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		Race					Hispanic Origin(1)	
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
All Births								
All ages.....	3,959,417	3,132,501	605,970	40,170	180,776	764,339	2,346,450	588,981
Median weight in grams	3,350	3,390	3,180	3,390	3,250	3,340	3,400	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.6	13.1	7.1	7.4	6.4	6.6	13.2
Under 15 years.....	9,054	4,739	3,977	198	140	2,725	2,048	3,890
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,230	3,080	3,330	3,060	3,210	3,250	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.9	3.7	*	*	2.7	3.1	3.8
Percent low birthweight	12.9	10.8	15.4	*	*	10.2	11.4	15.5
15 years.....	22,896	14,193	7,865	440	398	7,288	6,963	7,698
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,080	3,290	3,080	3,210	3,250	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	2.0	3.1	*	*	1.6	2.3	3.1
Percent low birthweight	11.4	9.7	14.4	10.0	14.9	8.8	10.7	14.4
16 years.....	51,516	34,649	14,942	979	946	15,828	18,886	14,573
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,100	3,320	3,110	3,230	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.7	3.1	*	*	1.6	1.8	3.2
Percent low birthweight	10.6	9.0	14.4	8.2	11.9	8.7	9.2	14.5
17 years.....	89,176	62,782	23,112	1,565	1,717	25,113	37,671	22,580
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,110	3,330	3,140	3,240	3,280	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	3.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.7	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.6	14.0	8.7	11.4	8.2	8.8	14.1
18 years.....	133,988	96,254	32,948	2,200	2,586	33,806	62,282	32,155
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,270	3,120	3,310	3,150	3,250	3,280	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	3.0	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.5	3.0
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.2	13.7	7.5	10.1	7.8	8.5	13.8
19 years.....	178,474	130,010	42,299	2,731	3,434	42,642	87,121	41,279
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,140	3,350	3,160	3,280	3,310	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4	2.9
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.5	13.1	7.0	9.9	6.9	7.7	13.2
20-24 years.....	981,929	748,371	193,211	13,225	27,122	231,475	514,386	188,247
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,180	3,390	3,210	3,320	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.6	6.4	12.1	6.3	7.7	6.0	6.6	12.3

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	Total	Race				Hispanic Origin(1)		
		White	Black	American Indian (2)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black
25-29 years.....	1,078,252	873,654	138,868	9,641	56,089	203,985	663,569	134,784
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,220	3,420	3,250	3,380	3,420	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	3.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	3.2
Percent low birthweight	6.7	5.9	12.2	6.7	6.7	5.5	6.0	12.4
30-34 years.....	892,400	739,948	91,486	5,701	55,265	131,369	600,830	88,403
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,440	3,230	3,420	3,270	3,410	3,450	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.2	13.6	7.5	6.8	6.2	6.2	13.7
35-39 years.....	434,294	356,959	47,277	2,844	27,214	58,146	294,590	45,746
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,200	3,410	3,280	3,390	3,430	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	4.2	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.3	4.3
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.4	16.0	9.1	8.2	7.7	7.3	16.2
40-44 years.....	83,090	67,419	9,564	621	5,486	11,440	55,175	9,223
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,150	3,370	3,260	3,360	3,410	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.0	1.7	4.6	*	1.7	2.0	1.6	4.6
Percent low birthweight	10.1	9.0	18.1	10.0	9.8	9.3	8.9	18.2
45-54 years.....	4,348	3,523	421	25	379	522	2,929	403
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,230	3,140	3,540	3,190	3,280	3,220	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	3.5	3.2	6.4	*	*	*	3.2	6.7
Percent low birthweight	18.3	18.0	21.2	*	17.8	13.6	19.0	20.6
0-8 years								
All ages.....	222,661	197,659	15,345	1,727	7,930	158,351	40,289	14,069
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,350	3,140	3,290	3,250	3,360	3,290	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.5	3.2
