.2	51.1	50.9	51.3	51.0	51.2	51.2
Female	48.8	49.1	48.2	48.8	48.8	48.9	49.1	48.7	49.0	48.8	48.8
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>	16.9	16.2	17.0	17.3	18.0	18.9	20.3	21.6	22.6	23.7	25.0
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>4</sup>	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.4	99.4	98.9	98.9	98.8	98.8	98.9
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>5</sup>	8.5	9.0	9.5	9.1	8.7	8.4	7.6	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.1
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	60.2	61	61.1	61.3	61.4	61.4	62.3	62.4	62.2	62.9	63.0

<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.