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All Births								
All ages.....	4,025,933	3,177,626	606,156	41,872	200,279	851,851	2,326,578	589,917
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,370	3,180	3,380	3,240	3,340	3,390	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.2	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.7	13.0	7.3	7.5	6.5	6.8	13.1
Under 15 years.....	7,781	4,095	3,455	145	86	2,555	1,581	3,401
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,080	3,230	2,980	3,180	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.6	3.6	*	*	2.3	3.0	3.7
Percent low birthweight	12.8	10.5	15.7	*	*	9.9	11.3	15.8
15 years.....	20,150	12,584	6,881	357	328	6,936	5,765	6,735
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,220	3,090	3,350	3,130	3,200	3,250	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.9	3.0	*	*	1.8	1.9	3.0
Percent low birthweight	11.2	9.7	14.2	9.2	11.3	9.5	9.9	14.3
16 years.....	45,367	30,510	13,183	863	811	15,165	15,538	12,879
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,090	3,340	3,080	3,220	3,260	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.8	2.8	*	2.8	1.5	2.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	10.5	9.1	14.0	7.6	12.6	8.5	9.6	14.0
17 years.....	79,807	56,098	20,778	1,475	1,456	25,023	31,409	20,293
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,110	3,320	3,150	3,240	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	3.0	*	*	1.2	1.6	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.4	13.7	6.6	9.8	7.7	8.9	13.8
18 years.....	126,361	91,284	30,516	2,257	2,304	36,298	55,409	29,794
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,110	3,320	3,140	3,250	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.8	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.5	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.1	13.8	6.8	10.5	7.6	8.4	13.9
19 years.....	174,259	128,087	39,485	2,987	3,700	46,585	82,040	38,551
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,130	3,330	3,170	3,270	3,300	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.8	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.4	13.0	7.8	9.7	6.9	7.8	13.0
20-24 years.....	1,021,627	779,529	199,221	14,071	28,806	258,431	523,027	194,391
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,330	3,160	3,370	3,210	3,310	3,340	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.7
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25-29 years.....	1,058,265	850,343	137,400	9,878	60,644	227,910	622,361	133,491
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,210	3,410	3,240	3,370	3,410	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.8	5.9	12.0	6.6	6.9	5.6	6.1	12.1
30-34 years.....	942,697	777,294	94,660	6,190	64,553	150,352	625,435	91,710
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,230	3,410	3,260	3,390	3,440	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.4	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.5
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.3	13.0	8.0	7.1	6.3	6.3	13.1
35-39 years.....	451,723	368,816	49,065	2,940	30,902	67,952	300,007	47,494
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,200	3,380	3,270	3,380	3,430	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	4.0	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.3	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.6	15.3	9.7	7.6	7.9	7.5	15.5
40-44 years.....	92,813	74,856	11,001	674	6,282	13,956	60,614	10,691
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,380	3,160	3,330	3,240	3,350	3,390	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	4.1	*	2.0	1.8	1.5	4.2
Percent low birthweight	10.1	9.1	17.1	11.4	10.3	9.4	9.0	17.4
45-54 years.....	5,083	4,130	511	35	407	688	3,392	487
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,190	3,100	3,340	3,150	3,240	3,180	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	3.9	5.3	*	*	3.3	3.9	5.3
Percent low birthweight	20.5	20.8	21.9	*	16.0	16.7	21.5	22.4
0-8 years								
All ages.....	239,637	216,272	14,593	1,759	7,013	179,473	37,908	13,568
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,340	3,150	3,270	3,250	3,350	3,300	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	2.9	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.4	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.9	6.4	13.1	8.2	7.2	6.0	8.4	13.7
Under 15 years.....	5,896	3,113	2,630	104	49	1,911	1,241	2,589
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,070	3,240	3,040	3,180	3,230	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.4	3.6	*	*	2.2	2.7	3.7
Percent low birthweight	12.6	10.0	15.9	*	*	9.6	10.6	16.0
