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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	4,089,950	3,225,848	599,847	43,052	221,203	912,329	2,321,904	576,033
Less than 500 grams	6,307	3,593	2,427	49	238	1,037	2,529	2,350
500-999 grams	22,980	14,096	7,765	220	899	4,140	9,998	7,575
1000-1499 grams	29,930	20,173	8,204	290	1,263	5,366	14,882	7,998
1500-1999 grams	63,791	44,419	15,654	633	3,085	11,655	32,915	15,211
2000-2499 grams	201,056	141,331	46,038	1,978	11,709	38,775	103,007	44,813
2500-2999 grams	711,003	511,317	143,176	7,004	49,506	157,583	356,232	138,440
3000-3499 grams	1,557,864	1,220,632	228,356	15,835	93,041	366,508	858,305	218,901
3500-3999 grams	1,131,577	951,782	117,889	12,304	49,602	252,230	700,819	112,139
4000-4499 grams	309,721	270,180	25,428	3,879	10,234	63,688	206,407	23,992
4500-4999 grams	46,690	41,156	3,546	701	1,287	9,619	31,570	3,340
5000-8165 grams	5,431	4,664	504	107	156	1,246	3,415	484
Unknown or not stated	3,600	2,505	860	52	183	482	1,825	790
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.9	6.9	13.4	7.4	7.8	6.7	7.0	13.6
Live births in single deliveries	3,953,622	3,117,818	578,564	41,972	215,268	892,073	2,234,291	555,392
Less than 500 grams	4,770	2,614	1,927	43	186	834	1,763	1,863
500-999 grams	17,585	10,301	6,409	189	686	3,375	6,973	6,257
1000-1499 grams	21,336	13,676	6,505	232	923	4,183	9,575	6,347
1500-1999 grams	43,209	28,654	11,905	479	2,171	8,716	20,106	11,563
2000-2499 grams	158,204	107,662	39,237	1,642	9,663	32,372	75,766	38,203
2500-2999 grams	670,257	478,102	137,779	6,666	47,710	151,282	329,346	133,225
3000-3499 grams	1,543,725	1,208,594	226,908	15,696	92,527	364,388	848,430	217,508
3500-3999 grams	1,129,848	950,272	117,718	12,294	49,564	251,986	699,574	111,974
4000-4499 grams	309,599	270,068	25,420	3,877	10,234	63,669	206,314	23,985
4500-4999 grams	46,682	41,150	3,544	701	1,287	9,619	31,564	3,338
5000-8165 grams	5,420	4,655	503	107	155	1,245	3,406	484
Unknown or not stated	2,987	2,070	709	46	162	404	1,474	645
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.2	11.4	6.2	6.3	5.5	5.1	11.6

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Live births in twin deliveries	128,665	101,297	20,633	1,047	5,688	19,472	81,691	20,010
Less than 500 grams	1,303	795	459	6	43	173	612	446
500-999 grams	4,492	3,035	1,237	31	189	658	2,378	1,201
1000-1499 grams	6,921	5,039	1,535	52	295	990	4,046	1,492
1500-1999 grams	18,047	13,552	3,542	136	817	2,657	10,882	3,451
2000-2499 grams	41,042	32,024	6,700	331	1,987	6,270	25,740	6,511
2500-2999 grams	40,375	32,864	5,390	335	1,786	6,278	26,560	5,208
3000-3499 grams	14,087	11,992	1,444	138	513	2,114	9,835	1,389
3500-3999 grams	1,717	1,500	170	10	37	243	1,236	164
4000-4499 grams	117	107	8	2	-	19	88	7
4500-4999 grams	8	6	2	-	-	-	6	2
5000-8165 grams	10	8	1	-	1	1	8	-
Unknown or not stated	546	375	145	6	20	69	300	139
Percent very low birthweight	9.9	8.8	15.8	8.5	9.3	9.4	8.6	15.8
Percent low birthweight	56.0	53.9	65.8	53.4	58.8	55.4	53.6	65.9
Live births in triplet deliveries	7,110	6,224	609	33	244	716	5,480	591
Less than 500 grams	188	143	36	-	9	23	120	36
500-999 grams	777	640	113	-	24	102	532	111
1000-1499 grams	1,475	1,277	148	6	44	165	1,107	144
1500-1999 grams	2,411	2,103	195	18	95	265	1,834	185
2000-2499 grams	1,795	1,630	101	5	59	133	1,486	99
2500-2999 grams	369	349	7	3	10	22	325	7
3000-3499 grams	45	40	3	1	1	5	35	3
3500-3999 grams	6	5	-	-	1	1	4	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Unknown or not stated	43	36	6	-	1	-	36	6
Percent very low birthweight	34.5	33.3	49.3	*	31.7	40.5	32.3	49.7
Percent low birthweight	94.0	93.6	98.3	87.9	95.1	96.1	93.3	98.3
Live births in quadruplet deliveries	468	435	30	-	3	63	373	29
Less than 500 grams	34	29	5	-	-	7	22	5
500-999 grams	92	91	1	-	-	2	89	1
1000-1499 grams	183	171	11	-	1	26	146	10
1500-1999 grams	112	98	12	-	2	17	81	12
2000-2499 grams	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	-
2500-2999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
3000-3499 grams	3	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
3500-3999 grams	5	4	1	-	-	-	4	1

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4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	23	23	-	-	-	9	14	-
Percent very low birthweight	69.4	70.6	*	*	*	64.8	71.6	*
Percent low birthweight	97.5	97.6	96.7	*	*	96.3	97.8	96.6
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	85	74	11	-	-	5	69	11
Less than 500 grams	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	-
500-999 grams	34	29	5	-	-	3	26	5
1000-1499 grams	15	10	5	-	-	2	8	5
1500-1999 grams	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	-
2000-2499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
2500-2999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3000-3499 grams	4	3	1	-	-	-	3	1
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percent very low birthweight	72.6	69.9	*	*	*	*	67.6	*
Percent low birthweight	89.3	89.0	*	*	*	*	88.2	*

- 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.

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."