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<b>All Births</b>								
All ages.....	3,899,589	3,098,885	603,139	37,278	160,287	679,768	2,382,638	587,781
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,180	3,400	3,250	3,340	3,410	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.2	13.1	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.2	13.2
Under 15 years.....	12,242	5,854	5,927	203	258	3,187	2,711	5,822
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,210	3,070	3,360	3,050	3,190	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.5	3.8	*	*	2.2	2.8	3.9
Percent low birthweight	13.5	11.0	16.2	*	12.5	10.4	11.8	16.3
15 years.....	30,734	18,118	11,534	526	556	8,322	9,848	11,322
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,090	3,350	3,120	3,210	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	1.9	3.5	*	*	1.5	2.3	3.5
Percent low birthweight	11.7	9.9	14.8	6.9	11.4	9.2	10.4	14.8
16 years.....	62,174	40,206	19,960	979	1,029	16,185	24,056	19,564
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,110	3,310	3,100	3,230	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	2.6	*	2.0	1.3	1.7	2.6
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.5	13.5	7.2	12.7	8.0	8.9	13.5
17 years.....	99,600	68,841	27,618	1,520	1,621	24,168	44,439	27,026
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,120	3,340	3,160	3,240	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.7	*	1.3	1.5	1.6	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.3	13.2	6.4	9.0	8.2	8.3	13.2
18 years.....	138,535	98,635	35,372	2,178	2,350	31,710	66,529	34,644
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,130	3,340	3,160	3,250	3,300	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.5	1.1	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.5
Percent low birthweight	9.1	7.9	12.8	6.7	10.3	7.5	8.0	12.8
19 years.....	168,830	123,835	39,210	2,561	3,224	38,064	85,152	38,351
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,150	3,350	3,180	3,280	3,320	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.6	*	1.2	1.1	1.3	2.6
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20-24 years.....	965,547	743,123	183,435	11,969	27,020	208,211	529,499	179,209
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,180	3,400	3,210	3,320	3,370	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.6
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.2	12.0	6.2	7.4	5.8	6.3	12.1
25-29 years.....	1,063,539	873,022	133,535	8,571	48,411	178,258	684,135	129,752
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,420	3,210	3,430	3,250	3,380	3,440	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	3.0	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.5	12.6	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.5	12.7
30-34 years.....	904,666	754,662	96,084	5,777	48,143	115,063	627,126	93,126
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,200	3,430	3,280	3,400	3,460	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.5	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.9	3.5
Percent low birthweight	6.7	5.8	14.3	7.0	6.0	6.1	5.7	14.4
35-39 years.....	383,745	316,166	42,507	2,488	22,584	46,964	263,469	41,265
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,440	3,180	3,420	3,280	3,400	3,440	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.9	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.2	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.1	7.0	16.3	8.5	7.7	7.4	6.9	16.5
40-44 years.....	67,250	54,232	7,702	493	4,823	9,257	43,895	7,454
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,170	3,470	3,260	3,370	3,430	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	3.9	*	1.9	1.8	1.4	3.9
Percent low birthweight	9.3	8.2	17.3	10.6	9.2	8.8	8.0	17.3
45-49 years.....	2,727	2,191	255	13	268	379	1,779	246
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,300	3,260	*	3,200	3,380	3,280	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.7	*	*	*	*	2.8	*
Percent low birthweight	15.2	15.5	16.5	*	12.7	10.3	16.6	16.7
0-8 years								
All ages.....	237,980	204,203	20,220	1,637	11,920	160,533	44,094	18,839
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,340	3,130	3,320	3,250	3,360	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	3.0	*	0.7	1.0	1.4	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.2	6.5	14.5	8.0	6.3	5.8	9.2	14.9

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Under 15 years.....	9,416	4,500	4,572	166	178	2,392	2,148	4,505
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,070	3,350	3,040	3,180	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.6	3.7	*	*	2.3	2.8	3.8
