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Plurality of birth and birthweight	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
All live births	4,021,726	3,174,760	593,691	42,368	210,907	876,642	2,298,156	578,335
Less than 500 grams	6,268	3,588	2,414	53	213	992	2,545	2,365
500-999 grams	22,845	13,909	7,842	212	882	3,984	9,952	7,711
1000-1499 grams	29,431	19,595	8,286	276	1,274	5,240	14,403	8,118
1500-1999 grams	61,652	43,074	15,146	590	2,842	10,943	32,143	14,882
2000-2499 grams	193,881	135,633	45,125	1,930	11,193	36,224	99,549	44,300
2500-2999 grams	688,630	495,046	140,506	6,742	46,336	149,219	346,513	137,584
3000-3499 grams	1,521,884	1,191,374	226,457	15,483	88,570	349,830	842,347	220,468
3500-3999 grams	1,125,959	947,951	117,795	12,298	47,915	245,222	701,894	113,972
4000-4499 grams	314,182	275,046	25,293	3,870	9,973	63,667	210,885	24,310
4500-4999 grams	48,606	42,751	3,739	769	1,347	9,691	32,988	3,587
5000-8165 grams	5,396	4,630	475	107	184	1,217	3,393	462
Unknown or not stated	2,992	2,163	613	38	178	413	1,544	576
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.8	6.8	13.3	7.2	7.8	6.5	6.9	13.4
Live births in single deliveries	3,889,191	3,069,915	572,659	41,363	205,254	857,777	2,212,453	557,680
Less than 500 grams	4,703	2,561	1,931	44	167	791	1,735	1,889
500-999 grams	17,525	10,221	6,446	175	683	3,312	6,950	6,329
1000-1499 grams	20,866	13,165	6,571	221	909	4,101	9,125	6,436
1500-1999 grams	41,846	27,879	11,528	458	1,981	8,198	19,721	11,322
2000-2499 grams	153,059	103,661	38,478	1,623	9,297	30,279	73,577	37,773
2500-2999 grams	648,903	462,582	135,233	6,437	44,651	143,435	319,922	132,408
3000-3499 grams	1,507,507	1,179,280	224,839	15,350	88,038	347,771	832,357	218,892
3500-3999 grams	1,124,158	946,402	117,614	12,276	47,866	244,961	700,610	113,795
4000-4499 grams	314,051	274,931	25,279	3,870	9,971	63,655	210,782	24,296
4500-4999 grams	48,598	42,744	3,738	769	1,347	9,690	32,982	3,586
5000-8165 grams	5,389	4,623	475	107	184	1,215	3,388	462
Unknown or not stated	2,586	1,866	527	33	160	369	1,304	492
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.1	11.4	6.1	6.4	5.4	5.0	11.4

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Live births in twin deliveries	125,134	98,304	20,423	982	5,425	18,128	79,949	20,064
Less than 500 grams	1,361	861	451	9	40	178	668	444
500-999 grams	4,514	3,027	1,281	33	173	581	2,434	1,267
1000-1499 grams	6,888	5,001	1,539	45	303	941	4,053	1,513
1500-1999 grams	17,271	12,930	3,432	131	778	2,516	10,411	3,380
2000-2499 grams	39,074	30,359	6,560	304	1,851	5,791	24,523	6,445
2500-2999 grams	39,380	32,134	5,262	302	1,682	5,759	26,288	5,165
3000-3499 grams	14,338	12,062	1,616	131	529	2,053	9,965	1,574
3500-3999 grams	1,795	1,543	181	22	49	259	1,280	177
4000-4499 grams	129	113	14	-	2	12	101	14
4500-4999 grams	8	7	1	-	-	1	6	1
5000-8165 grams	7	7	-	-	-	2	5	-
Unknown or not stated	369	260	86	5	18	35	215	84
Percent very low birthweight	10.2	9.1	16.1	8.9	9.5	9.4	9.0	16.1
Percent low birthweight	55.4	53.2	65.2	53.4	58.2	55.3	52.8	65.3
Live births in triplet deliveries	6,898	6,081	575	23	219	701	5,334	557
Less than 500 grams	157	124	27	-	6	19	104	27
500-999 grams	701	572	99	4	26	85	485	99
1000-1499 grams	1,511	1,279	167	10	55	183	1,090	160
1500-1999 grams	2,397	2,132	182	1	82	226	1,884	176
2000-2499 grams	1,718	1,583	87	3	45	150	1,424	82
2500-2999 grams	344	327	11	3	3	25	300	11
3000-3499 grams	36	30	2	2	2	5	24	2
3500-3999 grams	4	4	-	-	-	1	3	-
4000-4499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	29	29	-	-	-	7	19	-
Percent very low birthweight	34.5	32.6	51.0	*	39.7	41.4	31.6	51.3
Percent low birthweight	94.4	94.0	97.7	*	97.7	95.5	93.8	97.7
Live births in quadruplet deliveries	434	407	18	-	9	35	368	18
Less than 500 grams	36	31	5	-	-	4	27	5
500-999 grams	78	76	2	-	-	6	70	2
1000-1499 grams	147	133	7	-	7	15	118	7
1500-1999 grams	133	128	4	-	1	3	122	4
2000-2499 grams	28	28	-	-	-	4	23	-
2500-2999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3000-3499 grams	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

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4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	7	7	-	-	-	2	5	-
Percent very low birthweight	61.1	60.0	*	*	*	75.8	59.2	*
Percent low birthweight	98.8	99.0	*	*	*	97.0	99.2	*
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	69	53	16	-	-	1	52	16
Less than 500 grams	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	-
500-999 grams	27	13	14	-	-	-	13	14
1000-1499 grams	19	17	2	-	-	-	17	2
1500-1999 grams	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	-
2000-2499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
2500-2999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3000-3499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percent very low birthweight	83.8	78.8	*	*	*	*	80.4	*
Percent low birthweight	94.1	92.3	*	*	*	*	94.1	*

- 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.

NOTES: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. See Technical Appendix.