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Plurality of birth and birthweight	Race and Hispanic origin of mother							
	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
All live births	3,952,767	3,121,004	636,391	37,740	157,632	665,026	2,438,855	619,198
Less than 500 grams	5,550	2,921	2,478	45	106	684	2,191	2,426
500-999 grams	20,708	12,188	7,808	147	565	2,770	9,318	7,670
1000-1499 grams	26,373	16,818	8,544	223	788	3,731	12,981	8,393
1500-1999 grams	55,158	36,569	16,244	468	1,877	7,671	28,680	15,926
2000-2499 grams	179,818	121,892	49,021	1,545	7,360	26,668	94,577	48,068
2500-2999 grams	647,165	458,341	149,556	5,643	33,625	110,191	346,387	146,215
3000-3499 grams	1,453,730	1,134,177	239,892	13,355	66,306	261,991	866,791	233,095
3500-3999 grams	1,147,438	970,739	128,187	11,535	36,977	190,387	774,332	124,068
4000-4499 grams	347,048	306,408	28,638	3,838	8,164	51,245	253,023	27,572
4500-4999 grams	58,443	52,078	4,367	759	1,239	8,146	43,535	4,192
5000-8165 grams	6,782	5,900	621	104	157	1,030	4,819	593
Unknown or not stated	4,554	2,973	1,035	78	468	512	2,221	980
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.1	13.2	6.4	6.8	6.2	6.1	13.3
Live births in single deliveries	3,851,109	3,041,559	617,689	37,051	154,810	652,472	2,372,658	600,907
Less than 500 grams	4,253	2,096	2,028	40	89	554	1,511	1,983
500-999 grams	16,580	9,450	6,546	119	465	2,350	7,038	6,430
1000-1499 grams	20,380	12,473	7,090	186	631	3,018	9,394	6,963
1500-1999 grams	41,258	26,279	13,138	373	1,468	6,086	20,069	12,879
2000-2499 grams	150,085	98,961	43,299	1,363	6,462	23,007	75,494	42,465
2500-2999 grams	616,029	433,096	144,780	5,423	32,730	106,050	325,498	141,559
3000-3499 grams	1,440,848	1,123,253	238,322	13,251	66,022	260,401	857,547	231,574
3500-3999 grams	1,145,385	968,960	127,963	11,520	36,942	190,131	772,818	123,850
4000-4499 grams	346,877	306,267	28,615	3,836	8,159	51,224	252,903	27,550
4500-4999 grams	58,426	52,068	4,362	758	1,238	8,144	43,527	4,187
5000-8165 grams	6,767	5,889	618	104	156	1,029	4,809	590
Unknown or not stated	4,221	2,767	928	78	448	478	2,050	877
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.5	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	4.9	11.7	5.6	5.9	5.4	4.8	11.8

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Live births in twin deliveries	97,064	75,318	18,344	673	2,729	12,206	62,476	17,934
Less than 500 grams	1,123	668	433	5	17	105	552	426
500-999 grams	3,559	2,241	1,198	28	92	383	1,826	1,176
1000-1499 grams	5,100	3,562	1,375	33	130	643	2,885	1,351
1500-1999 grams	12,469	9,005	3,000	86	378	1,467	7,458	2,941
2000-2499 grams	28,592	21,878	5,658	180	876	3,587	18,123	5,539
2500-2999 grams	30,840	24,970	4,757	220	893	4,127	20,633	4,638
3000-3499 grams	12,843	10,888	1,567	104	284	1,583	9,216	1,518
3500-3999 grams	2,044	1,773	222	15	34	255	1,509	216
4000-4499 grams	167	137	23	2	5	21	116	22
4500-4999 grams	16	10	5	-	1	2	8	5
5000-8165 grams	15	11	3	-	1	1	10	3
Unknown or not stated	296	175	103	-	18	32	140	99
Percent very low birthweight	10.1	8.6	16.5	9.8	8.8	9.3	8.4	16.6
Percent low birthweight	52.5	49.7	63.9	49.3	55.1	50.8	49.5	64.1
Live births in triplet deliveries	4,233	3,786	339	16	92	313	3,419	339
Less than 500 grams	140	123	17	-	-	17	102	17
500-999 grams	481	415	58	-	8	32	380	58
1000-1499 grams	784	677	76	4	27	55	612	76
1500-1999 grams	1,333	1,192	101	9	31	113	1,065	101
2000-2499 grams	1,121	1,035	62	2	22	72	944	62
2500-2999 grams	293	274	17	-	2	14	255	17
3000-3499 grams	36	34	2	-	-	7	26	2
3500-3999 grams	6	4	2	-	-	1	3	2
4000-4499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4500-4999 grams	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	36	30	4	-	2	2	30	4
Percent very low birthweight	33.5	32.3	45.1	*	38.9	33.4	32.3	45.1
Percent low birthweight	91.9	91.6	93.7	*	97.8	92.9	91.6	93.7

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
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Live births in quadruplet deliveries	315	299	16	-	-	30	265	16
Less than 500 grams	24	24	-	-	-	3	21	-
500-999 grams	69	63	6	-	-	5	55	6
1000-1499 grams	98	95	3	-	-	15	79	3
1500-1999 grams	98	93	5	-	-	5	88	5
2000-2499 grams	19	18	1	-	-	2	16	1
2500-2999 grams	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
3000-3499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3500-3999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4000-4499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percent very low birthweight	60.8	61.1	*	*	*	76.7	58.7	*
Percent low birthweight	98.1	98.3	*	*	*	100.0	98.1	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	46	42	3	-	1	5	37	2
Less than 500 grams	10	10	-	-	-	5	5	-
500-999 grams	19	19	-	-	-	-	19	-
1000-1499 grams	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	-
1500-1999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-2499 grams	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2500-2999 grams	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
3000-3499 grams	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
3500-3999 grams	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4000-4499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent very low birthweight	87.0	95.2	*	*	*	*	94.6	*
Percent low birthweight	89.1	95.2	*	*	*	*	94.6	*

- 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.