Percent low birthweight	13.7	11.1	16.5	*	14.6	10.9	11.4	16.5
15 years.....	10,446	6,509	3,615	174	148	3,220	3,293	3,571
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,210	3,080	3,470	3,100	3,200	3,230	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	1.8	3.6	*	*	1.3	2.2	3.6
Percent low birthweight	12.0	10.4	15.0	*	13.5	9.3	11.6	15.1
16 years.....	8,477	6,465	1,802	113	97	3,408	3,059	1,758
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,220	3,100	3,300	3,050	3,220	3,210	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	2.2	*	*	1.1	1.7	2.3
Percent low birthweight	10.3	9.1	14.7	*	*	7.9	10.3	14.9
17 years.....	8,411	7,252	934	109	116	4,476	2,795	889
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,230	3,120	3,320	3,210	3,240	3,220	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.4	*	*	*	1.4	1.4	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	8.0	14.0	*	*	7.3	9.2	14.2
18 years.....	9,106	8,143	732	95	136	5,658	2,506	684
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,250	3,120	3,250	3,190	3,260	3,230	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.3	*	*	*	1.1	1.7	*
Percent low birthweight	8.3	7.8	13.5	*	*	6.8	10.5	13.3
19 years.....	10,580	9,672	617	77	214	7,340	2,361	553
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,270	3,130	3,290	3,160	3,280	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	*	*	*	0.8	0.8	*
Percent low birthweight	7.2	6.7	16.0	*	*	6.0	9.0	17.2
20-24 years.....	64,054	58,617	2,684	393	2,360	46,426	12,287	2,337
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,320	3,160	3,300	3,210	3,330	3,280	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.9	2.5	*	*	0.8	1.2	2.5
Percent low birthweight	6.2	6.0	11.5	6.9	6.2	5.2	9.0	12.0
25-29 years.....	54,096	48,295	2,093	238	3,470	40,780	7,596	1,804
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,210	3,270	3,260	3,400	3,340	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.4	*	0.7	0.8	1.2	2.8
Percent low birthweight	5.8	5.4	13.9	11.9	5.5	4.9	8.2	14.8

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30-34 years.....	38,098	33,426	1,753	164	2,755	28,479	5,041	1,482
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,430	3,220	3,310	3,300	3,440	3,390	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.1	2.6	*	*	1.0	1.2	2.8
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.7	13.5	*	6.1	5.4	7.7	14.1
35-39 years.....	19,644	16,864	1,048	83	1,649	14,530	2,362	927
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,210	3,410	3,290	3,440	3,420	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.4	4.0	*	*	1.4	1.4	4.1
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.1	15.1	*	6.0	6.9	8.7	15.5
40-44 years.....	5,296	4,228	353	25	690	3,641	595	314
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,210	3,400	3,270	3,420	3,510	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	*	*	*	1.5	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	8.2	15.3	*	8.4	8.2	8.2	16.3
45-49 years.....	356	232	17	-	107	183	51	15
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,410	*	*	3,350	3,370	3,670	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	10.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	629,572	456,596	149,357	10,415	13,204	186,658	268,882	145,939
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,110	3,350	3,200	3,310	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.0	14.7	7.2	8.4	6.8	8.8	14.8
Under 15 years.....	2,454	1,159	1,195	31	69	682	492	1,173
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,230	3,100	3,480	3,090	3,220	3,240	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.2	4.0	*	*	*	*	4.1
Percent low birthweight	12.5	10.3	15.2	*	*	8.1	13.4	15.4
15 years.....	19,420	11,110	7,589	339	382	4,838	6,349	7,452
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,250	3,100	3,300	3,130	3,210	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	1.9	3.4	*	*	1.7	2.2	3.4
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16 years.....	50,796	31,839	17,277	811	869	11,959	19,960	16,975
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,270	3,120	3,300	3,120	3,240	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.6	*	*	1.4	1.7	2.6
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.4	13.4	7.2	13.0	8.0	8.7	13.4
17 years.....	74,973	50,476	22,161	1,191	1,145	16,386	33,983	21,755
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,120	3,340	3,150	3,240	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.7	*	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.5	13.1	6.5	9.4	8.3	8.5	13.2
18 years.....	67,175	47,506	17,599	1,150	920	15,662	31,671	17,275
