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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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 Births								
All ages.....	4,021,726	3,174,760	593,691	42,368	210,907	876,642	2,298,156	578,335
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,170	3,370	3,240	3,330	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.8	6.8	13.3	7.2	7.8	6.5	6.9	13.4
Under 15 years.....	7,315	3,884	3,188	133	110	2,421	1,493	3,132
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,190	3,060	3,360	3,010	3,170	3,220	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.8	3.3	*	*	2.6	3.4	3.3
Percent low birthweight	13.5	12.1	15.2	*	19.1	12.0	12.6	15.1
15 years.....	18,703	11,665	6,336	406	296	6,647	5,130	6,191
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,080	3,320	3,030	3,200	3,260	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	2.2	3.3	*	*	1.8	2.7	3.3
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.6	14.7	7.4	13.2	9.3	10.0	14.7
16 years.....	43,147	29,501	12,142	805	699	15,321	14,421	11,846
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,100	3,330	3,080	3,210	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.9	3.1	*	2.9	1.6	2.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.9	9.3	14.6	6.8	15.3	8.8	9.9	14.7
17 years.....	76,881	54,698	19,411	1,452	1,320	24,772	30,205	18,980
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,100	3,340	3,130	3,230	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	3.0	*	*	1.4	1.8	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.5	14.2	5.4	11.8	8.1	8.9	14.2
18 years.....	118,651	85,957	28,266	2,163	2,265	35,123	51,196	27,656
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,110	3,350	3,160	3,250	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.9	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.6	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.2	14.0	6.0	11.0	7.6	8.7	14.0
19 years.....	168,111	124,167	37,640	2,881	3,423	46,037	78,559	36,821
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,120	3,320	3,170	3,260	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.7	1.1	1.8	1.2	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.9	7.5	13.3	6.8	10.3	7.3	7.8	13.3
20-24 years.....	1,022,106	783,000	194,704	14,343	30,059	265,235	519,153	190,241
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,160	3,360	3,210	3,310	3,340	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	2.8
Percent low birthweight	7.9	6.7	12.8	6.9	8.1	6.2	6.9	12.9

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25-29 years.....	1,060,391	851,142	136,591	10,139	62,519	236,143	614,909	132,824
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,200	3,390	3,240	3,370	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.9	6.0	12.3	6.9	7.1	5.7	6.2	12.4
30-34 years.....	951,219	779,535	95,006	6,338	70,340	157,887	620,173	92,155
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,420	3,220	3,400	3,260	3,380	3,430	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.5	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	7.2	6.5	13.4	8.1	7.1	6.4	6.5	13.5
35-39 years.....	453,927	369,833	48,388	2,976	32,730	71,480	297,436	46,831
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,190	3,380	3,270	3,370	3,420	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	4.0	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.6	7.7	15.2	9.7	8.6	7.9	7.6	15.3
40-44 years.....	95,788	76,928	11,443	701	6,716	14,809	61,853	11,097
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,370	3,150	3,340	3,240	3,340	3,380	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	4.3	*	2.1	1.8	1.7	4.3
Percent low birthweight	10.4	9.4	17.4	10.2	10.4	9.3	9.4	17.6
45-54 years.....	5,487	4,450	576	31	430	767	3,628	561
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,170	3,080	3,230	3,090	3,230	3,150	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.5	3.5	3.5	*	*	3.4	3.4	3.6
Percent low birthweight	20.2	20.1	18.8	*	22.4	15.0	20.8	19.3
0-8 years								
All ages.....	239,616	216,927	13,912	1,705	7,072	180,513	37,286	12,998
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,340	3,140	3,280	3,250	3,350	3,290	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	2.8	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.4	13.1	7.5	7.3	5.9	8.8	13.4
Under 15 years.....	5,525	2,940	2,428	87	70	1,791	1,178	2,390
Median weight in grams	3,130	3,190	3,050	3,380	3,000	3,170	3,220	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	3.0	3.2	*	*	2.5	3.6	3.2
Percent low birthweight	13.6	12.2	15.4	*	*	12.4	12.2	15.3
15 years.....	5,577	3,708	1,687	131	51	2,208	1,530	1,654
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,210	3,070	3,290	2,950	3,200	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.9	3.3	*	*	1.9	1.8	3.2
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.4	15.2	*	*	9.2	9.9	15.1

