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All Births								
All ages.....	3,891,494	3,093,057	594,781	37,880	165,776	701,339	2,358,989	578,099
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,180	3,400	3,250	3,340	3,410	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.3	13.0	6.5	7.1	6.3	6.4	13.1
Under 15 years.....	11,148	5,526	5,193	202	227	3,056	2,532	5,084
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,200	3,070	3,300	3,000	3,190	3,220	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.6	3.7	*	*	2.3	2.9	3.8
Percent low birthweight	12.8	10.5	15.4	*	15.9	9.9	11.3	15.5
15 years.....	28,540	16,978	10,498	524	540	7,971	9,071	10,301
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,090	3,320	3,070	3,210	3,270	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	1.9	2.9	*	*	1.8	2.1	2.9
Percent low birthweight	11.2	9.6	13.9	5.9	14.3	9.8	9.5	14.0
16 years.....	60,287	39,401	18,753	1,072	1,061	16,139	23,312	18,367
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,110	3,330	3,130	3,230	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	2.8	*	*	1.5	1.8	2.8
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.6	13.2	7.0	10.2	8.3	8.9	13.2
17 years.....	96,894	66,997	26,775	1,492	1,630	24,234	42,686	26,134
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,120	3,320	3,140	3,240	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.5	2.6
Percent low birthweight	9.7	8.2	13.6	6.7	9.6	8.0	8.4	13.6
18 years.....	135,059	96,246	34,394	2,115	2,304	31,711	64,290	33,616
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,130	3,340	3,150	3,260	3,300	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.3	7.9	13.1	7.1	10.1	7.4	8.2	13.2
19 years.....	170,797	125,063	40,176	2,528	3,030	38,823	85,838	39,198
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,300	3,150	3,350	3,170	3,280	3,320	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	2.7
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20-24 years.....	945,210	726,669	179,361	12,142	27,038	214,173	508,056	174,958
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,350	3,180	3,400	3,210	3,320	3,370	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.3	11.9	6.0	7.7	5.9	6.4	12.0
25-29 years.....	1,071,287	878,449	133,204	8,844	50,790	185,478	683,376	129,002
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,420	3,220	3,440	3,250	3,380	3,430	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.0	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.5	5.6	12.3	5.7	6.5	5.4	5.7	12.4
30-34 years.....	897,913	747,436	94,295	5,816	50,366	119,690	616,224	91,050
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,210	3,430	3,280	3,400	3,460	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.4	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.0	3.4
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.0	14.0	7.6	6.4	6.2	5.9	14.1
35-39 years.....	399,510	329,782	43,716	2,606	23,406	49,812	274,431	42,279
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,440	3,180	3,410	3,290	3,400	3,440	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	4.0	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.2	4.1
Percent low birthweight	8.1	7.1	16.0	8.4	7.5	7.6	7.0	16.2
40-44 years.....	71,804	58,062	8,124	524	5,094	9,819	47,215	7,835
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,160	3,390	3,260	3,380	3,420	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	4.7	*	1.7	2.0	1.5	4.7
Percent low birthweight	9.5	8.2	18.4	10.2	9.4	9.0	8.1	18.6
45-49 years.....	3,045	2,448	292	15	290	433	1,958	275
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,290	3,170	*	3,290	3,380	3,270	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	3.0	*	*	*	*	3.5	*
Percent low birthweight	14.9	15.2	18.2	*	9.7	8.6	16.5	18.2
0-8 years								
All ages.....	233,596	202,837	18,573	1,544	10,642	160,642	42,898	17,217
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,350	3,130	3,330	3,250	3,360	3,290	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	2.9	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.4	3.1
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Under 15 years.....	8,455	4,195	3,961	151	148	2,285	1,962	3,899
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,210	3,060	3,300	3,030	3,190	3,230	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.5	3.9	*	*	2.4	2.7	3.9
Percent low birthweight	12.9	10.4	15.7	*	17.6	10.1	10.9	15.7
15 years.....	9,440	5,980	3,145	175	140	2,997	2,997	3,102
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,070	3,350	3,040	3,210	3,250	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	2.0	2.4	*	*	1.8	2.1	2.5
Percent low birthweight	11.1	9.7	14.0	*	15.0	9.3	10.1	14.1