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,130	3,330	3,130	3,240	3,280	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.4	*	*	1.3	1.3	2.4
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.3	13.0	6.3	10.8	7.6	8.6	13.0
19 years.....	54,863	40,563	12,605	970	725	14,336	26,075	12,318
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,280	3,140	3,340	3,170	3,280	3,280	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.3	2.3	*	*	1.2	1.3	2.3
Percent low birthweight	9.1	8.1	12.7	5.6	9.8	7.1	8.5	12.8
20-24 years.....	187,700	143,520	38,071	2,996	3,113	59,553	83,488	37,187
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,300	3,140	3,370	3,190	3,320	3,290	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	2.5
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.3	13.3	6.7	8.4	5.9	8.2	13.4
25-29 years.....	98,024	76,707	17,178	1,482	2,657	38,031	38,494	16,616
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,080	3,360	3,250	3,370	3,290	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.3	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	3.4
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.4	17.5	7.5	7.1	6.0	8.9	17.8
30-34 years.....	51,485	37,980	10,431	1,016	2,058	17,963	19,917	10,087
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,030	3,360	3,270	3,390	3,270	3,020
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.5	4.4	*	*	1.4	1.6	4.5
Percent low birthweight	11.5	9.1	21.6	10.3	5.8	7.1	10.9	21.9
35-39 years.....	19,190	13,410	4,425	357	998	6,129	7,257	4,304
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,310	3,000	3,360	3,250	3,370	3,260	3,000
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	1.9	5.1	*	*	1.5	2.3	5.1
Percent low birthweight	13.8	10.8	24.2	12.1	8.4	8.8	12.3	24.6

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40-44 years.....	3,363	2,238	803	67	255	1,081	1,147	775
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,300	3,060	3,400	3,290	3,310	3,280	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	1.8	4.9	*	*	*	2.0	4.8
Percent low birthweight	13.4	11.1	21.6	*	7.8	9.3	13.3	21.6
45-49 years.....	129	88	23	5	13	38	49	22
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,440	2,890	*	*	3,530	3,450	2,860
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12 years								
All ages.....	1,307,228	1,014,383	234,646	14,874	43,325	193,851	811,034	229,514
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,180	3,410	3,250	3,350	3,390	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.5	13.1	6.5	7.2	6.3	6.5	13.2
16 years.....	1,579	1,052	468	27	32	404	658	447
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,280	3,120	3,470	3,040	3,230	3,320	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.4	8.1	12.4	*	*	7.7	8.2	12.6
17 years.....	14,164	9,706	3,979	184	295	2,685	7,002	3,878
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,130	3,400	3,210	3,250	3,330	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.8	*	*	1.3	1.5	2.9
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.3	12.6	*	7.1	8.1	7.0	12.5
18 years.....	56,299	38,976	15,384	821	1,118	9,135	29,731	15,108
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,320	3,140	3,360	3,180	3,260	3,330	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.6	*	*	1.3	1.5	2.6
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.3	12.5	6.8	10.5	7.7	7.3	12.5
19 years.....	82,822	59,656	20,256	1,248	1,662	13,129	46,243	19,911
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,330	3,150	3,360	3,180	3,270	3,340	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.6	*	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.6
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20-24 years.....	427,411	323,655	87,159	5,605	10,992	68,049	253,285	85,518
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,370	3,180	3,400	3,220	3,330	3,380	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.5	6.3	12.0	6.2	7.5	6.1	6.3	12.1
25-29 years.....	363,314	290,950	55,601	3,593	13,170	54,930	233,087	54,252
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,200	3,430	3,260	3,380	3,410	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	2.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.9	5.8	12.7	6.4	6.3	5.5	5.9	12.8
30-34 years.....	247,762	200,622	34,616	2,291	10,233	31,883	166,253	33,656
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,170	3,450	3,290	3,390	3,420	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.1	3.8
Percent low birthweight	7.8	6.6	15.4	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.7	15.6
35-39 years.....	97,701	77,492	14,522	919	4,768	11,534	64,837	14,149