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16 years.....	5,577	4,552	885	102	38	2,966	1,618	856
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,220	3,070	3,300	2,910	3,220	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.3	*	*	1.2	1.9	3.2
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.7	14.3	*	*	7.8	10.4	14.4
17 years.....	6,594	5,886	573	100	35	4,117	1,785	557
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,230	3,040	3,270	3,030	3,240	3,190	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.3	*	*	*	1.1	1.8	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.9	15.9	*	*	7.0	10.3	16.2
18 years.....	8,260	7,543	553	113	51	5,590	1,960	535
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,240	3,130	3,270	3,140	3,260	3,190	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.2	*	*	*	0.9	1.9	*
Percent low birthweight	8.2	8.0	12.3	*	*	6.8	11.5	12.5
19 years.....	10,443	9,676	547	126	94	7,496	2,211	522
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,250	3,120	3,300	3,180	3,250	3,220	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	*	*	*	1.0	1.3	*
Percent low birthweight	7.8	7.4	14.8	*	*	6.7	9.7	14.8
20-24 years.....	65,557	61,621	2,373	486	1,077	50,319	11,529	2,165
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,300	3,160	3,270	3,210	3,310	3,260	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.9	2.4	*	*	0.8	1.3	2.4
Percent low birthweight	6.3	6.1	12.5	9.1	6.2	5.4	9.1	13.0
25-29 years.....	62,102	58,079	1,942	270	1,811	50,959	7,314	1,730
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,380	3,240	3,260	3,240	3,380	3,360	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.9	2.2	*	*	0.9	1.0	2.3
Percent low birthweight	5.5	5.4	8.9	*	6.1	5.1	7.2	9.3
30-34 years.....	41,916	38,043	1,531	169	2,173	33,377	4,823	1,352
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,410	3,240	3,290	3,290	3,410	3,400	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.1	2.6	*	*	1.0	1.4	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.3	6.0	11.7	*	6.9	5.8	7.4	12.2
35-39 years.....	21,569	19,211	1,001	93	1,264	16,837	2,496	881
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,410	3,260	3,300	3,260	3,410	3,420	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	3.7	*	*	1.6	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	7.6	7.3	12.9	*	8.1	7.2	8.3	13.3

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40-44 years.....	6,076	5,341	357	27	351	4,586	779	325
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,400	3,230	3,320	3,280	3,380	3,500	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	2.0	*	*	*	2.1	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	8.4	12.6	*	8.5	8.6	7.2	12.6
45-54 years.....	420	327	35	1	57	267	63	31
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,200	*	3,240	3,350	3,540	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.8	8.3	*	*	*	9.0	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	614,966	461,280	128,422	11,153	14,111	233,253	230,461	125,345
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,280	3,110	3,320	3,210	3,310	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.0	14.8	7.7	8.7	6.7	9.4	15.0
Under 15 years.....	1,543	807	666	37	33	541	278	653
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,180	3,090	3,300	2,980	3,160	3,220	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.7	3.8	*	*	*	*	3.8
Percent low birthweight	12.7	11.4	14.3	*	*	10.5	13.8	14.4
15 years.....	12,568	7,599	4,484	264	221	4,205	3,491	4,380
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,080	3,320	3,030	3,200	3,270	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	2.3	3.3	*	*	1.8	2.9	3.3
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.6	14.4	*	12.2	9.4	9.9	14.5
16 years.....	35,418	23,459	10,678	665	616	11,593	12,096	10,432
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,100	3,330	3,090	3,210	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.9	3.0	*	*	1.7	2.1	2.9
Percent low birthweight	11.0	9.4	14.5	7.1	15.1	8.9	9.8	14.6
17 years.....	56,429	39,099	15,284	1,080	966	16,710	22,650	14,978
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,090	3,330	3,130	3,230	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.6	3.0	*	*	1.3	1.8	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.7	14.0	5.0	11.7	8.1	9.1	14.1
18 years.....	54,402	39,668	12,770	1,114	850	16,590	23,344	12,462
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,100	3,360	3,150	3,240	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.9	*	*	1.3	1.6	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.5	14.2	6.1	10.6	7.7	9.1	14.2

