

Table 5. Low birthweight live births, by detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970–2015

Excel and PDF versions (with more data years and standard errors when available): <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2016.htm#005>.

[Data are based on birth certificates]

<i>Birthweight, maternal race, and Hispanic origin</i>	1970	1975	1980	1990	2000	2005	2010	2013	2014	2015
Low birthweight (less than 2,500 grams)										
					Percent of live births ¹					
All races	7.93	7.38	6.84	6.97	7.57	8.19	8.15	8.02	8.00	8.07
White	6.85	6.27	5.72	5.70	6.55	7.16	7.08	7.00	6.98	7.00
Black or African American	13.90	13.19	12.69	13.25	12.99	13.59	13.21	12.76	12.83	13.03
American Indian or Alaska Native	7.97	6.41	6.44	6.11	6.76	7.36	7.61	7.48	7.65	7.53
Asian or Pacific Islander ²	---	---	6.68	6.45	7.31	7.98	8.49	8.34	8.05	8.40
Hispanic or Latina ³	---	---	6.12	6.06	6.41	6.88	6.97	7.09	7.05	7.21
Mexican	---	---	5.62	5.55	6.01	6.49	6.49	6.62	6.58	6.81
Puerto Rican	---	---	8.95	8.99	9.30	9.92	9.55	9.38	9.54	9.42
Cuban	---	---	5.62	5.67	6.49	7.64	7.30	7.35	7.48	7.16
Central and South American	---	---	5.76	5.84	6.34	6.78	6.55	6.85	6.68	6.74
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	6.96	6.87	7.84	8.27	8.38	7.99	7.94	8.13
Not Hispanic or Latina: ³										
White	---	---	5.69	5.61	6.60	7.29	7.14	6.98	6.96	6.93
Black or African American	---	---	12.71	13.32	13.13	14.02	13.53	13.08	13.17	13.35
Very low birthweight (less than 1,500 grams)										
All races	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.27	1.43	1.49	1.45	1.41	1.40	1.40
White	0.95	0.92	0.90	0.95	1.14	1.20	1.17	1.14	1.14	1.12
Black or African American	2.40	2.40	2.48	2.92	3.07	3.15	2.90	2.82	2.79	2.81
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.98	0.95	0.92	1.01	1.16	1.17	1.28	1.32	1.27	1.27
Asian or Pacific Islander ²	---	---	0.92	0.87	1.05	1.14	1.17	1.18	1.15	1.13
Hispanic or Latina ³	---	---	0.98	1.03	1.14	1.20	1.20	1.21	1.23	1.23
Mexican	---	---	0.92	0.92	1.03	1.12	1.09	1.13	1.13	1.13
Puerto Rican	---	---	1.29	1.62	1.93	1.87	1.82	1.65	1.86	1.73
Cuban	---	---	1.02	1.20	1.21	1.50	1.42	1.27	1.45	1.38
Central and South American	---	---	0.99	1.05	1.20	1.19	1.09	1.15	1.12	1.13
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	1.01	1.09	1.42	1.36	1.46	1.37	1.38	1.44
Not Hispanic or Latina: ³										
White	---	---	0.87	0.93	1.14	1.21	1.16	1.11	1.10	1.09
Black or African American	---	---	2.47	2.93	3.10	3.27	2.98	2.90	2.87	2.89

--- Data not available.

¹ Excludes live births with unknown birthweight. Percentage based on live births with known birthweight. See Appendix II, Birthweight.

² Estimates 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.

³ Prior to 1993, data from states that did not report Hispanic origin on the birth certificate were excluded. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin. Data for non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black women for years prior to 1989 are not nationally representative and are provided solely for comparison with Hispanic data.

NOTES: 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. Interpretation of trend data for Hispanic births should take into consideration expansion of reporting areas. 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: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, public-use Birth File. Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Osterman MJK, Driscoll AK, Mathews TJ. Births: Final data for 2015. National vital statistics report, vol 66, no 1. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS. 2017. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr66/nvsr66_01.pdf. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).