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,140	3,440	3,280	3,380	3,390	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	4.0	*	1.5	1.7	1.4	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.7	8.3	17.5	7.4	8.5	7.8	8.4	17.7
40-44 years.....	15,633	11,865	2,567	185	1,016	2,029	9,610	2,504
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,370	3,130	3,410	3,240	3,350	3,370	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	4.2	*	2.6	2.1	1.6	4.2
Percent low birthweight	11.0	9.2	19.0	*	11.0	9.4	9.2	18.9
45-49 years.....	543	409	94	1	39	73	328	91
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,190	*	2,910	3,170	3,320	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	14.8	13.7	*	*	*	*	13.5	*
13-15 years								
All ages.....	845,110	673,968	130,720	7,327	33,095	84,313	581,551	127,846
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,440	3,220	3,450	3,260	3,370	3,450	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.9	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.6	5.6	11.9	5.5	6.9	6.1	5.5	11.9

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
17 years.....	301	215	70	3	13	75	143	67
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,090	*	*	3,070	3,410	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,827	2,552	1,111	52	112	601	1,948	1,080
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,150	3,360	3,150	3,280	3,350	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.0	3.2	*	*	*	1.0	3.2
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.0	13.0	*	*	7.2	7.0	13.2
19 years.....	17,993	12,210	5,034	221	528	2,539	9,629	4,920
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,360	3,170	3,360	3,210	3,280	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.7	*	*	1.4	1.2	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.1	6.9	11.3	*	8.9	7.8	6.6	11.5
20-24 years.....	223,169	168,246	45,303	2,467	7,153	26,406	140,685	44,415
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,210	3,440	3,220	3,330	3,420	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	0.9	2.5	*	1.2	0.9	0.9	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.6	5.4	11.0	5.1	7.4	5.8	5.3	11.1
25-29 years.....	275,747	224,686	37,978	2,246	10,837	27,373	194,479	37,129
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,250	3,490	3,250	3,380	3,460	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.9	*	0.7	1.1	0.8	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.1	11.1	5.3	6.4	5.8	5.0	11.2
30-34 years.....	220,704	182,150	27,695	1,483	9,376	19,040	160,284	27,048
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,460	3,240	3,460	3,280	3,390	3,470	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.1	*	0.9	1.3	0.9	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.5	5.6	12.6	5.3	6.4	6.2	5.5	12.6
35-39 years.....	88,484	71,938	11,572	707	4,267	7,104	63,739	11,279
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,440	3,200	3,430	3,300	3,380	3,450	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.8	*	0.9	1.3	1.2	3.8
Percent low birthweight	7.9	6.7	15.4	7.2	7.6	6.8	6.7	15.5
40-44 years.....	14,364	11,540	1,905	143	776	1,142	10,253	1,857
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,170	3,530	3,230	3,370	3,430	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.9	*	*	*	1.4	3.8
Percent low birthweight	9.3	8.1	16.1	*	9.5	7.5	8.1	16.1



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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
45-49 years.....	521	431	52	5	33	33	391	51
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,360	3,390	*	3,230	3,590	3,340	3,380
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.1	13.0	*	*	*	*	13.6	*
16 years and over								
All ages.....	820,325	707,280	56,093	2,253	54,699	40,810	653,952	54,848
Median weight in grams	3,440	3,470	3,270	3,450	3,270	3,380	3,480	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.8	2.7	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.8	2.7
Percent low birthweight	5.5	5.1	10.3	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.0	10.3
20-24 years.....	48,949	39,001	7,050	297	2,601	3,712	34,915	6,905
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,430	3,230	3,380	3,210	3,350	3,440	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.8	2.3	*	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.3
Percent low birthweight	5.6	4.8	9.5	*	7.4	5.3	4.7	9.7
25-29 years.....	257,396	221,520	17,971	832	17,073	13,745	204,481	17,576
Median weight in grams	3,430	3,460	3,270	3,470	3,240	3,370	3,470	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.6	*	0.6	0.9	0.7	2.7
Percent low birthweight	5.1	4.7	9.8	4.8	6.1	5.3	4.6	9.9
