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All Births								
All ages.....	4,058,814	3,194,005	622,598	41,668	200,543	815,868	2,362,968	604,346
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,180	3,390	3,250	3,340	3,400	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.5	13.0	6.8	7.3	6.4	6.6	13.1
Under 15 years.....	8,519	4,439	3,808	160	112	2,638	1,840	3,736
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,070	3,250	3,000	3,180	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.5	4.2	*	*	2.6	2.2	4.3
Percent low birthweight	14.1	12.0	16.7	*	17.9	11.9	12.1	16.8
15 years.....	21,845	13,487	7,577	424	357	7,187	6,387	7,397
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,090	3,330	3,070	3,210	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	1.9	3.2	*	*	1.8	2.2	3.2
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.3	14.9	7.5	13.2	9.1	9.6	15.0
16 years.....	48,581	32,499	14,243	918	921	15,588	17,086	13,895
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,100	3,330	3,080	3,220	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.8	3.0	*	2.7	1.5	2.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	10.5	9.0	14.1	7.2	14.5	8.6	9.3	14.2
17 years.....	86,783	60,800	22,798	1,555	1,630	25,648	35,286	22,228
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,110	3,360	3,120	3,240	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.6	3.0	*	2.4	1.4	1.7	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.3	13.9	6.3	12.2	8.2	8.5	14.0
18 years.....	132,786	95,390	32,581	2,258	2,557	36,064	59,491	31,737
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,120	3,340	3,140	3,250	3,280	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.9	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.5	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.1	13.7	7.3	11.2	7.8	8.3	13.8
19 years.....	178,995	130,837	41,755	2,900	3,503	44,982	85,806	40,762
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,290	3,140	3,340	3,180	3,270	3,300	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.7	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.3	2.7
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20-24 years.....	1,017,806	772,811	202,596	13,633	28,766	247,552	523,971	197,190
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,340	3,180	3,380	3,210	3,320	3,350	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.4	12.2	6.2	7.7	6.0	6.6	12.3
25-29 years.....	1,087,547	874,180	141,968	10,053	61,346	218,167	651,445	137,545
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,220	3,420	3,250	3,380	3,420	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.7	5.8	12.0	6.4	6.6	5.6	5.9	12.1
30-34 years.....	929,278	764,708	94,808	6,097	63,665	141,493	617,371	91,477
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,230	3,420	3,270	3,400	3,450	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.6	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	6.9	6.1	13.2	7.2	6.7	6.2	6.1	13.4
35-39 years.....	452,057	368,711	49,295	2,983	31,068	62,993	302,576	47,577
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,210	3,400	3,290	3,390	3,440	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	3.9	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.2	3.9
Percent low birthweight	8.3	7.4	15.4	8.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	15.6
40-44 years.....	90,013	72,414	10,699	658	6,242	12,987	58,631	10,347
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,160	3,380	3,270	3,360	3,400	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	4.4	*	1.8	1.9	1.5	4.4
Percent low birthweight	10.0	9.0	17.7	10.2	9.3	9.2	8.9	17.8
45-54 years.....	4,604	3,729	470	29	376	569	3,078	455
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,240	3,070	3,190	3,190	3,280	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.4	3.3	4.3	*	*	4.4	3.0	4.4
Percent low birthweight	18.2	17.6	22.2	*	19.5	14.1	18.1	22.5
0-8 years								
All ages.....	234,097	208,602	15,560	1,790	8,145	170,366	39,367	14,179
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,340	3,150	3,320	3,250	3,350	3,300	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	*	1.2	0.9	1.3	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.9	6.4	13.5	6.4	7.1	5.9	8.5	14.2