Percent low birthweight	7.1	6.5	14.0	8.9	7.0	5.8	9.2	14.5
Under 15 years.....	6,823	3,545	3,045	151	82	2,009	1,572	2,985
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,220	3,070	3,320	3,090	3,200	3,250	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	3.5	3.1	4.0	*	*	3.0	3.2	4.0
Percent low birthweight	13.4	11.6	16.0	*	*	11.1	12.0	16.0
15 years.....	6,993	4,638	2,135	138	82	2,488	2,158	2,099
Median weight in grams	3,160	3,200	3,070	3,270	3,100	3,200	3,210	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	2.6	2.2	3.5	*	*	1.8	2.6	3.6
Percent low birthweight	12.1	10.6	15.0	*	*	8.8	12.6	15.0

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16 years.....	6,593	5,229	1,148	141	75	3,041	2,203	1,115
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,220	3,060	3,250	3,110	3,230	3,210	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.5	2.3	*	*	1.1	2.0	2.3
Percent low birthweight	11.0	9.8	16.5	*	*	8.4	11.9	16.4
17 years.....	6,953	6,128	670	106	49	3,941	2,187	641
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,230	3,110	3,320	3,150	3,240	3,210	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	3.0	*	*	0.9	2.6	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.1	8.6	14.2	*	*	7.0	11.4	14.0
18 years.....	8,285	7,480	624	114	67	5,115	2,378	590
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,240	3,120	3,280	3,170	3,240	3,220	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	3.2	*	*	1.0	1.2	*
Percent low birthweight	8.1	7.7	13.7	*	*	6.9	9.3	13.9
19 years.....	10,197	9,410	588	105	94	6,886	2,552	545
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,260	3,140	3,290	3,180	3,270	3,230	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.1	*	*	*	0.9	1.6	*
Percent low birthweight	7.5	7.3	12.1	*	*	6.3	9.9	12.7
20-24 years.....	60,243	56,175	2,477	443	1,148	44,992	11,442	2,178
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,320	3,180	3,290	3,220	3,330	3,280	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.2	*	*	0.8	1.2	2.3
Percent low birthweight	6.1	6.0	10.6	8.1	5.1	5.3	8.5	11.1
25-29 years.....	54,948	50,482	1,927	252	2,287	42,908	7,853	1,624
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,390	3,230	3,250	3,250	3,400	3,340	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	0.9	0.8	2.3	*	*	0.8	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	5.8	5.5	12.0	10.3	6.1	5.0	8.0	13.2
30-34 years.....	36,700	32,814	1,448	152	2,286	28,317	4,683	1,214
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,440	3,250	3,350	3,280	3,440	3,410	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	1.2	2.7	*	1.1	1.2	1.4	2.7
Percent low birthweight	6.3	6.0	13.6	*	6.6	5.6	8.1	14.6
35-39 years.....	19,372	17,057	946	98	1,271	14,664	2,513	791
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,430	3,240	3,330	3,270	3,430	3,440	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.5	3.5	*	1.8	1.4	1.6	3.8
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40-44 years.....	5,157	4,416	304	27	410	3,774	681	256
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,410	3,190	3,390	3,280	3,390	3,490	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.8	*	*	*	1.9	*	*
Percent low birthweight	8.8	8.0	18.4	*	9.5	8.2	7.6	19.1
45-54 years.....	397	285	33	-	79	216	67	31
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,130	-	3,280	3,390	3,380	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.3	9.5	*	*	*	9.3	*	*
9-11 years								
All ages.....	623,934	460,112	139,104	10,924	13,794	208,350	252,023	135,306
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,290	3,120	3,350	3,200	3,320	3,270	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	3.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.5	3.1
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.1	14.7	7.9	8.8	6.9	9.2	14.8
Under 15 years.....	1,866	987	790	41	48	595	402	768
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,240	3,120	3,350	3,010	3,230	3,260	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	2.3	2.1	2.7	*	*	*	*	2.7
Percent low birthweight	10.6	7.5	13.9	*	*	6.7	8.0	14.2
15 years.....	15,190	9,130	5,475	291	294	4,563	4,637	5,355
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,240	3,080	3,310	3,080	3,210	3,260	3,080
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.9	2.9	*	*	1.6	2.2	2.9
Percent low birthweight	11.2	9.3	14.2	7.9	15.3	8.9	9.7	14.3
