

**Table 6 (page 1 of 3). Low birthweight live births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother, state, and territory: United States and U.S. dependent areas, 2000–2002, 2003–2005, and 2012–2014**

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State and territory	Not Hispanic or Latina								
	All races			White			Black or African American		
	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014
	Percent of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams <sup>1</sup>								
United States <sup>2</sup>	7.69	8.07	8.01	6.75	7.18	6.97	13.19	13.77	13.14
Alabama	9.75	10.35	10.03	7.77	8.46	7.97	14.10	15.02	14.86
Alaska	5.71	6.02	5.77	4.84	5.34	5.25	10.70	11.74	8.88
Arizona	6.91	7.05	6.95	6.78	7.01	6.53	13.16	12.38	11.72
Arkansas	8.64	9.04	8.79	7.48	7.83	7.59	13.81	14.86	14.07
California	6.29	6.71	6.73	5.86	6.30	5.87	11.66	12.46	11.51
Colorado	8.60	9.04	8.80	8.24	8.81	8.27	14.59	15.20	13.59
Connecticut	7.52	7.74	7.76	6.48	6.60	6.56	12.28	12.88	12.08
Delaware	9.29	9.31	8.29	7.80	7.62	6.84	14.08	14.32	12.22
District of Columbia	11.85	11.06	9.62	6.35	6.28	5.98	14.60	13.96	12.41
Florida	8.18	8.59	8.59	6.98	7.38	7.18	12.58	13.28	12.97
Georgia	8.79	9.27	9.40	6.92	7.44	7.18	12.98	13.81	13.51
Hawaii	7.98	8.23	8.09	6.17	6.42	5.90	11.01	11.44	11.31
Idaho	6.41	6.65	6.59	6.29	6.60	6.46	*	*7.03	*7.23
Illinois	8.04	8.40	8.17	6.74	7.22	6.86	14.04	14.70	13.65
Indiana	7.54	8.10	7.93	6.95	7.54	7.30	12.89	13.46	12.89
Iowa	6.39	6.92	6.65	6.19	6.72	6.35	11.77	12.22	11.19
Kansas	6.96	7.28	7.06	6.66	6.97	6.54	12.37	13.42	12.84
Kentucky	8.38	8.86	8.71	7.84	8.50	8.33	13.84	13.52	13.37
Louisiana	10.40	11.02	10.74	7.56	8.12	8.06	14.44	15.33	15.22
Maine	6.12	6.58	7.11	6.13	6.57	6.96	*9.47	8.47	9.59
Maryland	8.88	9.17	8.62	6.79	7.19	6.64	13.00	13.13	12.17
Massachusetts	7.26	7.77	7.58	6.56	7.15	6.90	11.54	11.82	10.32
Michigan	7.94	8.28	8.34	6.55	7.00	6.99	14.24	14.43	13.60
Minnesota	6.23	6.43	6.52	5.80	5.93	5.94	10.54	10.71	9.56
Mississippi	10.82	11.62	11.49	7.97	8.67	8.23	14.48	15.60	15.96
Missouri	7.74	8.12	7.98	6.79	7.18	6.96	13.27	13.90	13.68
Montana	6.65	7.02	7.38	6.60	6.81	6.98	*	*15.58	*12.25
Nebraska	6.88	6.97	6.59	6.52	6.76	6.12	13.07	12.16	11.70
Nevada	7.44	8.11	8.09	7.19	7.78	7.34	13.40	13.98	13.21
New Hampshire	6.40	6.65	7.00	6.24	6.59	6.92	10.58	10.85	10.25
New Jersey	7.89	8.19	8.17	6.59	7.11	7.01	13.20	13.48	12.46
New Mexico	7.99	8.38	8.84	7.89	8.33	8.44	13.88	15.01	14.69
New York	7.76	8.11	7.91	6.48	6.82	6.60	12.02	12.78	12.16
North Carolina	8.90	9.07	8.82	7.49	7.73	7.37	13.83	14.33	13.46
North Dakota	6.28	6.49	6.26	6.13	6.37	6.06	*9.02	*9.43	9.30
Ohio	8.07	8.51	8.52	7.08	7.53	7.38	13.45	13.83	13.58
Oklahoma	7.75	7.92	7.99	7.35	7.63	7.60	13.57	13.62	13.44
Oregon	5.65	6.09	6.23	5.44	6.02	5.99	10.32	11.16	9.43
Pennsylvania	7.93	8.20	8.13	6.78	7.06	7.00	13.79	13.67	12.85
Rhode Island	7.47	8.12	7.34	6.75	7.39	6.47	12.32	11.22	10.90
South Carolina	9.74	10.15	9.56	7.40	7.82	7.41	14.29	15.19	14.36
South Dakota	6.58	6.71	6.33	6.37	6.62	5.92	*11.51	*7.27	9.37
Tennessee	9.20	9.35	9.09	7.95	8.26	7.95	14.23	14.51	13.98
Texas	7.54	8.07	8.25	6.81	7.43	7.31	12.82	13.91	13.36
Utah	6.48	6.68	6.94	6.28	6.45	6.66	13.09	12.05	9.82
Vermont	6.15	6.57	6.65	6.12	6.55	6.53	*	*	*8.49
Virginia	7.90	8.23	8.01	6.54	7.01	6.63	12.56	12.83	12.54
Washington	5.75	6.13	6.33	5.43	5.63	5.81	10.34	10.63	9.74
West Virginia	8.60	9.16	9.25	8.39	9.03	9.10	13.81	13.15	13.39
Wisconsin	6.58	6.93	7.16	5.83	6.18	6.36	13.25	13.59	13.39
Wyoming	8.35	8.71	8.78	8.12	8.74	8.62	*13.29	*	*11.90
American Samoa <sup>3</sup>	3.51	3.75	4.40	---	---	---	---	---	---
Guam <sup>3</sup>	7.88	8.81	8.36	*4.13	*4.01	*	*	*	*
Northern Marianas <sup>3</sup>	8.05	7.55	7.16	---	---	*	---	---	*
Puerto Rico <sup>3</sup>	11.14	11.92	10.99	---	---	10.73	---	---	14.13
Virgin Islands <sup>3</sup>	10.21	11.14	---	*8.37	*5.90	---	9.89	12.51	---