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Under 15 years.....	6,455	3,371	2,901	109	74	1,915	1,478	2,856
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,190	3,060	3,230	2,980	3,180	3,210	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.5	4.1	*	*	2.6	2.2	4.2
Percent low birthweight	14.1	11.8	17.0	*	*	11.9	11.8	17.0
15 years.....	6,654	4,431	2,037	117	69	2,460	1,985	1,993
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,220	3,080	3,260	3,120	3,210	3,230	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.7	3.5	*	*	1.5	2.0	3.6
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.7	15.1	*	*	9.3	10.2	15.2
16 years.....	6,417	5,089	1,147	108	73	3,159	1,951	1,114
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,220	3,080	3,280	3,140	3,210	3,230	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	2.6	*	*	1.1	1.9	2.7
Percent low birthweight	10.2	9.2	14.8	*	*	8.3	10.5	15.2
17 years.....	7,144	6,309	656	113	66	4,274	2,050	635
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,240	3,100	3,290	3,190	3,250	3,220	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.2	*	*	*	1.0	1.6	*
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.9	14.5	*	*	7.0	10.0	14.8
18 years.....	8,783	7,972	604	129	78	5,726	2,289	556
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,240	3,070	3,290	3,160	3,250	3,220	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	3.5	*	*	0.9	1.3	3.6
Percent low birthweight	8.2	7.7	16.1	*	*	6.8	10.1	16.4
19 years.....	10,470	9,639	600	132	99	7,267	2,426	542
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,260	3,160	3,310	3,170	3,270	3,210	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	*	*	*	0.9	1.3	*
Percent low birthweight	7.1	6.7	13.0	*	*	5.9	8.9	14.1
20-24 years.....	64,335	60,049	2,705	451	1,130	48,969	11,381	2,362
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,320	3,170	3,310	3,200	3,320	3,280	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.7	*	*	0.8	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.9	11.9	6.9	6.2	5.4	7.9	12.8
25-29 years.....	58,736	54,061	2,061	318	2,296	46,585	7,798	1,703
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,230	3,350	3,260	3,390	3,360	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	1.9	*	*	0.8	1.1	2.3
Percent low birthweight	5.6	5.4	10.2	7.6	6.1	5.0	7.5	11.2

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30-34 years.....	38,656	34,519	1,555	190	2,392	30,065	4,663	1,303
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,420	3,270	3,410	3,280	3,420	3,430	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.1	2.3	*	1.3	1.0	1.2	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.9	11.4	*	6.6	5.8	7.0	12.7
35-39 years.....	20,381	17,938	970	99	1,374	15,487	2,553	834
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,240	3,420	3,250	3,420	3,440	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.3	2.4	*	1.5	1.3	1.6	*
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.3	11.6	*	7.7	7.1	8.7	12.1
40-44 years.....	5,649	4,922	291	21	415	4,217	734	251
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,270	3,210	3,240	3,380	3,460	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	*	*	*	1.6	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.9	8.4	13.1	*	11.8	8.7	7.5	12.7
45-54 years.....	417	302	33	3	79	242	59	30
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,300	*	3,300	3,400	3,350	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.4	9.3	*	*	*	9.5	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	631,981	466,153	140,202	11,124	14,502	219,639	247,547	136,223
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,120	3,360	3,200	3,320	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.0	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.1	14.7	7.1	8.7	6.8	9.1	14.9
Under 15 years.....	1,741	902	764	46	29	611	309	744
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,220	3,110	3,270	2,970	3,190	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.3	3.8	*	*	*	*	3.8
Percent low birthweight	13.5	12.5	14.9	*	*	12.3	12.6	15.1
15 years.....	14,497	8,626	5,312	289	270	4,462	4,256	5,185
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,090	3,350	3,060	3,220	3,270	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	2.0	3.1	*	*	1.9	2.3	3.2
Percent low birthweight	11.2	9.0	15.0	*	14.9	8.9	9.3	15.0

