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All Births								
All ages.....	3,863,502	3,040,873	573,776	40,668	208,185	888,177	2,158,797	553,987
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,170	3,360	3,230	3,320	3,370	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	8.0	7.0	13.4	7.3	7.8	6.7	7.1	13.5
Under 15 years.....	6,341	3,512	2,588	148	93	2,250	1,316	2,531
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,200	3,050	3,250	3,150	3,190	3,230	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.4	3.7	*	*	2.2	2.8	3.6
Percent low birthweight	12.7	10.2	16.1	*	*	10.2	10.1	16.2
15 years.....	17,344	10,963	5,744	376	261	6,569	4,548	5,595
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,220	3,070	3,290	3,120	3,210	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	2.0	3.3	*	*	1.8	2.3	3.3
Percent low birthweight	11.5	9.7	15.0	9.3	16.2	9.0	10.8	15.1
16 years.....	39,332	26,861	11,047	769	655	14,645	12,496	10,741
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,080	3,310	3,090	3,210	3,250	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	3.2	*	*	1.6	1.8	3.2
Percent low birthweight	10.7	9.1	14.5	8.7	15.8	8.6	9.6	14.6
17 years.....	71,353	50,615	18,180	1,379	1,179	24,201	26,846	17,640
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,240	3,100	3,320	3,140	3,230	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.9	*	*	1.4	1.8	2.9
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.8	13.9	7.6	9.4	8.2	9.3	14.0
18 years.....	112,293	81,801	26,567	1,991	1,934	34,864	47,441	25,875
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,100	3,310	3,140	3,230	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.8	1.2	2.4	1.2	1.6	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.3	14.0	5.6	10.6	7.8	8.6	14.1
19 years.....	154,597	114,120	34,756	2,725	2,996	44,337	70,497	33,772
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,270	3,120	3,330	3,170	3,260	3,280	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.9	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.9	13.8	6.0	9.9	7.3	8.2	13.9
20-24 years.....	980,514	750,290	187,923	13,827	28,474	265,614	488,194	182,032
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,150	3,350	3,210	3,300	3,320	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.8	13.0	6.8	8.0	6.3	7.1	13.2

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25-29 years.....	1,025,666	821,227	133,853	9,994	60,592	239,989	582,914	128,686
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,200	3,390	3,230	3,360	3,390	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.1	6.2	12.3	7.1	7.1	5.9	6.4	12.4
30-34 years.....	916,840	745,992	93,416	6,055	71,377	165,152	580,329	89,775
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,220	3,380	3,250	3,370	3,420	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.5	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.6	13.4	7.9	7.3	6.6	6.6	13.6
35-39 years.....	438,771	355,111	47,722	2,741	33,197	74,008	280,645	45,795
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,190	3,370	3,260	3,370	3,400	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	3.9	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.3	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.9	15.5	9.8	8.5	7.8	7.9	15.8
40-44 years.....	94,942	75,956	11,361	622	7,003	15,817	59,933	10,952
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,360	3,160	3,340	3,240	3,330	3,370	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.8	4.0	*	1.9	2.1	1.7	4.0
Percent low birthweight	10.7	9.7	17.0	12.2	11.2	10.2	9.6	17.0
45-54 years.....	5,509	4,425	619	41	424	731	3,638	593
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,150	3,110	3,210	3,100	3,220	3,150	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	4.1	4.0	6.0	*	*	4.0	4.0	6.2
Percent low birthweight	20.7	20.8	21.6	*	19.3	18.1	21.0	22.3
0-8 years								
All ages.....	233,840	210,711	14,570	1,698	6,861	179,657	33,454	12,376
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,330	3,160	3,270	3,250	3,340	3,280	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	2.9	*	1.2	1.0	1.4	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.5	13.5	9.1	7.5	6.0	8.9	14.6
Under 15 years.....	4,884	2,654	2,059	112	59	1,653	1,042	2,019
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,190	3,050	3,260	3,110	3,180	3,220	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.6	3.7	*	*	2.5	2.9	3.6
Percent low birthweight	13.3	10.6	16.8	*	*	10.9	9.9	16.9
15 years.....	5,129	3,350	1,627	96	56	2,048	1,364	1,577
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,210	3,070	3,220	2,970	3,210	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	1.8	4.3	*	*	1.8	1.8	4.4