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19 years.....	54,867	41,354	11,649	1,108	756	17,028	24,489	11,402
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,100	3,280	3,160	3,260	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.3	2.4	*	*	1.2	1.4	2.4
Percent low birthweight	9.3	8.1	13.6	7.7	11.1	7.3	8.7	13.7
20-24 years.....	212,778	162,732	42,608	3,898	3,540	74,982	88,373	41,675
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,120	3,320	3,200	3,300	3,250	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.0	7.7	14.0	7.5	8.3	6.2	9.0	14.2
25-29 years.....	105,296	83,107	17,281	1,701	3,207	50,571	32,930	16,801
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,120	3,320	3,250	3,360	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.4	3.4
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.1	15.3	9.5	6.2	5.7	9.3	15.5
30-34 years.....	54,355	43,073	7,972	785	2,525	28,333	14,974	7,696
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,090	3,360	3,240	3,390	3,260	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	4.1	*	1.3	1.2	1.7	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.5	7.8	19.0	9.9	8.0	6.1	11.0	19.3
35-39 years.....	22,380	16,866	3,999	390	1,125	10,698	6,293	3,867
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,060	3,350	3,260	3,370	3,240	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.8	4.7	*	*	1.7	2.1	4.8
Percent low birthweight	12.0	10.2	20.9	9.0	8.2	8.3	13.2	21.3
40-44 years.....	4,709	3,371	978	106	254	1,928	1,471	947
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,290	3,030	3,310	3,220	3,340	3,200	3,020
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.3	5.6	*	*	1.9	2.8	5.7
Percent low birthweight	14.0	11.8	23.3	*	9.1	9.3	14.8	23.8
45-54 years.....	221	145	53	5	18	74	72	52
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,250	2,960	*	*	3,370	3,160	2,940
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	18.6	18.6	*	*	*	*	*	*

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12 years								
All ages.....	1,234,726	937,991	231,835	16,447	48,453	260,237	680,848	226,221
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,160	3,380	3,240	3,330	3,350	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	8.3	7.1	13.5	7.0	8.1	6.6	7.3	13.6
16 years.....	1,294	918	321	25	30	426	502	309
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,110	3,270	3,180	3,220	3,250	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	2.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.8	9.8	13.4	*	*	9.9	9.6	13.9
17 years.....	12,333	8,632	3,179	242	280	3,387	5,311	3,094
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,110	3,410	3,140	3,240	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.7	*	*	1.5	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.6	7.8	14.4	*	11.8	8.4	7.5	14.5
18 years.....	50,621	35,130	13,468	846	1,177	11,523	23,785	13,248
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,290	3,120	3,340	3,160	3,250	3,300	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	2.9	*	1.9	1.3	1.5	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.0	14.0	6.0	11.1	7.8	8.0	14.1
19 years.....	82,432	59,274	19,925	1,344	1,889	17,398	42,161	19,529
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,130	3,350	3,170	3,260	3,310	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.7	*	1.6	1.2	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.3	13.2	6.3	10.1	7.3	7.3	13.3
20-24 years.....	445,622	334,290	92,604	6,538	12,190	93,509	241,792	90,716
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,150	3,370	3,210	3,310	3,340	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	2.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.1	6.8	12.8	6.8	8.2	6.4	6.9	12.9
25-29 years.....	315,029	244,745	52,336	3,930	14,018	70,034	175,417	50,951
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,370	3,190	3,400	3,250	3,360	3,370	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.5	6.5	12.7	6.4	7.2	5.9	6.7	12.8
30-34 years.....	206,783	161,868	30,896	2,212	11,807	42,059	120,325	29,917
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,190	3,420	3,270	3,380	3,390	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	3.9	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.3	14.6	8.0	7.3	6.6	7.6	14.8