16 years.....	8,316	6,385	1,719	130	82	3,485	2,916	1,672
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,220	3,080	3,300	3,140	3,220	3,230	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	3.0	*	*	1.0	1.9	3.1
Percent low birthweight	10.4	9.4	14.4	*	*	7.9	11.3	14.7
17 years.....	8,150	6,980	994	99	77	4,208	2,792	952
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,230	3,110	3,320	3,100	3,240	3,220	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	2.5	*	*	1.0	1.4	2.5
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.7	12.9	*	*	7.0	8.7	12.9
18 years.....	9,102	8,187	711	90	114	5,752	2,454	668
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,240	3,130	3,380	3,170	3,250	3,210	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.3	3.2	*	*	1.1	1.5	3.4
Percent low birthweight	8.0	7.7	12.5	*	*	6.6	10.2	13.0
19 years.....	10,527	9,636	655	87	149	7,117	2,541	597
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,270	3,140	3,240	3,200	3,280	3,230	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	3.1	*	*	0.9	1.5	*
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.1	14.8	*	*	6.1	9.9	15.2
20-24 years.....	63,020	58,273	2,486	360	1,901	46,817	11,612	2,171
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,320	3,180	3,390	3,210	3,330	3,270	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.8	*	*	0.7	1.1	2.9
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.9	11.9	*	6.2	5.3	8.5	12.6
25-29 years.....	53,792	48,504	1,913	208	3,167	41,003	7,665	1,596
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,390	3,200	3,280	3,260	3,400	3,330	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.0	*	0.9	0.8	1.1	2.3
Percent low birthweight	5.7	5.4	12.0	*	6.2	4.9	7.8	12.9

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30-34 years.....	37,532	33,179	1,584	138	2,631	28,374	4,920	1,356
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,430	3,250	3,330	3,270	3,430	3,380	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.2	*	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.5
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.9	12.2	*	6.4	5.5	8.0	13.4
35-39 years.....	19,576	16,931	1,067	84	1,494	14,666	2,360	914
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,450	3,260	3,320	3,300	3,450	3,440	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.4	3.9	*	*	1.4	1.2	4.3
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.9	14.5	*	7.6	6.5	8.8	15.4
40-44 years.....	5,286	4,320	316	22	628	3,727	619	272
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,250	3,330	3,270	3,420	3,480	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	2.0	*	*	*	2.1	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.7	8.5	13.6	*	8.1	8.4	8.7	14.0
45-49 years.....	400	267	22	-	111	211	60	18
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,410	3,060	*	3,410	3,410	3,410	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.8	9.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	626,175	456,141	145,688	10,735	13,611	193,525	262,140	141,973
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,120	3,350	3,200	3,310	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.9	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.1	14.6	7.4	8.5	6.8	9.0	14.7
Under 15 years.....	2,317	1,133	1,084	39	61	672	484	1,048
Median weight in grams	3,150	3,190	3,100	3,320	2,930	3,190	3,200	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.9	3.0	*	*	*	*	3.2
Percent low birthweight	12.5	11.0	14.5	*	*	9.1	12.9	15.0
15 years.....	18,342	10,566	7,066	332	378	4,769	5,876	6,938
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,250	3,100	3,300	3,080	3,220	3,280	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	1.9	3.1	*	*	1.7	2.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	11.2	9.5	13.8	6.3	14.0	9.9	9.1	13.9

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16 years.....	49,260	31,228	16,232	891	909	11,982	19,340	15,932
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,110	3,330	3,120	3,230	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	2.6	*	*	1.6	1.7	2.6
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.4	12.9	6.6	10.4	8.4	8.4	13.0
17 years.....	72,782	49,296	21,175	1,147	1,164	16,727	32,527	20,754
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,270	3,120	3,310	3,140	3,240	3,290	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.5	*	1.7	1.4	1.6	2.5
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.3	13.8	6.0	10.3	8.2	8.4	13.9
18 years.....	65,114	46,154	16,982	1,131	847	15,727	30,388	16,613
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,120	3,340	3,120	3,250	3,270	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	2.5	*	*	1.4	1.3	2.5
