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Plurality of birth and birthweight	Total	Race and Hispanic origin of mother						
		Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
All live births	3,959,417	3,132,501	605,970	40,170	180,776	764,339	2,346,450	588,981
Less than 500 grams	5,912	3,272	2,424	47	169	828	2,365	2,381
500-999 grams	22,815	13,730	8,179	206	700	3,441	10,165	8,059
1000-1499 grams	28,750	19,022	8,403	251	1,074	4,437	14,481	8,273
1500-1999 grams	59,531	41,042	15,526	571	2,392	9,248	31,610	15,217
2000-2499 grams	184,175	128,495	44,790	1,790	9,100	30,734	96,992	43,896
2500-2999 grams	653,327	468,684	139,262	6,078	39,303	125,812	340,563	135,952
3000-3499 grams	1,470,019	1,150,762	229,798	14,296	75,163	301,243	842,394	223,441
3500-3999 grams	1,137,401	959,432	124,009	11,964	41,996	218,943	733,006	119,685
4000-4499 grams	332,863	291,799	27,907	4,007	9,150	58,553	230,650	26,732
4500-4999 grams	53,751	47,564	4,205	746	1,236	9,268	37,836	4,030
5000-8165 grams	6,069	5,238	554	124	153	1,209	3,987	528
Unknown or not stated	4,804	3,461	913	90	340	623	2,401	787
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.6	13.1	7.1	7.4	6.4	6.6	13.2
Live births in single deliveries	3,837,789	3,035,757	586,027	39,285	176,720	748,368	2,266,577	569,500
Less than 500 grams	4,416	2,354	1,890	37	135	651	1,650	1,858
500-999 grams	17,639	10,105	6,797	179	558	2,789	7,228	6,696
1000-1499 grams	20,831	13,081	6,739	206	805	3,569	9,466	6,635
1500-1999 grams	41,492	27,170	12,131	433	1,758	7,025	20,044	11,890
2000-2499 grams	147,659	99,655	38,719	1,529	7,756	25,908	73,229	37,977
2500-2999 grams	617,230	439,021	134,301	5,815	38,093	120,801	316,211	131,123
3000-3499 grams	1,456,164	1,138,967	228,214	14,187	74,796	299,360	832,595	221,896
3500-3999 grams	1,135,518	957,821	123,805	11,939	41,953	218,691	731,663	119,493
4000-4499 grams	332,723	291,676	27,896	4,004	9,147	58,534	230,547	26,721
4500-4999 grams	53,729	47,546	4,202	745	1,236	9,267	37,819	4,027
5000-8165 grams	6,057	5,230	550	124	153	1,207	3,982	524
Unknown or not stated	4,331	3,131	783	87	330	566	2,143	660
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.7
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.0	11.3	6.1	6.2	5.3	4.9	11.4

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
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Live births in twin deliveries	114,307	90,191	19,374	870	3,872	15,388	73,964	18,920
Less than 500 grams	1,293	765	489	10	29	157	592	478
500-999 grams	4,270	2,838	1,277	27	128	558	2,257	1,258
1000-1499 grams	6,322	4,544	1,511	42	225	738	3,759	1,485
1500-1999 grams	15,574	11,613	3,254	132	575	2,026	9,516	3,194
2000-2499 grams	34,841	27,312	5,981	255	1,293	4,701	22,372	5,829
2500-2999 grams	35,745	29,337	4,941	263	1,204	4,999	24,039	4,809
3000-3499 grams	13,802	11,747	1,580	109	366	1,883	9,752	1,541
3500-3999 grams	1,869	1,601	204	25	39	251	1,334	192
4000-4499 grams	139	122	11	3	3	19	102	11
4500-4999 grams	21	17	3	1	-	1	16	3
5000-8165 grams	12	8	4	-	-	2	5	4
Unknown or not stated	419	287	119	3	10	53	220	116
Percent very low birthweight	10.4	9.1	17.0	9.1	9.9	9.5	9.0	17.1
Percent low birthweight	54.7	52.4	65.0	53.7	58.3	53.3	52.2	65.1
Live births in triplet deliveries	6,742	6,003	548	15	176	517	5,432	540
Less than 500 grams	179	129	45	-	5	19	103	45
500-999 grams	709	600	96	-	13	63	528	96
1000-1499 grams	1,404	1,216	144	3	41	113	1,092	144
1500-1999 grams	2,336	2,136	138	6	56	183	1,942	130
2000-2499 grams	1,660	1,514	90	6	50	123	1,378	90
2500-2999 grams	350	324	20	-	6	12	311	20
3000-3499 grams	51	46	4	-	1	-	45	4
3500-3999 grams	12	8	-	-	4	-	8	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	40	29	11	-	-	4	24	11
Percent very low birthweight	34.2	32.6	53.1	*	33.5	38.0	31.9	53.9
Percent low birthweight	93.8	93.7	95.5	*	93.8	97.7	93.3	95.5

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
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Live births in quadruplet deliveries	512	488	16	-	8	65	420	16
Less than 500 grams	18	18	-	-	-	1	14	-
500-999 grams	171	163	7	-	1	31	128	7
1000-1499 grams	177	168	6	-	3	17	152	6
1500-1999 grams	121	115	3	-	3	14	103	3
2000-2499 grams	15	14	-	-	1	2	13	-
2500-2999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3000-3499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percent very low birthweight	72.0	72.1	*	*	*	75.4	70.7	*
Percent low birthweight	98.8	98.8	*	*	*	100.0	98.6	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	67	62	5	-	-	1	57	5
Less than 500 grams	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	-
500-999 grams	26	24	2	-	-	-	24	2
1000-1499 grams	16	13	3	-	-	-	12	3
1500-1999 grams	8	8	-	-	-	-	5	-
2000-2499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500-2999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000-3499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	-
Percent very low birthweight	84.2	82.7	*	*	*	*	89.4	*
Percent low birthweight	98.2	98.1	*	*	*	*	100.0	*

- Quantity zero.

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

(1) Data not shown for non-Hispanic births of other races and births with origin not stated.

(2) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.