15 years.....	6,067	4,143	1,768	102	54	2,347	1,819	1,744
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,200	3,070	3,350	3,130	3,190	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	2.8	*	*	1.7	1.8	2.8
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16 years.....	6,000	4,821	1,016	114	49	3,047	1,792	993
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,230	3,090	3,300	2,990	3,230	3,220	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.7	*	*	1.3	2.2	2.7
Percent low birthweight	10.2	9.5	13.8	*	*	8.4	11.2	14.1
17 years.....	6,872	6,117	604	113	38	4,306	1,831	587
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,230	3,090	3,280	3,060	3,240	3,200	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	*	*	*	0.8	1.3	*
Percent low birthweight	8.2	7.7	12.3	*	*	7.1	9.2	12.6
18 years.....	8,951	8,279	522	104	46	6,175	2,120	492
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,250	3,090	3,240	3,140	3,260	3,200	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.2	4.0	*	*	0.9	2.1	4.3
Percent low birthweight	7.9	7.3	18.4	*	*	6.5	9.5	19.1
19 years.....	10,800	10,036	574	114	76	7,824	2,265	522
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,260	3,130	3,260	3,190	3,260	3,220	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.2	*	*	*	1.0	1.6	*
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.2	12.7	*	*	6.4	9.8	13.0
20-24 years.....	66,283	62,222	2,518	520	1,023	51,318	11,225	2,253
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,310	3,180	3,270	3,210	3,310	3,270	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.9	2.6	*	*	0.8	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	6.4	6.2	11.9	8.1	7.3	5.7	8.3	12.6
25-29 years.....	61,013	56,895	1,967	303	1,848	49,618	7,542	1,736
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,380	3,240	3,240	3,250	3,390	3,360	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.6	*	*	0.9	1.3	2.8
Percent low birthweight	5.6	5.3	10.3	7.6	7.2	5.0	7.4	11.2
30-34 years.....	40,208	36,266	1,591	178	2,173	31,730	4,745	1,402
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,420	3,250	3,360	3,280	3,420	3,420	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.3	*	1.2	1.0	1.1	2.5
Percent low birthweight	6.2	6.1	10.9	*	5.8	5.9	6.9	11.6
35-39 years.....	21,306	18,954	1,027	82	1,243	16,506	2,564	904
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,420	3,260	3,200	3,270	3,420	3,440	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.3	3.0	*	*	1.3	1.3	2.9
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.2	12.1	*	7.6	7.1	7.9	12.4

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40-44 years.....	5,824	5,121	331	22	350	4,451	693	305
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,230	3,250	3,260	3,380	3,520	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.4	*	*	*	1.5	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.9	8.6	13.0	*	10.3	8.8	6.5	13.8
45-54 years.....	417	305	45	3	64	240	71	41
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,410	3,260	*	3,250	3,350	3,550	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.8	10.8	*	*	*	11.7	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	621,917	463,173	133,649	10,994	14,101	227,530	238,210	130,177
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,110	3,340	3,190	3,310	3,260	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.5	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.4	8.0	14.5	7.8	8.6	6.8	9.3	14.7
Under 15 years.....	1,586	822	699	35	30	542	286	689
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,200	3,110	3,170	2,880	3,180	3,230	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	*	3.4	*	*	*	*	3.5
Percent low birthweight	12.6	11.2	13.6	*	*	9.8	14.0	13.6
15 years.....	13,483	8,052	4,923	249	259	4,356	3,811	4,808
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,100	3,350	3,130	3,210	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.9	3.1	*	*	1.9	1.8	3.1
Percent low birthweight	11.1	9.4	13.9	10.0	11.2	9.5	9.2	14.1
16 years.....	37,121	24,124	11,599	696	702	11,360	12,988	11,337
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,250	3,090	3,340	3,090	3,220	3,270	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.8	2.8	*	*	1.5	1.9	2.8
Percent low birthweight	10.6	8.9	14.0	7.2	12.7	8.5	9.3	14.1
17 years.....	58,783	40,218	16,399	1,107	1,059	16,780	23,718	16,054
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,100	3,330	3,160	3,230	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	3.0	*	*	1.3	1.7	3.1
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.7	14.2	6.1	9.5	7.9	9.3	14.3
18 years.....	58,662	42,486	14,154	1,159	863	17,025	25,732	13,799
