

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, 1998

(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							
	Race					Hispanic Origin(1)		
	Total	White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
All live births	3,941,553	3,118,727	609,902	40,272	172,652	734,661	2,361,462	593,127
Less than 500 grams	5,950	3,271	2,425	46	208	773	2,426	2,380
500-999 grams	22,471	13,676	7,909	194	692	3,383	10,205	7,741
1000-1499 grams	28,555	18,878	8,427	259	991	4,260	14,486	8,304
1500-1999 grams	58,921	40,733	15,369	520	2,299	9,018	31,418	15,120
2000-2499 grams	182,311	126,666	45,354	1,715	8,576	29,861	96,061	44,467
2500-2999 grams	649,658	465,221	141,095	5,957	37,385	121,614	341,150	137,883
3000-3499 grams	1,457,401	1,140,245	230,862	14,353	71,941	288,934	843,988	224,378
3500-3999 grams	1,135,572	958,560	124,959	12,150	39,903	209,923	740,782	120,741
4000-4499 grams	335,087	294,288	27,965	4,124	8,710	56,227	235,239	26,839
4500-4999 grams	54,809	48,671	4,168	724	1,246	8,846	39,319	3,980
5000-8165 grams	6,200	5,348	584	123	145	1,153	4,146	557
Unknown or not stated	4,618	3,170	785	107	556	669	2,242	737
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.5	13.0	6.8	7.4	6.4	6.6	13.2
Live births in single deliveries	3,823,258	3,024,693	590,372	39,386	168,807	719,093	2,283,986	574,020
Less than 500 grams	4,451	2,357	1,909	33	152	595	1,713	1,872
500-999 grams	17,314	10,068	6,544	152	550	2,775	7,242	6,401
1000-1499 grams	20,950	13,068	6,934	209	739	3,411	9,601	6,832
1500-1999 grams	41,378	27,119	12,159	395	1,705	6,889	20,061	11,970
2000-2499 grams	147,057	98,979	39,282	1,447	7,349	25,107	73,391	38,534
2500-2999 grams	614,348	436,253	136,165	5,705	36,225	116,694	317,430	133,066
3000-3499 grams	1,443,986	1,128,921	229,233	14,243	71,589	287,101	834,598	222,803
3500-3999 grams	1,133,714	956,944	124,767	12,134	39,869	209,707	739,403	120,551
4000-4499 grams	334,958	294,182	27,950	4,121	8,705	56,207	235,154	26,824
4500-4999 grams	54,792	48,659	4,164	724	1,245	8,845	39,308	3,976
5000-8165 grams	6,192	5,343	582	123	144	1,152	4,142	555
Unknown or not stated	4,118	2,800	683	100	535	610	1,943	636
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	0.8	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.0	11.3	5.7	6.2	5.4	4.9	11.4

Live births in twin deliveries	110,670	87,163	19,001	874	3,632	15,015	71,270	18,589
Less than 500 grams	1,259	720	488	11	40	148	553	482
500-999 grams	4,261	2,823	1,282	38	118	501	2,290	1,260
1000-1499 grams	5,979	4,342	1,392	49	196	742	3,549	1,371
1500-1999 grams	14,997	11,332	3,020	124	521	1,984	9,260	2,961
2000-2499 grams	33,449	26,014	5,971	267	1,197	4,621	21,160	5,836
2500-2999 grams	34,926	28,606	4,918	252	1,150	4,897	23,385	4,806
3000-3499 grams	13,365	11,280	1,623	110	352	1,831	9,349	1,569
3500-3999 grams	1,848	1,607	191	16	34	214	1,372	189
4000-4499 grams	129	106	15	3	5	20	85	15
4500-4999 grams	15	11	3	-	1	1	10	3
5000-8165 grams	8	5	2	-	1	1	4	2
Unknown or not stated	434	317	96	4	17	55	253	95
Percent very low birthweight	10.4	9.1	16.7	11.3	9.8	9.3	9.0	16.8
Percent low birthweight	54.4	52.1	64.3	56.2	57.3	53.4	51.8	64.4
Live births in triplet deliveries	6,919	6,218	488	12	201	482	5,628	477
Less than 500 grams	195	152	27	2	14	19	132	25
500-999 grams	726	630	72	4	20	85	540	69
1000-1499 grams	1,382	1,239	90	1	52	82	1,132	90
1500-1999 grams	2,355	2,107	176	1	71	136	1,931	175
2000-2499 grams	1,769	1,638	100	1	30	132	1,476	96
2500-2999 grams	380	358	12	-	10	23	331	11
3000-3499 grams	44	39	5	-	-	1	38	5
3500-3999 grams	8	7	1	-	-	1	6	1
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	60	48	5	3	4	3	42	5
Percent very low birthweight	33.6	32.8	39.1	*	43.7	38.8	32.3	39.0
Percent low birthweight	93.7	93.5	96.3	*	94.9	94.8	93.3	96.4
Live births in quadruplet deliveries	627	584	31	-	12	55	526	31
Less than 500 grams	30	28	-	-	2	5	20	-
500-999 grams	132	124	4	-	4	19	105	4
1000-1499 grams	227	212	11	-	4	20	192	11
1500-1999 grams	189	173	14	-	2	9	164	14
2000-2499 grams	36	35	1	-	-	1	34	1
2500-2999 grams	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
3000-3499 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	5	5	-	-	-	1	4	-
Percent very low birthweight	62.5	62.9	*	*	*	81.5	60.7	*
Percent low birthweight	98.7	98.8	96.8	*	*	100.0	98.7	96.8

Live births in quintuplet and higher								
Order multiple deliveries	79	69	10	-	-	16	52	10
Less than 500 grams	15	14	1	-	-	6	8	1
500-999 grams	38	31	7	-	-	3	28	7
1000-1499 grams	17	17	-	-	-	5	12	-
1500-1999 grams	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
2000-2499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500-2999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3000-3499 grams	4	3	1	-	-	1	1	1
3500-3999 grams	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
4000-4499 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4500-4999 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000-8165 grams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown or not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Percent very low birthweight	89.7	89.9	*	*	*	*	92.3	*
Percent low birthweight	92.3	92.8	*	*	*	*	96.2	*

- 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.