Table. Number of and percentage of preterm-related infant deaths and preterm-related infant mortality rates by race and Hispanic origin of mother, United States, 1999-2004 linked files

					Asian or			_	Central
Year	All races		Non-Hispanic	•	Pacific	Total		Puerto	and South
	and origins ¹	white	black	AIAN ²	Islander ²	Hispanic ³	Mexican	Rican	American
Number of preterm-related infant deaths									
2004	10,180	4,171	3,641	83	378	1,752	1,192	195	238
2003	10,331	4,358	3,615	91	364	1,761	1,163	200	256
2002	9,965	4,342	3,581	90	321	1,540	1,018	190	192
2001	9,767	4,289	3,561	79	280	1,436	951	196	189
2000	9,673	4,141	3,586	96	298	1,411	929	189	170
1999	9,865	4,285	3,669	100	260	1,408	879	216	153
Percent of total infant deaths that are preterm-related									
2004	36.5	32.1	46.3	22.4	35.3	33.4	32.2	40.7	35.7
2003	36.9	32.9	46.1	24.2	34.1	34.2	32.4	41.8	37.4
2002	35.6	32.6	44.6	24.6	31.9	31.3	29.9	40.3	30.1
2001	35.5	32.2	44.9	19.6	29.6	31.0	29.8	39.9	31.3
2000	34.6	30.8	43.7	27.7	30.5	30.9	29.4	39.6	32.3
1999	35.4	31.7	44.1	26.8	29.7	32.3	29.5	45.3	31.7
Preterm-related infant mortality rate ⁴									
2004			6.29	1.89	1.65	1.85	1.76	3.19	1.66
2003	2.53	1.88	6.28	2.11	1.65	1.93	1.78	3.42	1.89
2002	2.48	1.89	6.19	2.12	1.52	1.76	1.62	3.31	1.52
2001	2.43			1.89	1.40	1.69	1.56	3.40	
2000	2.38			2.30	1.49	1.73	1.60	3.25	
1999	2.49		6.23	2.49	1.44	1.84	1.63	3.78	1.48

¹ Includes origin not stated.

NOTES: Preterm-related deaths are those where the infant was born preterm (before 37 completed weeks of gestation) with the underlying cause of death assigned to one of the following ICD-10 categories: K550, P000, P010, P011, P015, P020, P021, P027, P070-P073, P102, P220-229, P250-279, P280, P281, P360-369, P520-523, or P77. AIAN is American Indian or Alaska Native.

² Includes persons of Hispanic and Non-Hispanic origin.

³ Includes Cuban and other and unknown Hispanic mothers not shown separately. Cuban data were not shown separately because of small numbers of infant deaths.

⁴ Rate per 1,000 live births in specified group.