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,100	3,320	3,140	3,250	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.7	*	*	1.3	1.6	2.7
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19 years.....	57,276	42,946	12,300	1,161	869	17,145	26,027	11,989
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,110	3,330	3,140	3,270	3,250	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.8	*	*	1.0	1.5	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.2	8.0	13.8	7.1	10.2	7.0	8.6	14.0
20-24 years.....	211,265	160,950	43,340	3,764	3,211	72,628	88,927	42,324
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,280	3,130	3,340	3,180	3,310	3,260	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.6	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.9	7.6	13.6	7.6	8.3	6.3	8.7	13.7
25-29 years.....	103,669	81,843	17,054	1,542	3,230	49,149	33,123	16,486
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,330	3,140	3,340	3,220	3,370	3,280	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.4	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.4	3.4
Percent low birthweight	8.5	7.2	15.0	7.6	7.3	5.6	9.6	15.2
30-34 years.....	53,120	41,921	7,983	781	2,435	26,679	15,467	7,684
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,110	3,340	3,240	3,400	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.8	*	*	1.3	1.6	3.9
Percent low birthweight	9.4	7.9	17.8	9.8	7.1	6.4	10.6	18.2
35-39 years.....	22,294	16,536	4,209	404	1,145	10,084	6,614	4,048
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,050	3,340	3,220	3,380	3,240	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	1.9	5.4	*	*	1.8	2.0	5.5
Percent low birthweight	12.4	10.2	22.2	13.2	8.6	8.3	13.2	22.6
40-44 years.....	4,430	3,131	932	91	276	1,701	1,452	905
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,300	3,020	3,230	3,200	3,350	3,230	3,010
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.4	4.5	*	*	2.0	2.9	4.6
Percent low birthweight	14.4	12.4	22.4	*	10.5	10.4	14.7	22.8
45-54 years.....	228	144	57	5	22	81	65	54
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,320	3,220	*	3,380	3,280	3,380	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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12 years								
All ages.....	1,253,033	951,942	237,428	16,372	47,291	250,707	704,407	231,405
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,350	3,170	3,390	3,240	3,340	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	3.1
Percent low birthweight	8.2	7.0	13.1	7.3	7.6	6.5	7.2	13.2
16 years.....	1,267	915	294	31	27	394	524	287
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,130	3,480	3,040	3,240	3,260	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.2	8.7	10.6	*	*	7.4	9.9	10.8
17 years.....	12,535	8,647	3,368	211	309	3,315	5,431	3,261
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,150	3,320	3,130	3,250	3,300	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.6	*	*	1.1	1.3	2.6
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.1	11.9	*	10.7	6.7	7.3	11.9
18 years.....	52,894	36,528	14,279	890	1,197	11,517	25,252	13,991
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,290	3,120	3,320	3,140	3,260	3,310	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.9	*	1.8	1.3	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.5	13.4	6.7	10.6	7.4	7.6	13.5
19 years.....	85,286	60,936	20,914	1,406	2,030	17,432	43,791	20,505
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,130	3,330	3,190	3,270	3,320	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.6	7.2	12.5	8.4	9.2	6.9	7.3	12.6
20-24 years.....	446,403	333,324	94,981	6,445	11,653	89,383	245,088	92,933
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,160	3,390	3,220	3,310	3,340	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	2.8
Percent low birthweight	7.9	6.6	12.4	6.6	8.1	6.2	6.8	12.5
25-29 years.....	318,213	247,880	52,546	3,886	13,901	67,132	181,362	51,117
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,200	3,420	3,260	3,370	3,380	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.5	6.4	12.5	7.0	6.7	5.8	6.7	12.7
30-34 years.....	213,384	168,060	31,711	2,217	11,396	40,986	127,603	30,597
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,390	3,200	3,420	3,270	3,380	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	3.6	1.7	1.0	1.2	1.3	3.7
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		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
35-39 years.....	101,229	79,046	15,689	1,060	5,434	17,225	62,020	15,172
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,170	3,390	3,270	3,360	3,370	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.6	4.1	*	1.4	1.7	1.6	4.1