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16 years.....	39,731	25,748	12,435	769	779	11,596	14,350	12,156
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,250	3,100	3,340	3,060	3,220	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.8	3.0	*	3.0	1.6	2.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.6	8.9	13.9	7.4	14.9	8.7	9.2	14.0
17 years.....	63,967	43,876	17,782	1,148	1,161	17,334	26,640	17,384
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,110	3,360	3,100	3,240	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	3.0	*	2.3	1.5	1.7	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.5	14.1	6.4	12.5	8.4	8.6	14.2
18 years.....	62,623	45,251	15,212	1,214	946	17,337	27,971	14,846
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,110	3,340	3,110	3,250	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.9	*	*	1.4	1.5	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.4	14.2	7.8	11.2	7.9	8.8	14.3
19 years.....	58,952	43,961	13,149	1,079	763	16,743	27,218	12,805
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,110	3,360	3,150	3,270	3,260	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.6	*	*	1.1	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.4	14.2	5.5	9.2	7.1	9.0	14.4
20-24 years.....	209,637	158,184	44,528	3,661	3,264	69,685	88,644	43,281
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,290	3,140	3,350	3,210	3,310	3,270	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.3	2.6
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.5	13.5	6.9	6.9	6.2	8.5	13.6
25-29 years.....	103,248	80,953	17,318	1,564	3,413	46,684	34,450	16,703
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,340	3,150	3,400	3,240	3,380	3,290	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.2	*	0.9	0.9	1.4	3.3
Percent low birthweight	8.6	7.2	15.3	6.8	7.3	5.7	9.3	15.6
30-34 years.....	51,145	39,594	8,329	836	2,386	24,484	15,285	7,955
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,100	3,350	3,270	3,410	3,270	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.4	4.6	*	1.1	1.3	1.7	4.7
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.3	18.7	7.3	7.5	6.7	10.9	19.2
35-39 years.....	21,930	16,004	4,303	425	1,198	8,988	7,065	4,138
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,040	3,340	3,270	3,370	3,230	3,030
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.2	5.3	*	*	1.8	2.6	5.4
Percent low birthweight	13.4	11.1	23.4	11.3	8.2	8.5	14.4	23.7

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40-44 years.....	4,330	2,931	1,026	93	280	1,655	1,293	985
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,300	3,020	3,370	3,270	3,340	3,230	3,000
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	1.9	5.4	*	*	1.7	2.4	5.3
Percent low birthweight	14.7	11.8	25.2	*	7.9	9.0	15.1	25.4
45-54 years.....	180	123	44	-	13	60	66	41
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,310	2,860	*	*	3,220	3,370	2,860
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	15.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12 years								
All ages.....	1,273,056	965,237	243,327	16,234	48,258	239,517	724,141	236,816
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,180	3,400	3,250	3,350	3,370	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.8	13.0	6.7	7.6	6.4	7.0	13.1
16 years.....	1,286	898	336	21	31	397	512	322
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,150	3,310	3,170	3,270	3,250	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.6	14.3	*	*	7.6	9.0	14.9
17 years.....	13,721	9,262	3,877	247	335	3,325	6,023	3,756
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,130	3,380	3,170	3,260	3,310	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.8	*	*	1.4	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.7	13.0	*	11.3	8.3	7.3	13.1
18 years.....	55,328	38,072	15,099	826	1,331	11,418	26,822	14,735
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,130	3,360	3,170	3,260	3,320	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.8	*	1.6	1.2	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.3	7.7	13.1	7.1	11.1	7.9	7.7	13.2
19 years.....	87,446	62,188	21,962	1,394	1,902	16,745	45,508	21,518
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,140	3,340	3,170	3,270	3,320	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.6	*	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.7
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20-24 years.....	444,231	330,733	95,879	6,128	11,491	84,681	245,588	93,719
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,180	3,400	3,220	3,320	3,350	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.4	12.1	5.9	7.7	6.1	6.5	12.2
25-29 years.....	328,080	255,289	54,350	4,032	14,409	64,800	189,779	52,789
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,210	3,430	3,250	3,380	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.3	12.3	6.3	6.5	5.8	6.5	12.4
30-34 years.....	218,090	171,775	32,410	2,251	11,654	39,124	132,205	31,232
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,210	3,410	3,270	3,400	3,410	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	3.8	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	3.9
Percent low birthweight	8.1	7.0	14.3	7.7	7.4	6.2	7.2	14.6
35-39 years.....	103,314	80,664	15,823	1,099	5,728	15,934	64,506	15,256
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,170	3,360	3,280	3,380	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.6	4.2	*	1.3	1.9	1.5	4.3
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.6	16.5	9.1	8.5	8.0	8.8	16.7
40-44 years.....	20,723	15,745	3,451	227	1,300	2,993	12,687	3,351
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,130	3,360	3,260	3,360	3,340	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.7	4.7	*	1.6	2.2	1.6	4.8
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.8	18.9	12.4	9.8	9.5	9.9	19.2
45-54 years.....	837	611	140	9	77	100	511	138
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,070	*	3,220	3,230	3,270	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	16.9	15.2	24.3	*	*	*	14.9	24.6
13-15 years								
All ages.....	872,285	681,773	140,828	8,534	41,150	107,985	571,292	137,229
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,220	3,430	3,260	3,370	3,430	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.1	6.1	12.0	6.4	7.3	6.3	6.0	12.1