Percent low birthweight	9.7	8.4	13.3	7.6	10.4	7.8	8.8	13.3
19 years.....	56,451	41,532	13,224	963	732	14,808	26,625	12,904
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,270	3,130	3,330	3,160	3,270	3,270	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	2.7	2.1	*	0.9	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	9.2	8.0	13.1	7.1	7.7	6.9	8.7	13.1
20-24 years.....	187,992	143,121	38,471	3,173	3,227	61,582	81,265	37,501
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,300	3,140	3,360	3,190	3,320	3,280	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.0	*	0.9	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.5	13.3	6.9	8.5	6.1	8.6	13.4
25-29 years.....	99,745	78,562	16,592	1,631	2,960	40,253	38,233	15,943
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,110	3,390	3,240	3,380	3,290	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.4	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.3	3.4
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.3	16.5	7.1	7.0	5.6	9.0	16.8
30-34 years.....	50,607	37,850	9,680	966	2,111	19,112	18,680	9,299
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,340	3,050	3,350	3,260	3,400	3,270	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.4	4.1	*	*	1.3	1.6	4.2
Percent low birthweight	11.2	8.9	21.1	11.0	7.0	6.9	11.0	21.4
35-39 years.....	19,830	14,164	4,303	395	968	6,637	7,464	4,189
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,300	3,020	3,320	3,270	3,370	3,240	3,010
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	1.8	5.1	*	*	1.6	1.9	5.3
Percent low birthweight	13.5	11.1	23.1	9.6	8.2	8.7	13.2	23.2

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40-44 years.....	3,587	2,428	854	67	238	1,209	1,200	827
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,300	2,980	3,240	3,220	3,350	3,230	2,980
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.8	5.3	*	*	3.1	2.4	5.3
Percent low birthweight	14.8	12.4	23.1	*	10.1	11.3	14.0	23.4
45-49 years.....	148	107	25	-	16	47	58	25
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	2,890	*	*	3,380	3,330	2,890
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12 years								
All ages.....	1,281,198	992,327	229,655	15,106	44,110	200,608	783,996	224,097
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,180	3,410	3,250	3,340	3,390	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	3.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.0
Percent low birthweight	7.8	6.6	13.1	6.0	7.1	6.3	6.8	13.2
16 years.....	1,555	1,052	441	28	34	345	722	428
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,170	3,340	3,320	3,220	3,340	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.2	7.4	10.0	*	*	*	8.6	10.3
17 years.....	14,000	9,445	4,025	208	322	2,733	6,747	3,898
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,140	3,370	3,150	3,250	3,320	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	2.6	*	*	0.8	1.2	2.6
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.5	12.1	*	6.8	7.3	7.6	12.3
18 years.....	54,853	37,887	15,005	803	1,158	9,029	28,788	14,723
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,130	3,330	3,180	3,260	3,330	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.8	*	*	1.3	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.9	7.4	13.0	6.2	9.4	7.3	7.4	13.0
19 years.....	83,413	60,055	20,537	1,215	1,606	13,610	46,296	20,131
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,160	3,360	3,170	3,280	3,340	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.6	*	1.9	1.1	1.2	2.6
Percent low birthweight	8.3	7.0	12.3	5.3	8.1	6.4	7.2	12.4

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20-24 years.....	414,079	313,425	84,024	5,641	10,989	70,113	241,475	82,304
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,180	3,400	3,220	3,320	3,370	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.6
Percent low birthweight	7.4	6.3	11.8	5.5	7.4	6.2	6.3	11.9
25-29 years.....	357,007	284,959	54,729	3,691	13,628	57,026	225,428	53,265
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,400	3,210	3,450	3,260	3,380	3,410	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.1	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.1	6.1	12.6	5.6	6.9	5.4	6.2	12.7
30-34 years.....	238,990	192,765	33,483	2,391	10,351	33,217	157,451	32,467
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,180	3,430	3,280	3,390	3,410	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.5	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.2	3.5
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.8	15.1	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.9	15.3
35-39 years.....	100,150	79,655	14,635	928	4,932	12,289	66,397	14,196
