

Table 86. Percentage of Births to Teens, Unmarried Mothers, and Births With Low Birth Weight: 1990 to 2008

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

Characteristics	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Percent of births to teenage mothers ¹	12.8	13.1	11.8	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4
White	10.9	11.5	10.6	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5
Black	23.1	23.1	19.7	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.0
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut.	19.5	21.4	19.7	17.7	17.6	18.4	18.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	5.7	5.6	4.5	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0
Hispanic origin ²	16.8	17.9	16.2	14.1	14.3	14.2	14.1
Mexican	17.7	18.8	17.0	14.9	15.0	14.9	14.8
Puerto Rican	21.7	23.5	20.0	17.4	17.7	17.2	17.3
Cuban	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.7	8.0	8.2	7.8
Central and South American	9.0	10.6	9.9	8.6	8.9	9.0	8.4
Other and unknown Hispanic	(NA)	20.1	18.8	17.1	16.9	17.2	17.1
Non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	10.7	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.1
White	(NA)	(NA)	8.7	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5
Black	(NA)	(NA)	19.8	17.0	17.2	17.3	17.1
Percent of births to unmarried mothers	26.6	32.2	33.2	36.9	38.5	39.7	40.6
White	16.9	25.3	27.1	31.7	33.3	34.8	35.7
Black	66.7	69.9	68.5	69.3	70.2	71.2	71.8
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut.	53.6	57.2	58.4	63.5	64.6	65.3	65.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	13.2	16.3	14.8	16.2	16.5	16.6	16.9
Hispanic origin ²	36.7	40.8	42.7	48.0	49.9	51.3	52.6
Mexican	33.3	38.1	40.7	46.7	48.6	50.1	51.3
Puerto Rican	55.9	60.0	59.6	61.7	62.4	63.4	64.6
Cuban	18.2	23.8	27.3	36.4	39.4	41.8	44.2
Central and South American	41.2	44.1	44.7	49.2	51.5	52.7	52.3
Other and unknown Hispanic	(NA)	44.0	46.2	48.6	49.2	51.3	54.4
Non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	30.8	33.4	34.8	35.9	36.7
White	(NA)	(NA)	22.1	25.3	26.6	27.8	28.7
Black	(NA)	(NA)	68.7	69.9	70.7	71.6	72.3
Percent of births with low birth weight ³	7.0	7.3	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2
White	5.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1
Black	13.3	13.1	13.0	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.4
American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut.	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	(NA)	6.9	7.3	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.2
Hispanic origin ²	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0
Mexican	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5
Puerto Rican	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.9	10.1	9.8	9.9
Cuban	5.7	6.5	6.5	7.6	7.1	7.7	7.8
Central and South American	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7
Other and unknown Hispanic	(NA)	7.5	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.2
Non-Hispanic	(NA)	(NA)	7.9	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6
White	(NA)	(NA)	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2
Black	(NA)	(NA)	13.1	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.7

NA Not available. ¹ Mothers under 20 years. ² Hispanic persons may be any race. ³ Births less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds–8 ounces).

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports (NVSR), *Births: Final Data for 2008*, Vol. 59, No. 1, December 2010.

Table 87. Births by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Method of Delivery: 1990 to 2008

[In thousands (4,111 represents 4,111,000), except rate. 1990 excludes data for Oklahoma, which did not report method of delivery on the birth certificate. Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. See Appendix III]

Method of delivery	2008						
	1990 ¹	2000	2005	Total ²	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black
Births, total	4,111	4,059	4,138	4,248	1,041	2,268	623
Vaginal	3,111	3,108	2,874	2,864	717	1,527	406
Cesarean deliveries	914	924	1,249	1,369	322	733	214
Not stated	85	27	16	14	3	8	2
Cesarean delivery rate ³	22.7	22.9	30.3	32.3	31.0	32.4	34.5

¹ 1990 excludes data for Oklahoma, which did not report method of delivery on the birth certificate. ² Includes other races, not shown separately. ³ Percent of all live births by cesarean delivery.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports (NVSR), *Births: Final Data for 2008*, Vol. 59, No. 1, December 2010, and earlier reports.

Table 88. Induction of Labor by Gestational Age: 1990 to 2008

[In percent. Data are for singleton births]

Gestational age	1990 ¹	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All gestations	9.6	16.1	20.1	20.7	20.9	20.9	21.6	22.7	23.0	23.2	23.1
Under 37 weeks (preterm)	6.9	11.6	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.5	15.1	15.6	15.6	15.6	14.1
Under 32 weeks	5.0	7.8	9.2	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.9	9.0	7.8
32–33 weeks	6.4	10.6	13.3	12.8	12.8	12.8	13.0	13.4	13.5	13.5	11.6
34–36 weeks	7.5	12.6	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.0	16.7	17.3	17.3	17.2	16.0
37 weeks and over (term)	9.9	16.7	20.8	21.6	21.8	21.9	22.5	23.7	23.9	24.2	24.3
37–39 weeks	7.9	14.3	18.9	19.6	19.8	19.8	20.6	21.7	22.0	22.1	22.1
40–41 weeks	10.7	18.5	22.9	24.1	24.6	24.8	25.3	26.8	27.4	27.9	28.1
42 weeks and over	14.9	21.3	24.4	24.4	24.3	24.3	25.4	26.2	26.8	26.9	27.3

¹ Oklahoma did not report induction of labor.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, "VitalStats," August 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/vitalstats.htm>>.