

Table 1-26. Live Births by Birthweight, Percent Low Birthweight and Very Low Birthweight, by Plurality, by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother: United States, 2000

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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	4,058,814	3,194,005	622,598	41,668	200,543	815,868	2,362,968	604,346
Less than 500 grams	5,952	3,265	2,442	45	200	847	2,349	2,394
500-999 grams	22,797	13,700	8,129	185	783	3,707	9,951	7,976
1000-1499 grams	29,218	19,344	8,507	254	1,113	4,779	14,486	8,363
1500-1999 grams	60,793	41,848	15,745	605	2,595	9,993	31,649	15,457
2000-2499 grams	188,270	130,661	45,955	1,722	9,932	32,921	97,213	45,053
2500-2999 grams	670,849	478,863	142,881	6,339	42,766	134,672	342,874	139,478
3000-3499 grams	1,510,314	1,174,494	236,467	14,945	84,408	321,881	847,967	229,400
3500-3999 grams	1,164,440	976,947	128,173	12,573	46,747	233,127	738,192	123,436
4000-4499 grams	340,384	297,496	28,749	4,026	10,113	62,537	232,986	27,503
4500-4999 grams	54,748	48,330	4,308	794	1,316	9,650	38,308	4,102
5000-8165 grams	6,208	5,357	543	108	200	1,294	4,023	522
Unknown or not stated	4,841	3,700	699	72	370	460	2,970	662
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
Live births in single deliveries	3,932,573	3,094,219	601,451	40,750	196,153	798,739	2,281,129	583,667
Less than 500 grams	4,569	2,372	2,010	38	149	712	1,618	1,972
500-999 grams	17,704	10,194	6,731	159	620	3,061	7,101	6,612
1000-1499 grams	21,160	13,266	6,836	205	853	3,721	9,507	6,717
1500-1999 grams	42,227	27,696	12,192	464	1,875	7,604	19,993	11,969
2000-2499 grams	150,019	100,838	39,231	1,448	8,502	27,707	72,861	38,487
2500-2999 grams	633,109	448,074	137,515	6,048	41,472	129,307	317,696	134,248
3000-3499 grams	1,495,903	1,162,258	234,812	14,836	83,997	319,947	837,764	227,777
3500-3999 grams	1,162,406	975,180	127,958	12,560	46,708	232,818	736,755	123,228
4000-4499 grams	340,237	297,371	28,732	4,025	10,109	62,521	232,877	27,486
4500-4999 grams	54,730	48,317	4,304	794	1,315	9,648	38,297	4,098
5000-8165 grams	6,197	5,348	541	108	200	1,289	4,019	520
Unknown or not stated	4,312	3,305	589	65	353	404	2,641	553
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.0	11.2	5.7	6.1	5.4	4.9	11.3

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Live births in twin deliveries	118,916	93,235	20,626	900	4,155	16,470	76,018	20,173
Less than 500 grams	1,148	690	414	5	39	116	559	404
500-999 grams	4,241	2,793	1,298	24	126	571	2,210	1,265
1000-1499 grams	6,486	4,700	1,529	47	210	897	3,781	1,506
1500-1999 grams	16,129	11,959	3,396	134	640	2,166	9,709	3,335
2000-2499 grams	36,553	28,261	6,639	272	1,381	5,083	22,932	6,487
2500-2999 grams	37,338	30,410	5,349	291	1,288	5,339	24,833	5,215
3000-3499 grams	14,354	12,181	1,654	109	410	1,930	10,152	1,622
3500-3999 grams	2,025	1,758	215	13	39	307	1,430	208
4000-4499 grams	140	118	17	1	4	14	104	17
4500-4999 grams	15	10	4	-	1	-	10	4
5000-8165 grams	10	8	2	-	-	4	4	2
Unknown or not stated	477	347	109	4	17	43	294	108
Percent very low birthweight	10.0	8.8	15.8	8.5	9.1	9.6	8.6	15.8
Percent low birthweight	54.5	52.1	64.7	53.8	57.9	53.8	51.8	64.8
Live births in triplet deliveries	6,742	6,022	483	18	219	581	5,370	468
Less than 500 grams	204	174	16	2	12	15	147	16
500-999 grams	703	582	89	2	30	54	526	88
1000-1499 grams	1,352	1,185	122	2	43	144	1,023	120
1500-1999 grams	2,320	2,082	152	7	79	208	1,854	148
2000-2499 grams	1,667	1,532	85	2	48	127	1,394	79
2500-2999 grams	397	374	17	-	6	24	342	15
3000-3499 grams	54	52	1	-	1	3	49	1
3500-3999 grams	5	5	-	-	-	1	4	-
4000-4499 grams	4	4	-	-	-	1	3	-
4500-4999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	35	31	1	3	-	4	27	1
Percent very low birthweight	33.7	32.4	47.1	*	38.8	36.9	31.7	48.0
Percent low birthweight	93.1	92.7	96.3	*	96.8	95.0	92.5	96.6

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Live births in quadruplet deliveries	506	456	34	-	16	70	386	34
Less than 500 grams	17	15	2	-	-	3	12	2
500-999 grams	132	114	11	-	7	21	97	11
1000-1499 grams	193	170	16	-	7	17	152	16
1500-1999 grams	114	108	5	-	1	15	90	5
2000-2499 grams	31	30	-	-	1	4	26	-
2500-2999 grams	4	4	-	-	-	2	2	-
3000-3499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3500-3999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4000-4499 grams	3	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
4500-4999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
5000-8165 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Unknown or not stated	5	5	-	-	-	4	1	-
Percent very low birthweight	68.3	66.3	85.3	*	*	62.1	67.8	85.3
Percent low birthweight	97.2	96.9	100.0	*	*	90.9	97.9	100.0
Live births in quintuplet and higher order multiple deliveries	77	73	4	-	-	8	65	4
Less than 500 grams	14	14	-	-	-	1	13	-
500-999 grams	17	17	-	-	-	-	17	-
1000-1499 grams	27	23	4	-	-	-	23	4
1500-1999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
2000-2499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500-2999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3000-3499 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
3500-3999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	12	12	-	-	-	5	7	-
Percent very low birthweight	89.2	88.5	*	*	*	*	91.4	*
Percent low birthweight	93.8	93.4	*	*	*	*	96.6	*

- 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.