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.9	16.6	9.2	7.6	8.2	9.1	16.9
40-44 years.....	20,924	15,927	3,517	218	1,262	3,191	12,791	3,415
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,120	3,300	3,230	3,340	3,340	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	1.9	4.8	*	2.4	2.1	1.8	4.9
Percent low birthweight	11.8	10.2	19.4	14.2	10.7	10.0	10.2	19.7
45-54 years.....	898	679	129	8	82	132	545	127
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,190	3,070	*	3,130	3,200	3,180	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	4.0	*	*	*	*	4.4	*
Percent low birthweight	20.2	20.3	18.6	*	*	16.7	21.1	18.9
13-15 years								
All ages.....	856,770	669,254	137,536	8,665	41,315	111,090	559,162	134,231
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,210	3,430	3,250	3,350	3,410	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.2	6.2	12.0	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.1	12.1
17 years.....	249	169	65	7	8	59	116	61
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,170	*	*	3,250	3,330	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,805	2,550	1,066	60	129	804	1,774	1,038
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,130	3,500	3,130	3,270	3,330	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	3.0	*	*	*	1.6	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.6	13.1	*	*	9.0	6.9	13.2
19 years.....	18,355	12,384	5,078	257	636	3,242	9,241	4,954
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,340	3,160	3,380	3,170	3,290	3,350	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.6	*	*	1.0	1.2	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.2	6.6	12.1	8.6	9.9	7.1	6.5	12.1
20-24 years.....	227,492	169,312	47,051	2,747	8,382	34,099	135,883	45,933
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,190	3,410	3,210	3,320	3,380	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	2.6
Percent low birthweight	7.1	5.9	11.5	6.0	7.6	6.3	5.8	11.6

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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
25-29 years.....	273,991	216,633	40,601	2,828	13,929	36,004	180,883	39,603
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,230	3,460	3,240	3,370	3,420	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	2.7	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.0	2.8
Percent low birthweight	6.5	5.6	11.0	5.5	7.0	5.9	5.5	11.1
30-34 years.....	212,460	172,054	27,087	1,740	11,579	24,180	147,864	26,439
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,240	3,430	3,270	3,380	3,440	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.4	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.2	12.4	7.6	6.8	6.5	6.1	12.5
35-39 years.....	99,468	79,621	13,585	813	5,449	10,618	68,958	13,260
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,210	3,400	3,280	3,360	3,420	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	3.7	*	1.4	1.7	1.4	3.8
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.7	14.8	8.6	7.4	8.2	7.6	14.9
40-44 years.....	20,045	15,777	2,904	205	1,159	2,003	13,774	2,846
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,170	3,440	3,240	3,370	3,390	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	3.7	*	2.8	1.7	1.4	3.7
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.6	15.6	*	11.5	8.7	8.6	15.8
45-54 years.....	905	754	99	8	44	81	669	97
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,190	3,070	*	3,110	3,110	3,200	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	3.7	*	*	*	*	3.6	*
Percent low birthweight	20.8	20.8	25.3	*	*	27.2	20.2	24.7
16 years and over								
All ages.....	998,495	836,595	72,315	3,370	86,215	65,828	768,503	70,655
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,260	3,400	3,250	3,370	3,450	3,260
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.9	10.9	7.2	7.3	6.3	5.9	10.9
20-24 years.....	56,135	43,588	8,331	386	3,830	5,895	37,739	8,137
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,400	3,220	3,420	3,190	3,340	3,400	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.5	*	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.5
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.2	10.6	5.4	8.5	5.9	5.1	10.7
25-29 years.....	287,570	237,000	22,928	1,162	26,480	21,512	214,996	22,407
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,260	3,410	3,220	3,370	3,440	3,260
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.9	2.6	*	0.7	0.9	1.0	2.6
Percent low birthweight	5.9	5.4	10.1	6.2	6.9	5.7	5.4	10.1

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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
30-34 years.....	411,527	350,281	24,392	1,170	35,684	23,869	325,224	23,853
