

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, 1997

(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))

| Plurality of birth and birthweight | 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 |
| All live births                    | 3,880,894                          | 3,072,640 | 599,913 | 38,572              | 169,769                | 709,767            | 2,333,363          | 581,431            |
| Less than 500 grams                | 5,634                              | 3,107     | 2,343   | 41                  | 143                    | 734                | 2,280              | 2,286              |
| 500-999 grams                      | 21,747                             | 13,168    | 7,732   | 189                 | 658                    | 3,137              | 9,890              | 7,523              |
| 1000-1499 grams                    | 27,592                             | 18,277    | 8,109   | 227                 | 979                    | 4,177              | 13,919             | 7,909              |
| 1500-1999 grams                    | 56,821                             | 38,988    | 15,151  | 486                 | 2,196                  | 8,566              | 29,986             | 14,850             |
| 2000-2499 grams                    | 179,360                            | 124,855   | 44,584  | 1,656               | 8,265                  | 28,897             | 94,875             | 43,566             |
| 2500-2999 grams                    | 642,089                            | 459,648   | 139,623 | 5,797               | 37,021                 | 118,520            | 337,656            | 136,016            |
| 3000-3499 grams                    | 1,435,290                          | 1,123,452 | 227,388 | 13,606              | 70,844                 | 279,074            | 834,586            | 220,324            |
| 3500-3999 grams                    | 1,117,562                          | 944,304   | 122,093 | 11,731              | 39,434                 | 202,811            | 731,509            | 117,581            |
| 4000-4499 grams                    | 330,894                            | 291,179   | 27,335  | 3,905               | 8,475                  | 53,773             | 233,974            | 26,133             |
| 4500-4999 grams                    | 53,936                             | 47,790    | 4,164   | 751                 | 1,231                  | 8,550              | 38,647             | 3,941              |
| 5000-8165 grams                    | 5,941                              | 5,129     | 530     | 110                 | 172                    | 1,039              | 4,040              | 514                |
| Unknown or not stated              | 4,028                              | 2,743     | 861     | 73                  | 351                    | 489                | 2,001              | 788                |
| Percent very low birthweight       | 1.4                                | 1.1       | 3.0     | 1.2                 | 1.1                    | 1.1                | 1.1                | 3.1                |
| Percent low birthweight            | 7.5                                | 6.5       | 13.0    | 6.8                 | 7.2                    | 6.4                | 6.5                | 13.1               |
| Live births in single deliveries   | 3,770,020                          | 2,984,532 | 581,394 | 37,763              | 166,331                | 695,430            | 2,260,786          | 563,436            |
| Less than 500 grams                | 4,360                              | 2,283     | 1,936   | 31                  | 110                    | 607                | 1,616              | 1,887              |
| 500-999 grams                      | 16,936                             | 9,814     | 6,461   | 155                 | 506                    | 2,597              | 7,132              | 6,288              |
| 1000-1499 grams                    | 20,403                             | 12,874    | 6,596   | 201                 | 732                    | 3,332              | 9,438              | 6,431              |
| 1500-1999 grams                    | 41,101                             | 26,949    | 12,096  | 391                 | 1,665                  | 6,685              | 20,007             | 11,873             |
| 2000-2499 grams                    | 146,278                            | 98,780    | 38,910  | 1,414               | 7,174                  | 24,516             | 73,540             | 38,038             |
| 2500-2999 grams                    | 608,868                            | 432,396   | 134,883 | 5,541               | 36,048                 | 113,984            | 315,256            | 131,425            |
| 3000-3499 grams                    | 1,422,325                          | 1,112,447 | 225,906 | 13,495              | 70,477                 | 277,330            | 825,479            | 218,897            |
| 3500-3999 grams                    | 1,115,601                          | 942,636   | 121,858 | 11,704              | 39,403                 | 202,583            | 730,081            | 117,358            |
| 4000-4499 grams                    | 330,724                            | 291,032   | 27,314  | 3,903               | 8,475                  | 53,750             | 233,849            | 26,113             |
| 4500-4999 grams                    | 53,928                             | 47,783    | 4,163   | 751                 | 1,231                  | 8,550              | 38,640             | 3,940              |
| 5000-8165 grams                    | 5,934                              | 5,122     | 530     | 110                 | 172                    | 1,038              | 4,034              | 514                |
| Unknown or not stated              | 3,562                              | 2,416     | 741     | 67                  | 338                    | 458                | 1,714              | 672                |
| Percent very low birthweight       | 1.1                                | 0.8       | 2.6     | 1.0                 | 0.8                    | 0.9                | 0.8                | 2.6                |
| Percent low birthweight            | 6.1                                | 5.1       | 11.4    | 5.8                 | 6.1                    | 5.4                | 4.9                | 11.5               |
| Live births in twin deliveries     | 104,137                            | 82,090    | 17,989  | 795                 | 3,263                  | 13,821             | 67,191             | 17,472             |
| Less than 500 grams                | 1,104                              | 687       | 375     | 9                   | 33                     | 113                | 545                | 368                |
| 500-999 grams                      | 3,986                              | 2,663     | 1,156   | 33                  | 134                    | 465                | 2,155              | 1,120              |
| 1000-1499 grams                    | 5,681                              | 4,063     | 1,383   | 25                  | 210                    | 729                | 3,283              | 1,352              |
| 1500-1999 grams                    | 13,570                             | 10,092    | 2,913   | 92                  | 473                    | 1,700              | 8,260              | 2,837              |