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16 years.....	4,963	3,952	877	101	33	2,597	1,391	845
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,210	3,060	3,250	2,980	3,220	3,200	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	3.1	*	*	1.1	1.7	3.2
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.9	15.1	*	*	7.7	10.9	15.5
17 years.....	5,913	5,226	575	83	29	3,706	1,574	528
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,220	3,110	3,260	3,110	3,240	3,190	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.3	*	*	*	1.0	2.0	*
Percent low birthweight	8.6	8.0	13.4	*	*	7.0	10.4	14.0
18 years.....	7,972	7,218	587	92	75	5,411	1,882	529
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,220	3,130	3,290	3,230	3,240	3,170	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.2	*	*	*	0.9	1.9	*
Percent low birthweight	8.1	7.8	12.4	*	*	6.5	11.8	12.9
19 years.....	9,531	8,782	540	112	97	6,933	1,937	461
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,250	3,110	3,240	3,130	3,270	3,200	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	1.0	*	*	*	0.8	1.3	*
Percent low birthweight	7.6	7.1	14.3	*	*	6.6	9.2	15.0
20-24 years.....	63,057	58,793	2,698	520	1,046	49,087	10,422	2,133
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,300	3,180	3,230	3,220	3,310	3,240	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.0	*	*	0.7	1.4	2.3
Percent low birthweight	6.4	6.1	11.3	8.7	7.4	5.5	9.0	12.8
25-29 years.....	61,487	57,145	2,254	311	1,777	51,257	6,599	1,642
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,370	3,240	3,310	3,270	3,370	3,340	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	1.0	2.4	*	*	0.9	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	5.8	5.6	11.0	8.4	5.9	5.4	7.7	12.8
30-34 years.....	42,846	38,746	1,855	176	2,069	34,900	4,249	1,425
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,400	3,240	3,340	3,270	3,400	3,380	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.5	*	1.0	1.0	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.4	6.1	12.8	*	6.5	5.9	7.6	14.8
35-39 years.....	21,643	19,271	1,112	80	1,180	17,231	2,217	887
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,400	3,250	3,370	3,270	3,400	3,400	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.5	3.5	*	1.9	1.5	1.6	3.7
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40-44 years.....	6,012	5,268	344	14	386	4,595	709	291
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,380	3,250	*	3,230	3,370	3,460	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.7	*	*	*	1.7	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.6	9.3	12.2	*	10.4	9.5	8.9	11.3
45-54 years.....	403	306	42	1	54	239	68	39
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,320	3,290	*	3,280	3,320	3,350	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.9	12.5	*	*	*	12.6	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	588,283	443,337	121,098	10,547	13,301	234,793	212,021	117,279
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,100	3,310	3,200	3,300	3,250	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	3.1	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.6	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.2	15.1	7.6	8.7	6.9	9.6	15.3
Under 15 years.....	1,298	770	464	34	30	538	250	450
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,220	3,070	3,190	3,190	3,210	3,250	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.0	9.2	13.4	*	*	8.2	11.6	13.3
15 years.....	11,735	7,299	3,972	270	194	4,319	3,088	3,880
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,220	3,070	3,310	3,160	3,200	3,240	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	2.0	3.0	*	*	1.7	2.5	2.9
Percent low birthweight	11.7	10.0	14.7	10.0	14.0	9.2	11.2	14.7
16 years.....	32,475	21,584	9,689	630	572	11,321	10,536	9,441
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,080	3,310	3,080	3,210	3,250	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	3.2	*	*	1.6	1.8	3.1
Percent low birthweight	10.7	9.0	14.3	7.9	15.4	8.8	9.3	14.4
17 years.....	52,278	36,181	14,211	1,054	832	16,513	20,006	13,842
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,100	3,310	3,130	3,230	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	2.8	*	*	1.5	1.9	2.8
Percent low birthweight	10.3	9.0	13.8	7.8	9.4	8.6	9.4	13.9
18 years.....	50,769	37,295	11,849	983	642	16,053	21,483	11,574
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,090	3,300	3,080	3,230	3,240	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.7	*	3.4	1.2	1.7	2.8
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.6	14.6	5.8	12.1	7.8	9.2	14.7

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19 years.....	49,632	37,441	10,519	1,044	628	16,104	21,598	10,207
