

Table 1-26. Live Births by Birthweight, Percent Low Birthweight and Very Low Birthweight, by Plurality, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother: United States, 1995

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Plurality of birth and birthweight	Race and Hispanic origin of mother							
	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
All live births	3,899,589	3,098,885	603,139	37,278	160,287	679,768	2,382,638	587,781
Less than 500 grams	5,415	2,975	2,311	26	103	704	2,198	2,259
500-999 grams	20,579	12,429	7,461	153	536	2,976	9,295	7,313
1000-1499 grams	26,426	17,294	8,088	231	813	3,843	13,219	7,936
1500-1999 grams	55,249	37,466	15,358	491	1,934	8,017	28,962	15,091
2000-2499 grams	177,483	122,430	45,834	1,556	7,663	27,172	93,856	44,917
2500-2999 grams	640,556	458,688	141,354	5,673	34,841	113,497	340,855	138,247
3000-3499 grams	1,438,285	1,129,868	227,920	13,198	67,299	267,728	849,606	222,198
3500-3999 grams	1,129,006	958,378	122,118	11,230	37,280	193,827	752,532	118,322
4000-4499 grams	339,778	300,617	27,123	3,770	8,268	52,184	244,285	26,153
4500-4999 grams	56,291	50,317	4,036	771	1,167	8,271	41,353	3,878
5000-8165 grams	6,464	5,601	600	99	164	1,058	4,447	575
Unknown or not stated	4,057	2,822	936	80	219	491	2,030	892
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.2	13.1	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.2	13.2
Live births in single deliveries	3,797,880	3,018,184	585,787	36,489	157,420	666,728	2,316,218	570,819
Less than 500 grams	4,248	2,214	1,934	18	82	570	1,587	1,890
500-999 grams	16,542	9,698	6,269	125	450	2,511	7,074	6,140
1000-1499 grams	20,189	12,692	6,657	186	654	3,136	9,414	6,518
1500-1999 grams	40,961	26,620	12,442	395	1,504	6,219	20,088	12,225
2000-2499 grams	147,597	99,032	40,494	1,331	6,740	23,310	74,637	39,699
2500-2999 grams	609,973	433,588	137,012	5,418	33,955	109,321	320,316	134,009
3000-3499 grams	1,425,309	1,118,726	226,479	13,094	67,010	266,101	840,252	220,809
3500-3999 grams	1,127,063	956,695	121,930	11,212	37,226	193,629	751,087	118,148
4000-4499 grams	339,595	300,467	27,101	3,766	8,261	52,164	244,157	26,131
4500-4999 grams	56,280	50,308	4,036	770	1,166	8,268	41,348	3,878
5000-8165 grams	6,460	5,597	600	99	164	1,057	4,444	575
Unknown or not stated	3,663	2,547	833	75	208	442	1,814	797
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.5	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.0	11.6	5.6	6.0	5.4	4.9	11.7

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
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Live births in twin deliveries	96,736	76,196	17,000	769	2,771	12,685	62,370	16,622
Less than 500 grams	1,016	628	359	8	21	126	484	354
500-999 grams	3,507	2,278	1,127	25	77	429	1,810	1,111
1000-1499 grams	5,190	3,668	1,339	45	138	625	2,967	1,326
1500-1999 grams	12,685	9,400	2,802	89	394	1,667	7,597	2,752
2000-2499 grams	28,677	22,265	5,288	217	907	3,785	18,186	5,172
2500-2999 grams	30,260	24,793	4,338	253	876	4,161	20,265	4,234
3000-3499 grams	12,921	11,090	1,440	104	287	1,625	9,307	1,388
3500-3999 grams	1,932	1,673	187	18	54	197	1,436	173
4000-4499 grams	181	148	22	4	7	20	126	22
4500-4999 grams	11	9	-	1	1	3	5	-
5000-8165 grams	4	4	-	-	-	1	3	-
Unknown or not stated	352	240	98	5	9	46	184	90
Percent very low birthweight	10.1	8.7	16.7	10.2	8.5	9.3	8.5	16.9
Percent low birthweight	53.0	50.3	64.6	50.3	55.6	52.5	49.9	64.8
Live births in triplet deliveries	4,551	4,103	340	20	88	330	3,679	328
Less than 500 grams	132	114	18	-	-	8	108	15
500-999 grams	442	368	65	3	6	31	331	62
1000-1499 grams	886	782	84	-	20	71	699	84
1500-1999 grams	1,490	1,341	110	7	32	126	1,181	110
2000-2499 grams	1,187	1,111	52	8	16	74	1,014	46
2500-2999 grams	320	304	4	2	10	15	271	4
3000-3499 grams	50	47	1	-	2	2	42	1
3500-3999 grams	7	6	1	-	-	1	5	1
4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	35	28	5	-	2	2	26	5
Percent very low birthweight	32.3	31.0	49.9	*	30.2	33.5	31.2	49.8
Percent low birthweight	91.6	91.2	98.2	*	86.0	94.5	91.2	98.1

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
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Live births in quadruplet deliveries	365	345	12	-	8	19	320	12
Less than 500 grams	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	-
500-999 grams	81	78	-	-	3	4	74	-
1000-1499 grams	136	127	8	-	1	9	116	8
1500-1999 grams	107	99	4	-	4	3	92	4
2000-2499 grams	17	17	-	-	-	3	14	-
2500-2999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
3000-3499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3500-3999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	-
Percent very low birthweight	63.2	63.4	*	*	*	*	63.7	*
Percent low birthweight	97.8	97.6	*	*	*	*	97.5	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	57	57	-	-	-	6	51	-
Less than 500 grams	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	-
500-999 grams	7	7	-	-	-	1	6	-
1000-1499 grams	25	25	-	-	-	2	23	-
1500-1999 grams	6	6	-	-	-	2	4	-
2000-2499 grams	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	-
2500-2999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000-3499 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Percent very low birthweight	73.2	73.2	*	*	*	*	74.5	*
Percent low birthweight	92.9	92.9	*	*	*	*	92.2	*

- Quantity zero.

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

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

(2) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.