

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, 2001

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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	4,025,933	3,177,626	606,156	41,872	200,279	851,851	2,326,578	589,917
Less than 500 grams	5,956	3,422	2,317	53	164	925	2,444	2,271
500-999 grams	22,648	13,773	7,893	204	778	3,748	10,026	7,775
1000-1499 grams	29,250	19,647	8,223	270	1,110	5,006	14,651	8,075
1500-1999 grams	60,804	42,168	15,394	627	2,615	10,621	31,573	15,104
2000-2499 grams	190,089	133,218	44,596	1,911	10,364	34,792	98,542	43,772
2500-2999 grams	680,580	487,739	142,270	6,472	44,099	143,068	345,514	139,276
3000-3499 grams	1,515,171	1,184,917	231,012	15,075	84,167	338,951	847,001	224,616
3500-3999 grams	1,139,280	958,631	122,521	12,341	45,787	240,284	717,844	118,393
4000-4499 grams	322,346	282,026	26,695	3,992	9,633	63,091	218,568	25,612
4500-4999 grams	51,132	45,081	3,995	761	1,295	9,792	35,170	3,843
5000-8165 grams	5,498	4,674	544	105	175	1,197	3,470	522
Unknown or not stated	3,179	2,330	696	61	92	376	1,775	658
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.2	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.7	13.0	7.3	7.5	6.5	6.8	13.1
Live births in single deliveries	3,897,216	3,075,683	585,189	40,906	195,438	833,884	2,242,802	569,412
Less than 500 grams	4,482	2,449	1,860	45	128	731	1,682	1,822
500-999 grams	17,344	10,106	6,469	170	599	3,081	7,041	6,369
1000-1499 grams	20,924	13,303	6,575	219	827	3,899	9,424	6,451
1500-1999 grams	41,920	27,675	11,883	475	1,887	8,095	19,622	11,675
2000-2499 grams	150,734	102,443	38,017	1,604	8,670	29,216	73,380	37,344
2500-2999 grams	641,739	456,114	136,790	6,174	42,661	137,470	319,541	133,923
3000-3499 grams	1,501,134	1,172,949	229,461	14,983	83,741	336,957	837,062	223,106
3500-3999 grams	1,137,404	957,005	122,327	12,325	45,747	240,047	716,465	118,208
4000-4499 grams	322,176	281,888	26,675	3,985	9,628	63,069	218,450	25,593
4500-4999 grams	51,116	45,070	3,991	761	1,294	9,791	35,161	3,839
5000-8165 grams	5,488	4,667	541	105	175	1,196	3,464	519
Unknown or not stated	2,755	2,014	600	60	81	332	1,510	563
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.5	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.1	11.1	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.0	11.2

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Live births in twin deliveries	121,246	95,315	20,414	934	4,583	17,257	77,882	19,974
Less than 500 grams	1,257	794	428	7	28	161	622	420
500-999 grams	4,412	2,903	1,315	34	160	582	2,308	1,298
1000-1499 grams	6,657	4,865	1,512	47	233	937	3,919	1,495
1500-1999 grams	16,404	12,294	3,344	133	633	2,286	9,994	3,272
2000-2499 grams	37,634	29,224	6,484	301	1,625	5,421	23,773	6,337
2500-2999 grams	38,454	31,261	5,469	297	1,427	5,579	25,630	5,342
3000-3499 grams	14,009	11,945	1,549	91	424	1,992	9,919	1,508
3500-3999 grams	1,867	1,617	194	16	40	237	1,370	185
4000-4499 grams	168	136	20	7	5	22	116	19
4500-4999 grams	16	11	4	-	1	1	9	4
5000-8165 grams	9	6	3	-	-	1	5	3
Unknown or not stated	359	259	92	1	7	38	217	91
Percent very low birthweight	10.2	9.0	16.0	9.4	9.2	9.8	8.8	16.2
Percent low birthweight	54.9	52.7	64.4	55.9	58.5	54.5	52.3	64.5
Live births in triplet deliveries	6,885	6,101	529	32	223	655	5,422	511
Less than 500 grams	184	151	29	1	3	28	117	29
500-999 grams	751	641	95	-	15	72	569	95
1000-1499 grams	1,442	1,271	126	4	41	145	1,122	122
1500-1999 grams	2,360	2,087	167	19	87	232	1,853	157
2000-2499 grams	1,682	1,515	95	6	66	154	1,354	91
2500-2999 grams	381	358	11	1	11	17	339	11
3000-3499 grams	22	19	2	1	-	1	18	2
3500-3999 grams	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	-
4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Unknown or not stated	54	50	4	-	-	6	41	4
Percent very low birthweight	34.8	34.1	47.6	*	26.5	37.8	33.6	48.5
Percent low birthweight	94.0	93.6	97.5	93.8	95.1	97.2	93.2	97.4
Live births in quadruplet deliveries	501	460	17	-	24	42	422	13
Less than 500 grams	33	28	-	-	5	5	23	-
500-999 grams	105	93	8	-	4	4	90	7
1000-1499 grams	198	182	9	-	7	22	163	6
1500-1999 grams	110	109	-	-	1	8	101	-
2000-2499 grams	37	35	-	-	2	1	34	-
2500-2999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
3000-3499 grams	3	2	-	-	1	1	1	-
3500-3999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-

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4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	10	6	-	-	4	-	6	-
Percent very low birthweight	68.4	66.7	*	*	*	73.8	66.3	*
Percent low birthweight	98.4	98.5	*	*	*	95.2	98.8	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	85	67	7	-	11	13	50	7
Less than 500 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
500-999 grams	36	30	6	-	-	9	18	6
1000-1499 grams	29	26	1	-	2	3	23	1
1500-1999 grams	10	3	-	-	7	-	3	-
2000-2499 grams	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
2500-2999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
3000-3499 grams	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	-
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	77.4	84.8	*	*	*	*	83.7	*
Percent low birthweight	91.7	90.9	*	*	*	*	91.8	*

- 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.