

**TABLE 1B-5**  
**ALL LIVE BIRTHS AND LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED**  
**MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY,**  
**CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1997-2007**  
**(RURAL REGIONS)\***

Characteristic	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Number of births</b>	12,053	12,115	11,877	12,333	11,851	12,498	12,848	13,409	13,603	14,083	14,413
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	16.6	17.0	17.4	16.9	15.9	15.7	15.7	15.5	15.5	14.9	15.8
≥30 years	27.6	28.7	27.3	27.6	27.7	27.4	27.9	27.3	27.9	26.6	26.2
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	42.2	42.9	42.9	44.2	43.3	44.5	46.0	46.8	48.4	49.2	49.4
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.5
<b>Mother's race/ethnicity</b>											
White <sup>1</sup>	47.7	48.0	48.0	47.5	47.9	46.5	45.8	45.7	45.0	46.5	46.6
Hispanic	23.3	22.5	22.7	23.9	24.3	24.4	25.5	26.1	26.3	26.7	26.6
Black	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
American Indian	26.5	26.7	25.4	25.7	24.6	24.3	25.0	25.2	25.4	23.5	23.2
Other	1.3	1.7	2.9	1.9	2.0	3.7	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.6
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	67.7	66.7	70.8	72.2	71.9	70.8	70.0	71.4	73.9	73.5	73.7
3rd Trimester	6.8	7.0	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8
No care	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.3	6.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.2	6.0
≥5	88.6	88.6	88.7	88.0	89.2	88.5	88.0	90.1	91.5	91.7	91.9
≥9	65.9	66.3	67.0	66.5	67.1	66.0	66.6	68.9	72.4	71.1	71.4
≥13	23.2	25.1	25.6	24.4	24.5	25.2	25.5	26.7	28.0	27.6	27.9
<b>Medical risks/complications<sup>2</sup></b>	47.9	49.9	48.7	47.0	52.1	54.7	56.3	56.6	58.3	53.5	50.7
<b>Gestational age<sup>3</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	10.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<2,500 grams	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.4	7.7	7.5
<1,500 grams	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	52.0	51.1	50.4	51.6	51.1	51.1	50.6	51.5	51.7	51.0	50.0
Female	48.0	48.9	49.6	48.4	48.9	48.9	49.4	48.5	48.3	49.0	50.0
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.2
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>	16.5	17.2	18.1	17.9	19.3	20.6	21.4	22.9	23.1	25.8	25.3
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>4</sup>	98.3	98.0	98.7	98.6	97.9	97.5	97.2	96.8	96.9	97.2	97.3
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>5</sup>	16.3	15.4	15.0	14.7	13.5	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.9	12.4	12.5
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	63.3	63.5	64.0	64.0	65.6	65.0	64.3	64.4	64.1	64.3	64.5
<b>Number of LBW births</b>	853	889	883	863	857	844	940	1,030	1,003	1,080	1,080

\* 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.

<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.