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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
17 years.....	265	180	71	3	11	73	111	69
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,340	3,130	*	*	3,260	3,400	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	7.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,924	2,594	1,131	46	153	791	1,830	1,097
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,320	3,150	3,380	3,160	3,290	3,320	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.9	3.4	*	*	*	1.9	3.3
Percent low birthweight	9.7	8.1	13.1	*	*	9.5	7.5	13.3
19 years.....	19,313	13,044	5,384	242	643	3,259	9,797	5,285
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,340	3,170	3,360	3,210	3,280	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	2.6	*	*	1.1	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.3	6.7	11.8	*	10.1	6.9	6.7	11.9
20-24 years.....	229,611	170,363	48,192	2,768	8,288	33,430	136,965	46,951
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,200	3,410	3,220	3,330	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.1	5.8	11.6	5.7	8.5	6.1	5.8	11.7
25-29 years.....	285,364	226,042	42,528	2,804	13,990	35,057	190,020	41,419
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,240	3,440	3,260	3,380	3,440	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.9	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.5	11.2	6.7	6.7	5.7	5.5	11.2
30-34 years.....	211,802	171,501	27,041	1,668	11,592	23,121	147,349	26,372
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,250	3,460	3,280	3,400	3,460	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.4	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.0	12.2	6.2	6.4	6.1	6.0	12.3
35-39 years.....	101,638	81,855	13,646	817	5,320	10,362	71,043	13,276
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,220	3,480	3,280	3,380	3,440	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.5	2.6	1.4	1.7	1.2	3.6
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.4	14.5	8.0	8.2	8.5	7.3	14.6
40-44 years.....	19,503	15,504	2,724	179	1,096	1,826	13,564	2,652
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,410	3,160	3,380	3,260	3,380	3,410	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	4.6	*	1.8	2.1	1.4	4.6
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.7	18.3	*	8.5	9.4	8.6	18.4

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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
45-54 years.....	865	690	111	7	57	66	613	108
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,090	*	3,150	3,190	3,250	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	4.2	*	*	*	*	4.2	*
Percent low birthweight	17.6	17.7	*	*	*	*	18.5	*
16 years and over								
All ages.....	986,521	828,250	71,403	3,177	83,691	60,676	760,314	69,592
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,460	3,270	3,430	3,260	3,370	3,460	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.7	10.8	6.6	6.8	6.2	5.7	10.8
20-24 years.....	55,020	42,556	8,208	408	3,848	5,442	36,921	8,009
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,410	3,230	3,430	3,210	3,340	3,420	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.4	*	0.5	0.8	0.9	2.4
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.2	9.8	*	7.0	5.1	5.2	9.9
25-29 years.....	297,025	246,778	23,273	1,154	25,820	20,470	224,371	22,743
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,270	3,400	3,240	3,360	3,450	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.7	*	0.8	1.1	0.9	2.8
Percent low birthweight	5.7	5.3	10.0	5.9	6.6	5.8	5.2	10.0
30-34 years.....	396,645	337,933	23,468	1,015	34,229	21,789	312,941	22,831
Median weight in grams	3,440	3,470	3,290	3,460	3,270	3,390	3,480	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	3.1	*	0.8	1.1	0.9	3.1
Percent low birthweight	5.9	5.4	10.7	7.4	6.4	5.9	5.4	10.8
35-39 years.....	197,671	167,067	13,412	476	16,716	10,884	154,595	13,041
Median weight in grams	3,440	3,470	3,270	3,440	3,300	3,380	3,470	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.1	*	1.1	1.4	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.3	12.2	7.6	7.4	7.1	6.3	12.3
40-44 years.....	38,005	32,022	2,919	120	2,944	2,007	29,706	2,848
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,240	3,420	3,280	3,340	3,430	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	3.3	*	1.6	1.7	1.4	3.4
Percent low birthweight	8.8	8.4	13.2	*	9.0	9.6	8.3	13.2

