

Table 85. Births to Teens and Unmarried Mothers, and Births with Low Birth Weight, by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2005

[Represents registered births. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States. Data are based on race and Hispanic origin of mother. See Appendix III]

Race and Hispanic origin	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005, prel.
Percent of births to teenage mothers . . .	12.8	13.1	11.8	10.8	10.3	10.3	10.2
White.	10.9	11.5	10.6	9.8	9.4	9.3	9.2
Black.	23.1	23.1	19.7	18.0	17.3	17.1	16.8
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	19.5	21.4	19.7	18.5	18.2	17.9	17.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	5.7	5.6	4.5	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3
Hispanic origin ¹	16.8	17.9	16.2	14.9	14.3	14.3	14.1
Mexican	17.7	18.8	17.0	15.9	15.3	15.3	(NA)
Puerto Rican	21.7	23.5	20.0	17.8	17.9	17.6	(NA)
Cuban	7.7	7.7	7.5	8.1	7.9	7.8	(NA)
Central and South American	9.0	10.6	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.4	(NA)
Percent of births to unmarried mothers . .	26.6	32.2	33.2	34.0	34.6	35.8	36.8
White.	16.9	25.3	27.1	28.5	29.4	30.5	(NA)
Black.	66.7	69.9	68.5	68.2	68.2	68.8	(NA)
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	53.6	57.2	58.4	59.7	61.3	62.3	63.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	13.2	16.3	14.8	14.9	15.0	15.5	16.2
Hispanic origin ¹	36.7	40.8	42.7	43.5	45.0	46.4	47.9
Mexican	33.3	38.1	40.7	42.1	43.7	45.2	(NA)
Puerto Rican	55.9	60.0	59.6	59.1	59.8	61.0	(NA)
Cuban	18.2	23.8	27.3	29.8	31.4	33.2	(NA)
Central and South American	41.2	44.1	44.7	44.8	46.0	47.6	(NA)
Percent of births with low birth weight ²	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
White.	5.7	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.1	(NA)
Black.	13.3	13.1	13.0	13.3	13.4	13.4	(NA)
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	(NA)	6.9	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0
Hispanic origin ¹	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.9
Mexican	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.4	(NA)
Puerto Rican	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.7	10.0	9.8	(NA)
Cuban	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.7	(NA)
Central and South American	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.7	(NA)

NA Not available. ¹ Hispanic persons may be any race. Includes other types, not shown separately. ² Births less than 2,500 grams (5 lb.-8 oz.).

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