

**TABLE 1B-7**  
**LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT (LBW) BIRTHS ACCORDING TO SELECTED MATERNAL, PRENATAL CARE AND**  
**DELIVERY CHARACTERISTICS, BIRTHWEIGHT, PLURALITY, CHILD'S SEX, BIRTH ORDER**  
**AND BIRTH COMPLICATIONS, ARIZONA, 1998-2008**  
**(WHITE NON-HISPANIC MOTHERS)**

Characteristic	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Number of LBW births</b>	2,559	2,516	2,772	2,615	2,600	2,672	2,836	2,729	2,891	2,978	2,878
<b>Age of mother</b>											
≤19 years	12.4	10.7	11.4	9.7	9.3	9.5	9.3	8.6	8.6	8.8	7.6
≥30 years	38.1	39.6	40.1	42.9	42.7	44.5	41.9	40.5	41.8	40.9	41.8
<b>Marital status</b>											
Unmarried	33.0	29.2	30.8	27.8	31.7	30.3	30.3	32.7	33.0	34.6	34.1
<b>Mother's education</b>											
<9 years	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4
<b>Prenatal care began</b>											
1st Trimester	78.1	79.3	81.4	83.6	83.5	83.4	84.8	86.9	85.6	86.2	86.5
3rd Trimester	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
No Care	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.1	3.0	2.4	2.1
<b>Prenatal visits</b>											
1-4	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	6.2	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.2	5.5	4.7
≥5	94.4	82.6	83.3	87.9	87.5	87.9	90.4	92.0	91.6	92.0	92.9
≥9	65.0	65.0	65.6	68.8	64.7	66.8	69.6	69.7	68.6	70.1	69.8
≥13	25.9	28.5	30.1	31.8	28.5	31.8	29.4	28.1	27.1	31.0	29.9
<b>Medical risks/ Complications<sup>1</sup></b>											
	71.3	70.5	70.9	70.6	72.6	69.6	66.2	70.9	66.5	68.6	71.5
<b>Gestational age<sup>2</sup></b>											
Preterm (<37 weeks)	72.4	71.5	73.2	73.2	74.4	72.4	76.8	74.3	74.6	74.0	72.9
<b>Birth weight</b>											
<1,500 grams	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.4	17.3	16.5	14.9	15.8	16.1	15.0	15.7
<1,000 grams	8.0	7.6	6.7	6.9	8.5	7.7	7.1	8.4	7.1	6.2	6.8
<b>Child's sex</b>											
Male	47.7	48.9	49.3	47.5	48.0	49.5	47.2	46.2	47.4	46.9	47.0
Female	52.3	51.1	50.7	52.5	52.0	50.5	52.8	53.8	52.6	53.1	53.0
<b>Plurality</b>											
Multiple births	26.1	25.0	28.7	28.1	29.1	29.6	30.3	28.8	28.7	29.6	30.1
<b>Caesarean delivery</b>											
	39.0	39.5	43.0	44.0	45.8	48.1	46.8	47.9	48.4	49.6	53.2
<b>Place of delivery</b>											
Hospital <sup>3</sup>	99.3	99.4	99.8	99.5	99.8	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.4
<b>Attendant at birth</b>											
Midwife <sup>4</sup>	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3
<b>Previous live births</b>											
1 or more	56.5	56.0	56.0	55.8	55.2	54.7	54.6	54.3	56.9	57.5	58.3

<sup>1</sup>Reported medical risks for this pregnancy and/or complications of labor and delivery.

<sup>2</sup>Physician's estimate.

<sup>3</sup>Hospital, clinic, medical center or maternity home.

<sup>4</sup>Licensed Midwife or Certified Nurse Midwife.