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		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
35-39 years.....	98,280	76,294	15,292	1,063	5,631	18,300	58,252	14,770
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,360	3,170	3,360	3,260	3,360	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	4.0	*	1.8	1.6	1.5	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.7	16.1	9.5	9.1	8.2	9.0	16.3
40-44 years.....	21,306	16,093	3,632	237	1,344	3,427	12,727	3,512
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,340	3,120	3,310	3,240	3,310	3,340	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.8	4.1	*	1.8	1.4	1.9	4.1
Percent low birthweight	12.0	10.5	19.0	10.5	11.5	9.7	10.8	19.1
45-54 years.....	1,026	747	182	10	87	174	576	175
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,170	3,140	*	3,050	3,130	3,190	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	17.4	17.3	18.7	*	*	17.2	17.2	19.4
13-15 years								
All ages.....	851,732	664,942	135,545	8,828	42,417	115,398	550,543	132,331
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,210	3,420	3,240	3,350	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.4	12.4	6.8	7.7	6.8	6.4	12.4
17 years.....	220	160	51	2	7	61	103	47
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,050	*	*	3,190	3,310	3,020
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,606	2,405	1,018	56	127	786	1,637	990
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,150	3,470	3,130	3,300	3,320	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.4	*	*	*	1.8	2.4
Percent low birthweight	8.6	7.2	11.9	*	*	7.3	7.2	11.8
19 years.....	17,991	12,170	4,953	267	601	3,265	8,989	4,843
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,160	3,340	3,170	3,270	3,340	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.4	*	*	1.3	1.2	2.4
Percent low birthweight	8.4	6.8	12.0	7.9	9.7	7.7	6.6	12.0
20-24 years.....	227,368	169,977	45,997	2,811	8,583	35,309	135,262	44,919
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,180	3,400	3,210	3,320	3,380	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.7	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.2	5.9	11.9	5.8	8.1	6.4	5.8	12.0

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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. Low birthweight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz); very low birthweight is less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz))

Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
25-29 years.....	271,475	214,634	40,051	2,853	13,937	37,330	177,591	39,086
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,400	3,220	3,430	3,240	3,360	3,410	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.8	5.9	11.5	5.9	7.0	6.0	5.9	11.6
30-34 years.....	211,563	170,310	27,119	1,811	12,323	25,232	145,071	26,484
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,240	3,430	3,260	3,370	3,430	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.2	3.3	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	3.3
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.6	12.7	8.0	7.2	7.2	6.5	12.8
35-39 years.....	98,235	78,548	13,246	825	5,616	11,232	67,332	12,919
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,400	3,200	3,440	3,270	3,360	3,410	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	4.2	*	1.3	2.0	1.3	4.3
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.8	14.7	10.3	8.7	8.3	7.8	14.8
40-44 years.....	20,284	15,951	2,978	191	1,164	2,102	13,850	2,911
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,380	3,140	3,320	3,210	3,330	3,390	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.8	4.3	*	2.2	1.9	1.7	4.3
Percent low birthweight	10.4	9.2	17.3	*	10.4	10.5	9.0	17.4
45-54 years.....	990	787	132	12	59	81	708	132
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,180	3,080	*	2,930	3,200	3,170	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	3.5	3.9	*	*	*	*	4.1	*
Percent low birthweight	21.3	20.4	22.7	*	33.9	*	20.9	22.7
16 years and over								
All ages.....	1,026,819	854,863	73,837	3,639	94,480	71,042	781,617	72,045
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,250	3,380	3,240	3,360	3,440	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.6	6.1	11.3	7.3	7.6	6.4	6.0	11.4
20-24 years.....	57,339	44,661	8,228	426	4,024	6,354	38,319	8,035
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,210	3,350	3,190	3,320	3,400	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	2.8	*	1.2	0.9	0.9	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.5	10.8	6.1	7.7	5.5	5.5	10.9
25-29 years.....	293,155	240,916	22,720	1,266	28,253	22,943	217,517	22,165
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,420	3,250	3,380	3,220	3,350	3,430	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.9	*	0.9	1.1	0.9	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.4	10.7	6.9	7.4	5.8	5.4	10.8