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,090	3,310	3,140	3,250	3,240	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.0	*	*	1.2	1.5	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.6	14.7	7.2	11.6	7.4	9.4	15.0
20-24 years.....	204,945	157,422	40,520	3,725	3,278	75,075	83,319	39,330
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,270	3,100	3,320	3,190	3,290	3,240	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.1	7.8	14.5	7.1	8.6	6.5	9.0	14.7
25-29 years.....	104,139	82,021	17,335	1,632	3,151	51,384	31,320	16,608
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,320	3,130	3,340	3,230	3,360	3,250	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.2	*	0.8	1.0	1.5	3.3
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.5	15.0	6.6	6.6	6.0	10.1	15.4
30-34 years.....	54,016	42,990	7,815	727	2,484	29,919	13,443	7,432
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,090	3,280	3,250	3,380	3,260	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	4.3	*	0.8	1.1	1.7	4.4
Percent low birthweight	9.5	7.9	18.7	11.4	7.2	6.4	11.1	19.4
35-39 years.....	22,032	16,739	3,761	354	1,178	11,402	5,519	3,589
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,330	3,060	3,290	3,240	3,380	3,220	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.5	4.2	*	1.7	1.3	2.1	4.3
Percent low birthweight	11.7	9.7	21.8	10.2	7.9	7.6	13.9	22.4
40-44 years.....	4,757	3,441	925	91	300	2,086	1,383	889
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,280	2,990	3,230	3,200	3,320	3,200	2,980
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.5	4.6	*	*	2.2	3.0	4.8
Percent low birthweight	15.2	13.1	23.4	*	12.7	11.0	16.4	23.5
45-54 years.....	207	154	38	3	12	79	76	37
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,190	3,110	*	*	3,220	3,140	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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12 years								
All ages.....	1,162,697	879,194	220,995	15,924	46,584	263,657	620,663	214,309
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,330	3,160	3,370	3,240	3,320	3,340	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.1
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.3	13.5	6.9	7.9	6.7	7.5	13.7
16 years.....	1,119	768	291	27	33	381	409	275
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,110	3,410	3,270	3,220	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.1	9.4	15.1	*	*	8.9	9.8	15.6
17 years.....	11,741	8,201	3,055	210	275	3,433	4,869	2,953
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,120	3,380	3,130	3,230	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	3.2	*	*	1.2	1.7	3.2
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.2	14.5	*	8.0	8.0	8.4	14.7
18 years.....	48,493	33,847	12,782	819	1,045	12,006	22,104	12,490
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,110	3,320	3,170	3,230	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.8	*	*	1.3	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.4	8.0	13.3	5.1	9.7	8.2	7.9	13.5
19 years.....	75,980	54,647	18,425	1,288	1,620	17,188	37,867	17,973
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,130	3,350	3,180	3,260	3,300	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.7	*	1.8	1.2	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.9	7.5	13.4	5.1	8.9	7.4	7.7	13.5
20-24 years.....	423,305	316,774	88,414	6,322	11,795	93,818	224,817	86,037
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,150	3,360	3,210	3,300	3,320	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.2	6.9	13.0	6.6	7.8	6.4	7.1	13.2
25-29 years.....	299,115	231,504	50,587	3,957	13,067	71,223	161,587	48,887
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,190	3,390	3,250	3,350	3,360	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.7	12.8	7.1	7.3	6.0	7.0	12.9
30-34 years.....	190,800	147,820	29,141	2,122	11,717	42,897	105,645	28,098
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,370	3,200	3,420	3,250	3,370	3,370	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	3.7	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.3	3.8
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.5	14.2	7.1	7.3	6.8	7.7	14.4

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35-39 years.....	90,951	69,768	14,602	939	5,642	18,912	51,239	14,003
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,350	3,160	3,360	3,260	3,360	3,350	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.6	4.1	3.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	4.1
Percent low birthweight	10.2	9.0	16.6	11.5	8.9	7.8	9.5	16.9
40-44 years.....	20,229	15,165	3,521	226	1,317	3,663	11,556	3,423
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,310	3,130	3,380	3,220	3,320	3,310	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	2.2	4.3	*	1.9	2.2	2.2	4.3
