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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	3,891,494	3,093,057	594,781	37,880	165,776	701,339	2,358,989	578,099
Less than 500 grams	5,462	3,006	2,273	44	139	694	2,235	2,221
500-999 grams	21,094	12,785	7,536	168	605	3,030	9,609	7,387
1000-1499 grams	26,869	17,782	7,949	244	894	4,105	13,521	7,811
1500-1999 grams	55,943	38,421	14,937	489	2,096	8,196	29,786	14,660
2000-2499 grams	177,862	123,825	44,560	1,510	7,967	27,987	94,688	43,627
2500-2999 grams	639,110	458,830	138,659	5,734	35,887	116,713	338,305	135,480
3000-3499 grams	1,434,698	1,127,144	224,383	13,533	69,638	276,870	839,320	218,044
3500-3999 grams	1,127,294	956,042	121,528	11,441	38,283	199,955	745,169	117,360
4000-4499 grams	336,514	296,883	27,199	3,819	8,613	53,916	239,174	26,118
4500-4999 grams	55,558	49,494	4,140	733	1,191	8,315	40,507	3,967
5000-8165 grams	6,268	5,415	565	110	178	1,028	4,333	544
Unknown or not stated	4,822	3,430	1,052	55	285	530	2,342	880
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.3	13.0	6.5	7.1	6.3	6.4	13.1
Live births in single deliveries	3,784,805	3,007,997	577,057	37,069	162,682	687,916	2,288,581	560,801
Less than 500 grams	4,256	2,210	1,890	37	119	553	1,603	1,842
500-999 grams	16,617	9,630	6,369	129	489	2,580	6,966	6,247
1000-1499 grams	20,172	12,733	6,543	188	708	3,331	9,289	6,427
1500-1999 grams	40,662	26,694	11,969	392	1,607	6,427	20,013	11,748
2000-2499 grams	146,355	98,895	39,212	1,293	6,955	23,832	74,228	38,392
2500-2999 grams	606,984	432,503	134,044	5,477	34,960	112,377	316,659	131,005
3000-3499 grams	1,421,863	1,116,233	222,881	13,418	69,331	275,328	830,126	216,583
3500-3999 grams	1,125,374	954,394	121,303	11,424	38,253	199,754	743,762	117,145
4000-4499 grams	336,343	296,733	27,183	3,817	8,610	53,895	239,049	26,103
4500-4999 grams	55,534	49,471	4,139	733	1,191	8,311	40,489	3,966
5000-8165 grams	6,266	5,414	564	110	178	1,028	4,332	543
Unknown or not stated	4,379	3,087	960	51	281	500	2,065	800
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.0	11.5	5.5	6.1	5.3	4.9	11.5

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Live births in twin deliveries	100,750	79,677	17,285	802	2,986	13,014	65,523	16,873
Less than 500 grams	1,026	649	352	7	18	122	508	349
500-999 grams	3,724	2,503	1,089	38	94	383	2,072	1,066
1000-1499 grams	5,406	3,884	1,307	54	161	686	3,161	1,290
1500-1999 grams	13,427	10,071	2,817	93	446	1,645	8,273	2,762
2000-2499 grams	30,091	23,591	5,288	215	997	4,067	19,229	5,175
2500-2999 grams	31,785	26,003	4,599	257	926	4,320	21,344	4,462
3000-3499 grams	12,795	10,872	1,501	115	307	1,541	9,157	1,460
3500-3999 grams	1,914	1,642	225	17	30	201	1,401	215
4000-4499 grams	166	145	16	2	3	20	121	15
4500-4999 grams	24	23	1	-	-	4	18	1
5000-8165 grams	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Unknown or not stated	390	293	89	4	4	25	238	77
Percent very low birthweight	10.1	8.9	16.0	12.4	9.2	9.2	8.8	16.1
Percent low birthweight	53.5	51.3	63.1	51.0	57.5	53.1	50.9	63.4
Live births in triplet deliveries	5,298	4,773	426	9	90	370	4,329	412
Less than 500 grams	142	109	31	-	2	17	90	30
500-999 grams	630	538	74	1	17	55	475	70
1000-1499 grams	1,061	944	95	2	20	75	866	90
1500-1999 grams	1,654	1,467	147	4	36	114	1,325	146
2000-2499 grams	1,389	1,313	60	2	14	87	1,206	60
2500-2999 grams	337	321	15	-	1	16	299	12
3000-3499 grams	36	35	1	-	-	-	34	1
3500-3999 grams	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	43	40	3	-	-	5	29	3
Percent very low birthweight	34.9	33.6	47.3	*	43.3	40.3	33.3	46.5
Percent low birthweight	92.8	92.4	96.2	*	98.9	95.3	92.1	96.8

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Live births in quadruplet deliveries	560	530	12	-	18	28	493	12
Less than 500 grams	22	22	-	-	-	2	20	-
500-999 grams	102	93	4	-	5	7	84	4
1000-1499 grams	207	198	4	-	5	10	185	4
1500-1999 grams	187	176	4	-	7	8	164	4
2000-2499 grams	26	25	-	-	1	-	25	-
2500-2999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3000-3499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	-
Percent very low birthweight	60.1	60.1	*	*	*	*	59.7	*
Percent low birthweight	98.7	98.7	*	*	*	96.4	98.8	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	81	80	1	-	-	11	63	1
Less than 500 grams	16	16	-	-	-	-	14	-
500-999 grams	21	21	-	-	-	5	12	-
1000-1499 grams	23	23	-	-	-	3	20	-
1500-1999 grams	13	13	-	-	-	2	11	-
2000-2499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
2500-2999 grams	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
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	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percent very low birthweight	75.0	75.9	*	*	*	*	74.2	*
Percent low birthweight	92.5	93.7	*	*	*	*	91.9	*

- 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.