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,450	3,280	3,400	3,260	3,370	3,460	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	*	1.0	1.2	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.7	10.5	7.9	7.1	6.1	5.7	10.6
35-39 years.....	200,933	169,935	13,465	522	17,011	12,141	157,281	13,144
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,450	3,260	3,400	3,280	3,360	3,460	3,260
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.4	*	1.0	1.4	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.6	12.0	8.0	7.5	7.5	6.6	12.1
40-44 years.....	39,867	33,663	3,037	121	3,046	2,283	31,270	2,962
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,230	3,310	3,240	3,320	3,420	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	3.5	*	1.7	2.0	1.4	3.6
Percent low birthweight	8.9	8.3	14.4	*	9.7	9.6	8.2	14.6
45-54 years.....	2,463	2,128	162	9	164	128	1,993	152
Median weight in grams	3,130	3,150	3,020	*	3,070	3,170	3,140	3,010
Percent very low birthweight	3.8	3.7	*	*	*	*	3.8	*
Percent low birthweight	22.5	22.7	24.7	*	18.3	22.7	22.8	25.0
Not stated								
All ages.....	56,081	40,390	10,635	712	4,344	17,223	18,388	9,881
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,330	3,150	3,350	3,240	3,310	3,340	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.5	5.9	*	1.9	1.9	2.9	6.0
Percent low birthweight	10.5	9.1	16.7	8.8	8.4	8.0	9.9	16.7
Under 15 years.....	299	160	126	6	7	102	54	123
Median weight in grams	3,100	3,120	3,050	*	*	3,100	3,170	3,050
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	18.1	15.7	22.2	*	*	*	*	22.0
15 years.....	600	389	190	6	15	233	135	183
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,220	3,120	*	*	3,200	3,240	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.9	10.8	13.8	*	*	9.9	*	13.7
16 years.....	979	650	274	22	33	364	234	262
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,220	3,090	3,380	2,940	3,200	3,240	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.9	10.4	15.4	*	*	10.4	11.1	14.2

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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.....	1,368	947	342	37	42	563	313	330
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,220	3,140	3,210	3,200	3,200	3,280	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.4	11.7	10.9	*	*	11.0	11.9	10.7
18 years.....	2,049	1,441	495	44	69	777	531	474
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,100	3,380	3,230	3,230	3,280	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	2.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.5	10.1	16.4	*	*	9.4	10.3	16.0
19 years.....	2,542	1,785	619	49	89	942	716	581
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,060	3,310	3,150	3,250	3,260	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.6	2.4	7.5	*	*	*	3.5	7.8
Percent low birthweight	11.3	9.3	17.3	*	*	6.8	12.8	17.0
20-24 years.....	14,049	10,133	3,000	209	707	5,108	4,165	2,811
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,140	3,310	3,220	3,280	3,310	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.2	5.6	*	*	1.8	2.6	5.5
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.4	16.6	10.1	8.7	7.7	9.4	16.6
25-29 years.....	13,809	10,092	2,304	157	1,256	4,495	4,455	2,142
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,350	3,200	3,440	3,240	3,360	3,350	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	2.0	5.1	*	*	1.6	2.3	5.0
Percent low birthweight	8.9	7.8	14.2	*	7.6	6.6	8.7	14.0
30-34 years.....	11,998	8,712	1,896	104	1,286	2,908	4,532	1,735
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,170	3,420	3,270	3,380	3,390	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	3.1	2.5	6.8	*	2.5	2.0	2.7	7.0
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.6	18.1	*	7.9	7.9	9.2	18.6
35-39 years.....	6,493	4,724	1,090	59	620	1,378	2,570	966
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,140	3,280	3,240	3,350	3,360	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	3.3	8.5	*	*	2.7	3.8	8.9
Percent low birthweight	12.6	11.2	20.2	*	8.9	10.7	11.5	21.3
40-44 years.....	1,723	1,237	280	17	189	327	634	258
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,130	*	3,160	3,360	3,330	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	4.4	4.0	7.1	*	*	*	3.7	7.8
Percent low birthweight	14.4	13.7	20.4	*	10.6	11.6	14.3	20.5

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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.....	172	120	19	2	31	26	49	16
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,200	*	*	3,350	3,170	3,340	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	21.9	25.6	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.

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.