Percent low birthweight	12.6	11.3	18.7	9.8	11.9	10.4	11.6	18.9
45-54 years.....	964	700	177	14	73	136	570	170
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,210	3,170	*	3,170	3,290	3,200	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	3.6	3.3	*	*	*	*	3.5	*
Percent low birthweight	17.3	17.0	19.8	*	*	*	17.3	20.6
13-15 years								
All ages.....	811,985	629,732	132,461	8,563	41,229	118,461	513,666	128,458
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,200	3,390	3,230	3,330	3,390	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.6	12.4	7.3	7.8	6.9	6.6	12.6
17 years.....	241	174	59	3	5	63	112	56
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,320	3,130	*	*	3,300	3,340	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,516	2,335	975	69	137	807	1,566	938
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,310	3,130	3,390	3,180	3,290	3,320	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.4	3.5	*	*	*	*	3.6
Percent low birthweight	8.8	6.5	14.2	*	*	6.2	6.6	14.6
19 years.....	17,357	11,743	4,792	254	568	3,357	8,494	4,684
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,140	3,350	3,160	3,260	3,330	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.2	3.0	*	*	1.4	1.2	3.0
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.2	12.7	*	10.1	7.5	7.0	12.8
20-24 years.....	220,117	163,806	45,546	2,745	8,020	36,383	128,393	44,230
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,180	3,370	3,200	3,310	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.6
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.2	12.0	6.6	8.2	6.3	6.1	12.1

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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
25-29 years.....	258,304	203,379	38,799	2,807	13,319	37,833	166,223	37,574
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,220	3,410	3,230	3,350	3,400	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.8	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.8
Percent low birthweight	6.9	6.0	11.5	7.4	7.1	6.4	6.0	11.7
30-34 years.....	199,543	159,135	26,379	1,717	12,312	26,180	133,308	25,557
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,230	3,400	3,250	3,360	3,410	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.4	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.8	12.6	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.7	12.8
35-39 years.....	91,675	72,446	12,886	782	5,561	11,397	61,266	12,486
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,200	3,390	3,250	3,350	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	4.0	*	1.6	1.5	1.4	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.1	8.1	15.2	8.8	7.8	8.7	8.0	15.4
40-44 years.....	20,191	15,888	2,890	174	1,239	2,338	13,578	2,804
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,160	3,380	3,230	3,320	3,370	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.8	3.8	*	2.7	2.4	1.7	3.8
Percent low birthweight	10.8	9.6	16.7	*	11.9	10.6	9.5	16.9
45-54 years.....	1,041	826	135	12	68	103	726	129
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,190	3,050	*	2,910	3,250	3,180	3,020
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	3.8	*	*	*	*	3.6	*
Percent low birthweight	20.6	20.0	24.4	*	*	20.4	19.8	25.6
16 years and over								
All ages.....	1,012,730	837,720	75,613	3,393	96,004	75,687	760,496	73,396
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,420	3,240	3,390	3,240	3,350	3,430	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.2	11.4	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	11.4
20-24 years.....	56,387	43,939	8,306	355	3,787	6,567	37,466	8,043
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,210	3,360	3,200	3,310	3,390	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	2.8	*	1.0	1.0	0.9	2.8
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.4	11.0	8.2	7.7	5.9	5.3	10.9
25-29 years.....	288,933	236,883	22,803	1,154	28,093	24,022	212,531	22,138
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,250	3,410	3,220	3,350	3,420	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.6	*	0.8	1.0	0.9	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.6	10.2	6.4	7.0	5.8	5.6	10.2

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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.....	417,131	348,034	26,455	1,226	41,416	28,455	318,774	25,695
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,260	3,380	3,240	3,360	3,440	3,260
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	3.1	*	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.5	6.0	11.4	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.0	11.4
35-39 years.....	205,602	171,685	14,429	542	18,946	13,688	157,579	14,012