|                                      |        |        |       |      |       |        |        |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2000-2499 grams                      | 31,497 | 24,634 | 5,587 | 236  | 1,040 | 4,278  | 20,018 | 5,441 |
| 2500-2999 grams                      | 32,842 | 26,890 | 4,732 | 254  | 966   | 4,519  | 22,057 | 4,583 |
| 3000-3499 grams                      | 12,926 | 10,969 | 1,481 | 111  | 365   | 1,743  | 9,072  | 1,426 |
| 3500-3999 grams                      | 1,954  | 1,662  | 234   | 27   | 31    | 227    | 1,423  | 222   |
| 4000-4499 grams                      | 168    | 145    | 21    | 2    | -     | 23     | 123    | 20    |
| 4500-4999 grams                      | 8      | 7      | 1     | -    | -     | -      | 7      | 1     |
| 5000-8165 grams                      | 7      | 7      | -     | -    | -     | 1      | 6      | -     |
| Unknown or not stated                | 394    | 271    | 106   | 6    | 11    | 23     | 242    | 102   |
| Percent very low birthweight         | 10.4   | 9.1    | 16.3  | 8.5  | 11.6  | 9.5    | 8.9    | 16.4  |
| Percent low birthweight              | 53.8   | 51.5   | 63.8  | 50.1 | 58.1  | 52.8   | 51.2   | 64.0  |
| Live births in triplet deliveries    | 6,148  | 5,465  | 501   | 14   | 168   | 451    | 4,911  | 494   |
| Less than 500 grams                  | 151    | 118    | 32    | 1    | -     | 14     | 102    | 31    |
| 500-999 grams                        | 679    | 560    | 101   | 1    | 17    | 58     | 491    | 101   |
| 1000-1499 grams                      | 1,292  | 1,139  | 119   | 1    | 33    | 94     | 1,023  | 115   |
| 1500-1999 grams                      | 1,998  | 1,798  | 139   | 3    | 58    | 160    | 1,595  | 137   |
| 2000-2499 grams                      | 1,544  | 1,401  | 86    | 6    | 51    | 98     | 1,283  | 86    |
| 2500-2999 grams                      | 372    | 355    | 8     | 2    | 7     | 17     | 336    | 8     |
| 3000-3499 grams                      | 37     | 36     | 1     | -    | -     | 1      | 35     | 1     |
| 3500-3999 grams                      | 7      | 6      | 1     | -    | -     | 1      | 5      | 1     |
| 4000-4499 grams                      | 2      | 2      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 2      | -     |
| 4500-4999 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| 5000-8165 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| Unknown or not stated                | 66     | 50     | 14    | -    | 2     | 8      | 39     | 14    |
| Percent very low birthweight         | 34.9   | 33.6   | 51.7  | *    | 30.1  | 37.5   | 33.2   | 51.5  |
| Percent low birthweight              | 93.1   | 92.6   | 97.9  | *    | 95.8  | 95.7   | 92.2   | 97.9  |
| Live births in quadruplet deliveries | 510    | 489    | 19    | -    | 2     | 65     | 411    | 19    |
| Less than 500 grams                  | 16     | 16     | -     | -    | -     | -      | 14     | -     |
| 500-999 grams                        | 113    | 104    | 9     | -    | -     | 17     | 85     | 9     |
| 1000-1499 grams                      | 185    | 179    | 6     | -    | -     | 22     | 153    | 6     |
| 1500-1999 grams                      | 148    | 145    | 3     | -    | -     | 21     | 120    | 3     |
| 2000-2499 grams                      | 39     | 38     | 1     | -    | -     | 5      | 32     | 1     |
| 2500-2999 grams                      | 1      | 1      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 1      | -     |
| 3000-3499 grams                      | 2      | -      | -     | -    | 2     | -      | -      | -     |
| 3500-3999 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| 4000-4499 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| 4500-4999 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| 5000-8165 grams                      | -      | -      | -     | -    | -     | -      | -      | -     |
| Unknown or not stated                | 6      | 6      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 6      | -     |
| Percent very low birthweight         | 62.3   | 61.9   | *     | *    | *     | 60.0   | 62.2   | *     |
| Percent low birthweight              | 99.4   | 99.8   | *     | *    | *     | 1,00.0 | 99.8   | *     |
| Live births in quintuplet or higher  | 79     | 64     | 10    | -    | 5     | -      | 64     | 10    |
| Less than 500 grams                  | 3      | 3      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 3      | -     |
| 500-999 grams                        | 33     | 27     | 5     | -    | 1     | -      | 27     | 5     |
| 1000-1499 grams                      | 31     | 22     | 5     | -    | 4     | -      | 22     | 5     |
| 1500-1999 grams                      | 4      | 4      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 4      | -     |
| 2000-2499 grams                      | 2      | 2      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 2      | -     |
| 2500-2999 grams                      | 6      | 6      | -     | -    | -     | -      | 6      | -     |

|                              |      |      |   |   |   |   |      |   |
|------------------------------|------|------|---|---|---|---|------|---|
| 3000-3499 grams              | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| 3500-3999 grams              | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| 4000-4499 grams              | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| 4500-4999 grams              | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| 5000-8165 grams              | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| Unknown or not stated        | -    | -    | - | - | - | - | -    | - |
| Percent very low birthweight | 84.8 | 81.3 | * | * | * | * | 81.3 | * |
| Percent low birthweight      | 92.4 | 90.6 | * | * | * | * | 90.6 | * |

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- Quantity zero.

\* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

(1) Data not shown for non-Hispanic births of other races and births with origin not stated.

(2) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.