30-34 years.....	333,459	290,739	19,327	711	22,682	15,445	269,609	18,878
Median weight in grams	3,460	3,490	3,290	3,460	3,280	3,400	3,490	3,290
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.6	*	0.7	1.0	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	5.2	4.8	9.9	6.5	5.8	5.6	4.7	10.0
35-39 years.....	152,271	131,711	9,832	352	10,376	6,730	122,328	9,621
Median weight in grams	3,450	3,480	3,270	3,410	3,280	3,390	3,480	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	3.1	*	1.1	1.4	1.0	3.2
Percent low birthweight	6.4	6.0	11.5	9.7	7.6	7.0	5.9	11.7
40-44 years.....	27,153	23,332	1,854	60	1,907	1,141	21,687	1,810
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,450	3,260	3,550	3,280	3,320	3,460	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.3	3.0	*	1.9	2.5	1.2	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.8	7.2	14.0	*	8.7	9.8	7.1	14.0

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
45-49 years.....	1,097	977	59	1	60	37	932	58
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,210	3,290	*	3,060	3,270	3,200	3,290
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.7	*	*	*	*	2.8	*
Percent low birthweight	18.9	18.9	*	*	*	*	19.6	*
Not stated								
All ages.....	59,374	42,455	12,103	772	4,044	13,603	23,125	10,795
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,350	3,130	3,340	3,240	3,310	3,370	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.4	6.0	3.0	1.5	1.9	2.5	5.9
Percent low birthweight	10.4	8.6	18.0	8.9	7.6	8.1	8.5	17.9
Under 15 years.....	372	195	160	6	11	113	71	144
Median weight in grams	3,110	3,200	3,030	*	*	3,120	3,320	3,010
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.8	12.9	15.7	*	*	*	*	16.8
15 years.....	868	499	330	13	26	264	206	299
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,220	3,120	*	3,130	3,190	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.3	13.1	13.8	*	*	11.8	15.5	12.9
16 years.....	1,322	850	413	28	31	414	379	384
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,270	3,110	3,430	2,940	3,260	3,280	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.9	9.3	14.3	*	*	9.8	8.8	13.6
17 years.....	1,751	1,192	474	33	52	546	516	437
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,100	3,100	3,060	3,190	3,280	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.9	4.7	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.6	10.3	16.3	*	*	10.8	8.8	16.1
18 years.....	2,128	1,458	546	60	64	654	673	497
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,100	3,310	3,100	3,200	3,250	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.6	4.2	*	*	*	3.0	4.5
Percent low birthweight	11.1	9.7	15.3	*	*	8.6	10.2	14.8

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
19 years.....	2,572	1,734	698	45	95	720	844	649
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,280	3,120	3,260	3,190	3,250	3,300	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.4	6.0	*	*	*	3.2	6.2
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.8	14.9	*	*	8.3	9.5	15.1
20-24 years.....	14,264	10,084	3,168	211	801	4,065	4,839	2,847
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,160	3,340	3,220	3,300	3,320	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.0	5.5	*	*	1.6	2.2	5.3
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.1	15.8	*	7.2	7.4	8.3	15.9
25-29 years.....	14,962	10,864	2,714	180	1,204	3,399	5,998	2,375
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,380	3,150	3,360	3,240	3,340	3,390	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.2	6.0	*	*	1.6	2.2	6.1
Percent low birthweight	9.8	7.9	18.4	14.6	7.3	6.9	8.0	18.8
30-34 years.....	13,158	9,745	2,262	112	1,039	2,253	6,022	1,975
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,410	3,120	3,460	3,260	3,370	3,420	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.4	7.4	*	*	2.5	2.3	7.4
Percent low birthweight	10.4	8.3	21.2	*	7.5	8.2	7.9	21.3
35-39 years.....	6,455	4,751	1,108	70	526	937	2,946	985
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,380	3,090	3,310	3,260	3,360	3,390	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	2.9	7.1	*	*	2.8	2.8	7.1
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.2	22.0	*	8.0	9.9	9.0	21.6
40-44 years.....	1,441	1,029	220	13	179	223	603	194
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,090	*	3,270	3,290	3,370	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	4.7	4.3	*	*	*	*	3.8	*
Percent low birthweight	13.8	12.5	24.5	*	*	10.4	12.2	23.6
45-49 years.....	81	54	10	1	16	15	28	9
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,430	*	*	*	*	3,290	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.