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State and territory	Hispanic or Latina <sup>4</sup>			American Indian or Alaska Native <sup>5</sup>			Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>5</sup>		
	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014	2000–2002	2003–2005	2012–2014
	Percent of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams <sup>1</sup>								
United States <sup>2</sup>	6.48	6.79	7.04	7.11	7.39	7.58	7.54	7.89	8.20
Alabama	6.95	6.92	6.70	9.68	10.53	9.66	7.38	8.02	8.92
Alaska	6.07	5.31	5.52	5.81	5.86	6.28	7.33	6.57	6.79
Arizona	6.56	6.69	6.72	6.85	7.11	6.84	7.95	7.92	7.74
Arkansas	5.79	6.54	6.60	8.11	8.86	7.63	7.73	6.74	9.60
California	5.66	6.10	6.27	6.21	6.49	6.63	7.15	7.42	7.66
Colorado	8.33	8.53	8.66	9.05	9.45	9.66	10.17	10.26	11.11
Connecticut	8.25	8.49	8.29	10.06	7.45	10.71	8.07	7.83	7.79
Delaware	6.81	7.03	6.36	*	*	*	9.89	9.33	7.82
District of Columbia	8.04	7.46	7.97	*	*	*	*7.00	8.97	7.72
Florida	6.61	6.98	7.27	7.11	7.38	8.24	8.35	8.73	8.54
Georgia	5.77	5.96	6.67	9.29	9.00	10.14	8.18	8.35	8.41
Hawaii	8.00	8.34	8.45	*4.99	*	*	8.45	8.84	8.84
Idaho	6.95	6.67	7.00	6.15	8.31	6.84	7.38	6.67	7.56
Illinois	6.31	6.60	6.89	8.60	9.46	8.75	8.49	8.28	8.84
Indiana	6.09	6.33	6.53	*7.74	*10.00	*9.88	7.41	7.87	7.78
Iowa	6.01	6.12	5.96	7.23	9.15	6.41	7.13	7.71	8.33
Kansas	5.93	6.09	6.38	6.20	7.09	6.83	6.69	7.34	8.84
Kentucky	7.73	6.85	6.49	*7.17	*8.54	*11.91	7.75	7.56	7.52
Louisiana	6.56	7.62	7.10	9.06	10.11	7.63	7.89	8.46	8.95
Maine	*6.03	*4.74	9.15	*	*	*7.16	*5.46	8.69	9.01
Maryland	6.73	7.18	7.00	9.74	10.87	7.12	7.42	7.93	8.17
Massachusetts	8.37	8.41	8.26	*7.11	*7.62	*7.69	7.57	7.63	7.83
Michigan	6.26	6.46	7.05	7.26	6.98	7.60	7.46	8.33	9.03
Minnesota	6.02	5.70	6.41	7.10	6.87	8.22	7.28	7.43	7.45
Mississippi	6.61	6.42	7.01	7.30	6.24	*5.12	6.83	8.06	8.65
Missouri	6.18	6.33	6.65	8.67	7.63	8.26	7.34	7.61	7.22
Montana	7.44	8.63	8.21	7.14	7.80	9.16	*5.95	*8.70	10.89
Nebraska	6.30	6.20	6.29	7.27	6.78	6.27	8.05	7.61	7.41
Nevada	6.34	6.74	6.96	6.80	7.58	6.78	7.56	10.35	9.76
New Hampshire	4.84	6.55	7.16	*	*	*	5.95	7.75	7.72
New Jersey	7.15	7.27	7.31	11.09	9.83	12.08	7.57	8.10	8.98
New Mexico	8.13	8.45	8.92	6.88	7.32	8.14	7.67	8.60	10.63
New York	7.38	7.59	7.67	7.81	7.31	7.20	7.33	7.89	8.01
North Carolina	6.13	6.27	6.66	10.30	11.01	10.83	8.20	7.77	7.96
North Dakota	*8.10	*5.84	4.95	6.62	6.78	7.04	*	*8.39	6.75
Ohio	7.20	7.13	7.80	8.86	10.22	9.06	7.86	8.27	8.67
Oklahoma	6.41	6.46	6.64	6.48	6.69	7.21	7.87	6.82	8.07
Oregon	5.54	5.43	6.08	7.23	7.34	7.39	6.78	7.00	7.44
Pennsylvania	8.97	9.00	8.67	9.15	10.95	10.15	7.48	7.99	8.35
Rhode Island	7.20	8.61	7.91	*10.32	13.66	*8.13	9.31	10.11	8.48
South Carolina	6.87	6.66	6.57	10.22	10.75	*7.42	8.02	8.13	8.14
South Dakota	6.89	5.94	7.90	6.84	7.04	7.09	*11.39	*9.50	8.33
Tennessee	6.28	6.04	6.43	*7.11	*6.63	7.95	8.60	7.76	8.18