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,140	3,410	3,280	3,370	3,380	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.5	4.1	*	1.6	2.0	1.4	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.8	8.4	17.7	9.1	7.9	8.5	8.5	17.9
40-44 years.....	16,556	12,649	2,671	196	1,040	2,171	10,336	2,586
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,360	3,130	3,330	3,240	3,360	3,360	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.7	5.1	*	*	1.5	1.7	5.1
Percent low birthweight	11.1	9.3	20.1	11.3	9.7	8.2	9.7	20.3
45-49 years.....	595	435	105	5	50	75	356	99
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,300	3,220	*	3,190	3,320	3,300	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.8	14.1	*	*	*	*	15.2	*
13-15 years								
All ages.....	847,139	673,793	131,046	7,493	34,807	89,762	576,733	127,928
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,230	3,460	3,260	3,360	3,450	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.7	5.7	11.8	5.9	7.0	6.1	5.7	11.9

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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.....	323	227	79	8	9	75	154	75
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,360	3,210	*	*	3,250	3,460	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	6.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,949	2,656	1,124	52	117	656	1,985	1,100
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,340	3,140	3,280	3,150	3,310	3,340	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	2.8	*	*	*	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.1	6.0	12.6	*	*	5.5	6.2	12.4
19 years.....	17,982	12,167	5,103	228	484	2,599	9,563	4,985
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,360	3,180	3,410	3,160	3,290	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	2.7	*	*	1.1	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.7	5.9	12.0	*	9.8	5.9	6.0	12.1
20-24 years.....	219,077	164,541	44,520	2,505	7,511	27,815	135,720	43,567
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,400	3,210	3,430	3,210	3,330	3,410	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	0.9	2.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.7	5.5	10.9	5.9	7.9	5.8	5.5	11.0
25-29 years.....	279,400	226,946	38,536	2,311	11,607	29,267	195,185	37,587
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,250	3,490	3,250	3,380	3,460	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	2.9	*	0.9	1.1	0.9	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.1	5.3	11.0	4.5	6.5	5.7	5.3	11.1
30-34 years.....	218,714	179,995	27,524	1,473	9,722	20,195	157,267	26,793
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,460	3,250	3,470	3,290	3,400	3,470	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.2	1.8	0.8	1.3	0.9	3.2
Percent low birthweight	6.6	5.7	12.4	7.0	6.4	6.3	5.7	12.5
35-39 years.....	91,401	74,209	12,044	748	4,400	7,844	65,307	11,751
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,440	3,210	3,430	3,290	3,380	3,450	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.3	4.0	*	1.2	1.8	1.2	4.0
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.9	14.8	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.9	14.9
40-44 years.....	15,722	12,586	2,053	162	921	1,274	11,127	2,010
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,190	3,480	3,250	3,380	3,440	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	4.0	*	*	1.7	1.2	4.1
Percent low birthweight	9.4	7.9	17.9	*	10.5	8.7	7.8	18.0

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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
45-49 years.....	571	466	63	6	36	37	425	60
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,290	3,100	*	3,150	3,400	3,280	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.5	12.9	*	*	*	*	13.2	*
16 years and over								
All ages.....	847,824	728,558	58,299	2,330	58,637	44,105	672,417	56,840
Median weight in grams	3,440	3,470	3,270	3,450	3,260	3,380	3,480	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.8	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.9	2.8
Percent low birthweight	5.7	5.2	10.5	6.4	6.6	5.9	5.2	10.6
20-24 years.....	47,694	37,759	6,974	263	2,698	3,968	33,487	6,838
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,230	3,500	3,200	3,320	3,430	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	2.6	*	1.0	1.2	0.9	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.1	10.5	*	7.6	6.3	5.0	10.5
25-29 years.....	267,152	229,276	18,781	864	18,231	14,690	211,411	18,310
Median weight in grams	3,430	3,460	3,270	3,440	3,240	3,380	3,470	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.5	*	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.5