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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. Low birthweight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz); very low birthweight is less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz))

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
45-54 years.....	2,155	1,894	123	4	134	84	1,780	120
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,180	3,050	*	3,100	3,120	3,180	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	3.3	*	*	*	*	2.9	*
Percent low birthweight	20.4	19.7	25.2	*	26.9	*	19.6	25.8
Not stated								
All ages.....	60,874	43,990	11,278	809	4,797	17,685	20,307	10,307
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,150	3,330	3,250	3,320	3,360	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.5	6.1	*	2.0	2.0	2.8	6.0
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.6	16.9	9.0	8.4	7.8	9.2	17.0
Under 15 years.....	323	166	143	5	9	112	53	136
Median weight in grams	3,110	3,160	3,030	*	*	3,130	3,200	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	16.7	13.5	21.4	*	*	*	*	20.3
15 years.....	694	430	228	18	18	265	146	219
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,010	*	*	3,180	3,250	3,000
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.7	10.5	13.2	*	*	11.4	*	12.8
16 years.....	1,147	764	325	20	38	436	273	303
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,070	3,130	3,190	3,230	3,240	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	*	6.8	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.1	16.0	*	*	9.9	9.3	15.9
17 years.....	1,686	1,173	412	44	57	642	462	384
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,220	3,150	3,190	3,110	3,220	3,230	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.9	9.1	11.7	*	*	8.9	9.4	12.0
18 years.....	2,128	1,501	535	43	49	792	579	503
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,060	3,170	3,130	3,210	3,240	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.4	4.3	*	*	*	*	4.2
Percent low birthweight	11.6	10.2	15.7	*	*	8.8	12.0	15.8

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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.....	2,814	2,005	660	53	96	968	857	612
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,110	3,180	3,160	3,260	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.6	6.0	*	*	*	2.9	5.8
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.4	15.1	*	*	7.0	9.3	15.0
20-24 years.....	14,972	10,926	3,084	217	745	5,345	4,472	2,868
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,310	3,160	3,320	3,200	3,300	3,320	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	1.9	5.1	*	*	1.4	2.4	5.2
Percent low birthweight	9.3	7.8	14.8	9.3	8.8	6.8	8.7	14.8
25-29 years.....	15,094	11,057	2,438	181	1,418	4,571	5,027	2,188
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,180	3,400	3,250	3,370	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.4	6.8	*	*	2.1	2.9	6.9
Percent low birthweight	9.1	7.8	16.3	*	7.2	7.0	8.6	16.8
30-34 years.....	12,940	9,386	2,005	137	1,412	2,910	4,928	1,784
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,400	3,180	3,400	3,270	3,370	3,410	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.6	6.0	*	1.9	2.4	2.8	6.0
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.7	18.8	*	7.2	8.5	8.9	19.2
35-39 years.....	7,123	5,183	1,141	67	732	1,338	2,814	1,032
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,130	3,380	3,320	3,380	3,400	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	2.9	8.4	*	*	2.8	2.9	8.3
Percent low birthweight	11.7	9.5	22.6	*	10.4	9.4	9.8	22.6
40-44 years.....	1,803	1,290	288	18	207	289	647	260
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,130	*	3,260	3,340	3,390	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	4.4	3.6	8.0	*	*	*	3.7	7.7
Percent low birthweight	14.0	12.7	21.6	*	11.2	12.8	12.1	22.3
45-54 years.....	150	109	19	6	16	17	49	18
Median weight in grams	3,120	3,140	*	*	*	*	3,150	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	21.6	20.6	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.