Texas	6.88	7.23	7.56	6.67	7.33	6.67	7.78	8.33	9.40
Utah	7.20	7.26	7.37	6.37	7.46	8.17	7.23	8.20	8.87
Vermont	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*8.08	*9.38
Virginia	6.07	6.28	6.56	*10.73	*9.20	9.66	7.50	7.71	8.17
Washington	5.31	5.93	6.18	7.08	7.31	7.16	6.37	6.90	7.48
West Virginia	*	*6.06	8.80	*	*	*	*9.16	*9.51	*5.92
Wisconsin	6.13	6.34	6.66	6.12	6.04	6.22	6.97	7.50	7.52
Wyoming	8.81	8.43	9.13	9.55	8.39	8.92	*12.04	*	*9.88
American Samoa <sup>3</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.46	3.75	4.38
Guam <sup>3</sup>	*	*	*	*	---	---	7.78	9.33	8.82
Northern Marianas <sup>3</sup>	---	---	*	---	---	*	8.12	7.65	7.21
Puerto Rico <sup>3</sup>	---	---	10.98	---	---	---	---	---	*
Virgin Islands <sup>3</sup>	10.84	8.29	---	*12.50	---	---	*	*	---

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\* Percentages preceded by an asterisk are based on fewer than 50 births. Percentages not shown are based on fewer than 20 births.

- - - Data not available.

– Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Excludes live births with unknown birthweight.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes data for American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

<sup>3</sup>Comparable data were not available for all time periods and racial and ethnicity groups. Therefore, only selected low birthweight percentages are presented for the territories.

<sup>4</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

<sup>5</sup>Includes persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

NOTES: For information on very low birthweight live births by state, see Table I–10 in Hamilton BE, Martin JA, Osterman MJK, et al. Births: Final data for 2014. National vital statistics reports; vol 64 no 12. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS. 2015; Available from: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64\\_12.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64_12.pdf). Starting with 2003 data, some states and territories reported multiple-race data. The multiple-race data for these areas were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards, for comparability with other areas. See Appendix II, Race. Data for the territories are shown by race and ethnicity only if race-specific data are available for all years in the 3-year period. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, public-use and nonpublic-use Birth File. Hamilton BE, Martin JA, Osterman MJK, et al. Births: Final data for 2014. National vital statistics reports; vol 64 no 12. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS. 2015; Available from: [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64\\_12.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr64/nvsr64_12.pdf). See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).