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,240	3,410	3,260	3,340	3,430	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.2	3.5	*	1.2	1.6	1.1	3.5
Percent low birthweight	7.6	7.1	12.8	7.0	8.5	8.0	7.0	12.9
40-44 years.....	41,949	34,871	3,407	106	3,565	2,797	32,004	3,301
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,220	3,310	3,250	3,300	3,400	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.5	3.5	*	1.5	2.5	1.5	3.5
Percent low birthweight	9.2	8.6	13.6	*	10.3	10.0	8.5	13.5
45-54 years.....	2,728	2,308	213	10	197	158	2,142	207
Median weight in grams	3,090	3,100	3,000	*	3,030	2,910	3,110	3,000
Percent very low birthweight	4.7	4.5	*	*	*	*	4.2	*
Percent low birthweight	23.6	23.4	24.4	*	25.4	31.8	22.7	24.2
Not stated								
All ages.....	53,967	40,179	9,039	543	4,206	15,922	18,497	8,169
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,140	3,330	3,240	3,310	3,330	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.6	6.4	*	2.1	2.0	3.0	6.5
Percent low birthweight	10.9	9.6	17.4	9.1	9.6	8.4	10.4	17.7
Under 15 years.....	159	88	65	2	4	59	24	62
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,260	3,110	*	*	3,230	3,310	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 years.....	480	314	145	10	11	202	96	138
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,130	*	*	3,240	3,190	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.0	10.9	14.1	*	*	9.9	*	14.7
16 years.....	775	557	190	11	17	346	160	180
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,200	2,940	*	*	3,210	3,190	2,940
Percent very low birthweight	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.8	11.1	20.2	*	*	8.1	17.5	19.7

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		Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
17 years.....	1,180	833	280	29	38	486	285	261
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,240	3,110	3,550	3,280	3,240	3,260	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.1	10.6	17.3	*	*	9.3	12.3	16.9
18 years.....	1,543	1,106	374	28	35	587	406	344
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,060	3,250	3,160	3,200	3,250	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	3.4	5.6	*	*	*	*	6.1
Percent low birthweight	13.7	11.4	19.9	*	*	10.7	13.2	19.6
19 years.....	2,097	1,507	480	27	83	755	601	447
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,230	3,090	3,380	3,220	3,210	3,260	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	3.0	7.8	*	*	*	4.7	7.9
Percent low birthweight	12.7	11.3	18.0	*	*	9.3	13.0	18.2
20-24 years.....	12,703	9,556	2,439	160	548	4,684	3,777	2,259
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,110	3,330	3,200	3,290	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.3	5.6	*	*	2.0	2.6	5.6
Percent low birthweight	10.3	8.8	16.9	*	7.9	8.0	9.5	17.1
25-29 years.....	13,688	10,295	2,075	133	1,185	4,270	4,654	1,837
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,340	3,180	3,350	3,230	3,340	3,340	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.3	6.2	*	2.1	1.8	2.8	6.6
Percent low birthweight	9.4	8.3	15.5	*	9.0	7.4	9.5	15.7
30-34 years.....	12,504	9,267	1,771	87	1,379	2,801	4,910	1,568
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,190	3,330	3,250	3,370	3,370	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.5	6.8	*	1.5	2.3	2.6	6.7
Percent low birthweight	10.4	9.3	17.3	*	9.2	8.3	9.8	18.0
35-39 years.....	6,868	5,202	932	44	690	1,378	2,825	818
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,130	3,250	3,270	3,350	3,350	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.6	3.1	8.1	*	*	2.2	3.5	8.7
Percent low birthweight	12.2	11.1	20.1	*	10.5	10.0	11.8	20.7
40-44 years.....	1,804	1,323	274	11	196	338	703	244
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,110	*	3,260	3,300	3,350	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	4.2	3.4	7.7	*	*	*	3.8	*
Percent low birthweight	15.7	13.9	23.2	*	16.0	11.9	12.7	23.7

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		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
45-54 years.....	166	131	14	1	20	16	56	11
Median weight in grams	3,100	3,000	*	*	3,210	*	3,150	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	24.8	30.0	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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." Six states reported multiple-race data in 2003. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states; see "Technical Appendix." Excludes data for Pennsylvania and Washington, which implemented the 2003 Revision to the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth for data year 2003. This change has resulted in a lack of comparability between data based on the 2003 Revision and data based on the 1989 Revision to the U.S. Certificate of Live Birth; see "Technical Appendix."