Percent low birthweight	5.2	4.8	9.7	4.9	6.2	5.2	4.8	9.8
30-34 years.....	340,048	294,919	19,898	747	24,484	16,730	272,836	19,374
Median weight in grams	3,450	3,480	3,290	3,420	3,280	3,390	3,490	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.7	*	0.8	1.2	0.9	2.7
Percent low birthweight	5.5	5.1	10.2	7.9	6.3	5.8	5.0	10.3
35-39 years.....	162,427	140,416	10,570	385	11,056	7,449	130,276	10,286
Median weight in grams	3,450	3,480	3,270	3,480	3,290	3,390	3,480	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.0	3.2	*	1.3	1.4	1.0	3.2
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.9	11.6	6.8	7.4	6.9	5.8	11.7
40-44 years.....	29,263	25,077	2,014	67	2,105	1,227	23,371	1,971
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,450	3,220	3,490	3,280	3,360	3,450	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.4	4.5	*	1.7	1.7	1.3	4.5
Percent low birthweight	7.9	7.3	15.2	*	8.7	8.7	7.2	15.3

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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
45-49 years.....	1,240	1,111	62	4	63	41	1,036	61
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,250	3,230	*	3,220	3,250	3,250	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	3.1	*	*	*	*	3.2	*
Percent low birthweight	17.9	18.4	*	*	*	*	19.0	*
Not stated								
All ages.....	55,562	39,401	11,520	672	3,969	12,697	20,805	10,044
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,340	3,140	3,340	3,250	3,320	3,350	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.5	6.0	*	1.9	2.1	2.6	6.1
Percent low birthweight	10.7	9.0	17.8	9.2	8.4	8.0	9.2	18.3
Under 15 years.....	376	198	148	12	18	99	86	137
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,160	3,100	*	*	3,110	3,220	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.1	10.8	14.3	*	*	*	*	*
15 years.....	758	432	287	17	22	205	198	261
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,200	3,100	*	3,170	3,200	3,200	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.8	12.9	13.4	*	*	12.7	13.1	14.2
16 years.....	1,156	736	361	23	36	327	334	335
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,220	3,060	3,430	3,210	3,160	3,280	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	5.7	4.5	8.9	*	*	*	*	9.0
Percent low birthweight	15.0	12.5	21.5	*	*	12.6	12.4	21.3
17 years.....	1,639	1,049	502	30	58	491	466	455
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,250	3,080	3,270	3,170	3,220	3,260	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	3.1	5.0	*	*	*	*	5.5
Percent low birthweight	13.3	11.5	17.7	*	*	10.9	12.4	17.7
18 years.....	2,041	1,362	572	39	68	547	675	512
Median weight in grams	3,200	3,240	3,110	3,300	3,050	3,220	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.2	4.1	*	*	*	*	4.1
Percent low birthweight	12.1	10.6	14.8	*	*	10.2	9.5	15.7

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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.....	2,424	1,673	657	35	59	689	813	581
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,250	3,160	3,350	3,090	3,240	3,270	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.7	5.0	*	*	3.2	2.5	5.2
Percent low birthweight	10.6	9.8	12.8	*	*	11.5	8.6	12.7
20-24 years.....	13,348	9,550	2,886	200	712	3,878	4,497	2,577
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,150	3,320	3,200	3,320	3,300	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.0	5.5	*	*	1.4	2.1	5.5
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.1	16.1	*	9.4	6.7	8.7	16.5
25-29 years.....	14,191	10,202	2,653	139	1,197	3,239	5,454	2,301
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,160	3,250	3,260	3,370	3,370	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.9	2.3	5.6	*	1.8	1.9	2.4	5.9
Percent low birthweight	9.5	7.7	17.4	*	7.6	6.1	8.2	18.1
30-34 years.....	12,022	8,728	2,126	101	1,067	2,062	5,070	1,761
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,140	3,440	3,270	3,360	3,400	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.5	6.8	*	2.0	2.3	2.6	6.9
Percent low birthweight	11.0	9.1	20.2	*	7.5	8.3	9.2	21.1
35-39 years.....	6,126	4,407	1,097	66	556	927	2,627	943
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,380	3,080	3,450	3,280	3,360	3,370	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	4.0	3.1	8.4	*	*	2.6	3.1	8.9
Percent low birthweight	12.3	10.3	23.0	*	6.9	9.2	10.8	23.5
40-44 years.....	1,390	1,002	216	10	162	211	562	169
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,070	*	3,300	3,290	3,400	3,030
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.4	10.8	19.0	*	13.0	17.5	9.1	20.2
45-49 years.....	91	62	15	-	14	22	23	12
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,180	*	*	*	3,340	3,200	*
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.