

**TABLE 1B-24
CHANGES FROM 2008 TO 2018 IN SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF NEWBORNS AND ARIZONA WOMEN GIVING BIRTH
BY AREA AND RACE/ETHNICITY**

Characteristics	Urban ^a			Rural			White non-Hispanic			Hispanic or Latino			Black or African American			American Indian or Alaska Native			Asian or Pacific Islander		
	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change	2008	2018	% Change
Number of births^b	85,263	69,890	-18.0	13,952	10,640	-23.7	41,925	34,909	-16.7	42,639	32,995	-22.6	4,301	4,655	8.2	6,362	4,709	-26.0	3,425	3,271	-4.5
Per 100 births:																					
Teenage mother^c	11.7	5.5	-53.0	15.4	7.5	-51.2	7.1	3.1	-56.3	16.8	8.5	-49.4	15.3	5.8	-62.1	18.6	9.8	-47.1	3.3	1.3	-60.6
Unwed mother^d	44.1	43.4	-1.6	51.1	52.3	2.3	29.5	31.1	5.4	56.5	54.7	-3.1	62.6	60.6	-3.2	75.8	78.9	4.1	17.4	14.8	-14.9
Early prenatal care^e	80.4	69.5	-13.6	72.7	64.0	-12.0	87.3	75.7	-13.3	73.4	63.8	-13.1	77.6	62.4	-19.6	65.1	56.5	-13.3	86.4	72.5	-16.1
0-4 prenatal visits	4.8	7.3	52.1	8.7	11.1	27.6	2.7	4.8	77.8	6.9	9.8	42.0	5.8	9.4	62.1	12.4	16.2	30.6	3.7	5.2	40.5
C-Section	27.8	27.7	-0.4	26.0	26.1	0.4	29.5	27.4	-7.1	25.7	26.7	3.9	30.5	33.7	10.5	23.1	25.2	9.1	32.0	30.9	-3.4
LBW rate	7.0	7.6	8.6	7.5	7.8	4.0	6.9	7.1	2.9	6.7	7.2	7.5	11.7	12.3	5.1	6.7	7.9	17.9	9.1	9.8	7.7
Newborn intensive care	6.2	7.7	24.2	4.6	6.8	47.8	6.5	7.3	12.3	5.4	7.4	37.0	7.6	10.0	31.6	4.9	7.8	59.2	6.7	8.3	23.9
Preterm births (< 37 weeks)	10.2	9.5	-6.9	9.7	9.3	-4.1	10.1	8.9	-11.9	9.9	9.5	-4.0	14.0	12.4	-11.4	9.8	10.4	6.1	10.0	10.0	0.0
Births paid for by the AHCCCS^f	52.1	48.8	-6.3	54.9	60.0	9.3	32.0	34.1	6.6	73.5	65.0	-11.6	61.7	67.5	9.4	55.8	66.7	19.5	23.2	24.9	7.3

Notes: ^a Urban = Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Yuma counties; the remaining counties comprise Arizona's rural areas; see **Technical Notes** for more information; ^b Per 100 live births; ^c Less than 20 years old; ^d Beginning with data year 2015, the coding of marital status has changed as such unmarried category includes divorced; ^e Entered care in first trimester of pregnancy; ^f The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is the State's Medicaid program.