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
30-34 years.....	424,862	357,797	25,612	1,258	40,195	26,100	330,607	25,009
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,270	3,400	3,250	3,370	3,450	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	3.0	*	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.8	10.8	7.0	7.0	6.3	5.8	10.9
35-39 years.....	207,087	174,219	13,890	561	18,417	13,020	160,646	13,524
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,240	3,380	3,270	3,360	3,450	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.2	*	1.2	1.4	1.1	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.9	12.8	9.4	8.5	7.6	6.8	12.8
40-44 years.....	41,733	34,979	3,225	126	3,403	2,483	32,385	3,152
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,230	3,470	3,250	3,330	3,400	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	4.0	*	2.0	1.7	1.5	4.0
Percent low birthweight	9.3	8.8	14.2	*	9.8	9.0	8.8	14.2
45-54 years.....	2,643	2,291	162	2	188	142	2,143	160
Median weight in grams	3,120	3,130	3,040	*	3,090	3,090	3,130	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	3.6	*	*	*	*	3.6	*
Percent low birthweight	21.9	21.9	18.5	*	24.5	20.4	22.1	18.8
Not stated								
All ages.....	53,867	38,757	10,140	596	4,374	16,199	17,401	9,395
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,140	3,310	3,250	3,320	3,340	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.7	6.4	*	2.0	1.9	3.1	6.4
Percent low birthweight	10.7	9.3	17.2	10.5	8.6	8.3	9.8	17.4
Under 15 years.....	247	137	94	9	7	89	37	89
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,180	3,110	*	*	3,190	3,150	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	15.4	14.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 years.....	558	358	165	11	24	234	109	157
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,040	*	3,170	3,240	3,240	3,020
Percent very low birthweight	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.7	10.9	15.2	*	*	9.4	*	15.9
16 years.....	858	572	258	13	15	336	205	249
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,190	3,100	*	*	3,180	3,220	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	4.3	*	8.2	*	*	*	*	8.1
Percent low birthweight	15.1	11.8	22.7	*	*	12.6	11.2	23.1

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
17 years.....	1,305	921	324	28	32	497	356	304
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,210	3,070	3,440	3,000	3,170	3,250	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	4.6	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.6	11.6	16.2	*	*	10.9	11.8	16.6
18 years.....	1,762	1,211	457	34	60	634	470	421
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,110	3,340	3,130	3,240	3,290	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.4	2.6	5.3	*	*	*	*	5.5
Percent low birthweight	10.9	9.1	15.0	*	*	7.8	10.5	15.3
19 years.....	2,378	1,693	566	36	83	850	709	525
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,080	3,430	3,160	3,250	3,280	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	2.4	9.3	*	*	*	*	9.0
Percent low birthweight	11.7	9.2	19.8	*	*	9.4	9.1	19.4
20-24 years.....	13,442	9,719	2,894	184	645	4,762	3,878	2,731
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,130	3,270	3,220	3,290	3,300	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.3	5.6	*	*	1.9	2.6	5.7
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.4	16.4	*	9.9	7.5	9.1	16.5
25-29 years.....	13,334	9,661	2,261	119	1,293	4,306	4,140	2,091
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,180	3,250	3,230	3,350	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.1	6.0	*	*	1.6	2.6	6.0
Percent low birthweight	9.3	8.2	15.6	*	6.3	7.4	8.9	16.2
30-34 years.....	11,740	8,444	1,876	103	1,317	2,786	4,373	1,697
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,180	3,330	3,290	3,380	3,400	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	3.4	3.0	6.8	*	*	2.0	3.2	6.6
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.9	16.7	*	7.0	7.7	9.3	16.7
35-39 years.....	6,376	4,695	960	44	677	1,393	2,417	870
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,100	3,260	3,270	3,350	3,350	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.8	3.1	8.2	*	*	2.2	3.5	8.3
Percent low birthweight	12.6	11.0	21.9	*	10.0	10.7	11.5	21.8
40-44 years.....	1,680	1,193	273	14	200	283	641	250
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,340	3,090	*	3,260	3,390	3,350	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	4.7	3.8	*	*	*	*	4.2	*
Percent low birthweight	15.6	13.6	22.6	*	18.2	11.3	12.8	23.4

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
45-54 years.....	187	153	12	1	21	29	66	11
Median weight in grams	2,950	2,940	*	*	3,080	3,170	2,990	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	32.2	34.7	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. See Technical Appendix.