

Table 10. Low birthweight live births among mothers 20 years of age and over, by detailed race, Hispanic origin, and education of mother: United States, selected reporting areas 2007 and 2008

(Data are based on birth certificates)

Education, race, and Hispanic origin of mother	22 reporting areas (2003 revision)	
	2007	2008
No high school diploma or GED		
Percent of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams ^{1,2}		
All races.....	8.1	8.0
White.....	7.3	7.2
Black or African American.....	14.5	14.3
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	8.9	7.7
Asian or Pacific Islander ³	7.1	7.6
Hispanic or Latina.....	6.5	6.3
Mexican.....	6.2	6.0
Puerto Rican.....	11.0	10.9
Cuban.....	8.2	5.6
Central and South American.....	6.4	6.2
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	8.8	8.8
Not Hispanic or Latina:		
White.....	9.6	9.5
Black or African American.....	15.5	15.3
High school diploma or GED		
All races.....	8.4	8.4
White.....	7.4	7.5
Black or African American.....	13.9	13.5
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	7.3	7.1
Asian or Pacific Islander ³	7.5	7.9
Hispanic or Latina.....	6.7	7.0
Mexican.....	6.4	6.6
Puerto Rican.....	8.8	9.2
Cuban.....	7.4	9.1
Central and South American.....	6.4	7.0
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	8.4	8.0
Not Hispanic or Latina:		
White.....	7.9	7.8
Black or African American.....	14.2	13.9
Some college, no Bachelor's degree		
All races.....	7.7	7.7
White.....	6.8	6.8
Black or African American.....	12.6	12.6
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	6.8	6.9
Asian or Pacific Islander ³	8.0	8.0
Hispanic or Latina.....	7.2	7.0
Mexican.....	6.8	6.6
Puerto Rican.....	8.6	8.5
Cuban.....	7.3	6.8
Central and South American.....	6.9	6.7
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	8.2	8.4
Not Hispanic or Latina:		
White.....	6.8	6.7
Black or African American.....	12.8	12.8
Bachelor's degree or more		
All races.....	6.8	6.9
White.....	6.3	6.4
Black or African American.....	11.2	11.0
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	6.2	5.4
Asian or Pacific Islander ³	7.9	8.1
Hispanic or Latina.....	6.8	6.9
Mexican.....	6.6	6.5
Puerto Rican.....	8.4	8.6
Cuban.....	7.4	7.8
Central and South American.....	6.2	6.6
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	7.3	7.4
Not Hispanic or Latina:		
White.....	6.3	6.3
Black or African American.....	11.4	11.2

¹Data are for the 22 reporting areas that used the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth for data on maternal education in 2007 and 2008.

²Excludes live births with unknown birthweight. Percent based on live births with known birthweight.

³Estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups because not all states have adopted the 2003 revision of the U. S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. See Appendix II, Race.

NOTES: Starting in 2003, states began switching to the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth on a voluntary basis.

Because maternal education data based on the 2003 revision are not comparable with data based on the 1989 or earlier revisions, data are only presented for states that used the 2003 revision for 2007 and 2008.

See Appendix II, Maternal education for a list of states included in this table.

See *Health, United States, 2010* and earlier editions for data for years prior to 2007.

The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Starting with 2003 data, some states reported multiple-race data.

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 Appendix II, Race.

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