16 years.....	42,450	27,739	13,125	788	798	12,068	15,782	12,822
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,260	3,100	3,330	3,110	3,230	3,280	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	2.2	1.7	3.1	*	*	1.7	1.8	3.1
Percent low birthweight	10.5	8.8	14.3	8.6	11.4	8.7	8.9	14.4
17 years.....	66,600	45,951	18,190	1,201	1,258	17,294	28,727	17,804
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,260	3,100	3,330	3,120	3,240	3,270	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	1.9	1.6	2.9	1.8	*	1.4	1.7	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.3	8.8	14.2	8.5	11.8	8.5	9.0	14.2
18 years.....	63,654	45,911	15,581	1,185	977	16,470	29,366	15,223
Median weight in grams	3,220	3,250	3,110	3,330	3,120	3,240	3,260	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	2.9	*	*	1.2	1.6	3.0
Percent low birthweight	10.1	8.9	14.0	7.2	10.4	8.1	9.3	14.2

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19 years.....	59,040	43,599	13,591	1,047	803	16,015	27,572	13,212
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,120	3,330	3,110	3,270	3,260	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	2.8	*	*	1.4	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.3	13.8	7.6	13.2	7.5	8.7	14.0
20-24 years.....	199,572	150,646	42,357	3,526	3,043	65,256	85,309	41,254
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,290	3,140	3,350	3,190	3,320	3,270	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.1	2.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.3	2.7
Percent low birthweight	8.8	7.5	13.4	7.0	7.5	6.1	8.6	13.5
25-29 years.....	101,264	79,784	16,697	1,622	3,161	44,035	35,826	16,086
Median weight in grams	3,300	3,340	3,150	3,380	3,220	3,380	3,280	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.5	1.2	3.2	*	0.7	1.0	1.5	3.2
Percent low birthweight	8.7	7.3	15.3	7.9	7.6	5.6	9.5	15.7
30-34 years.....	48,888	37,998	8,055	720	2,115	22,464	15,590	7,715
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,080	3,350	3,280	3,410	3,280	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	4.0	*	1.1	1.2	1.7	4.1
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.2	19.3	9.5	7.4	6.5	10.7	19.5
35-39 years.....	21,243	15,441	4,332	406	1,064	8,102	7,382	4,183
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,310	3,040	3,340	3,260	3,390	3,220	3,040
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	1.8	5.0	*	*	1.8	1.8	5.1
Percent low birthweight	13.4	11.3	23.0	11.4	6.4	8.9	13.9	23.3
40-44 years.....	3,986	2,794	879	93	220	1,430	1,358	852
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,310	3,020	3,280	3,220	3,360	3,250	3,010
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	2.0	5.2	*	*	1.8	2.1	5.4
Percent low birthweight	14.2	11.7	23.8	*	9.1	10.9	12.6	24.3
45-54 years.....	181	132	32	4	13	58	72	32
Median weight in grams	3,260	3,300	3,000	3,250	3,310	3,290	3,300	3,000
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	15.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12 years								
All ages.....	1,254,283	960,003	234,181	15,493	44,606	223,122	733,181	228,332
Median weight in grams	3,330	3,370	3,180	3,390	3,250	3,350	3,380	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.2
Percent low birthweight	8.1	6.9	13.2	7.0	7.5	6.3	7.0	13.3

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16 years.....	1,302	900	345	27	30	322	581	334
Median weight in grams	3,230	3,260	3,160	3,330	3,130	3,260	3,270	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	9.7	8.9	12.5	*	*	8.4	9.3	12.3
17 years.....	13,539	9,266	3,701	217	355	3,199	6,103	3,612
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,280	3,150	3,360	3,180	3,230	3,310	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.3	3.1	*	*	1.1	1.4	3.2
Percent low birthweight	9.1	7.4	13.2	9.2	10.5	7.6	7.4	13.3
18 years.....	55,711	38,600	15,011	787	1,313	10,692	27,933	14,703
Median weight in grams	3,250	3,300	3,140	3,280	3,180	3,260	3,310	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.3	2.9	*	2.0	1.4	1.3	2.9
Percent low birthweight	9.2	7.6	13.3	8.2	10.1	7.6	7.6	13.4
19 years.....	86,787	61,767	21,942	1,270	1,808	15,681	45,994	21,536
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,140	3,370	3,180	3,280	3,330	3,130
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.8	*	1.1	1.1	1.3	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.6	7.2	12.8	6.9	8.7	6.6	7.4	12.9
20-24 years.....	429,099	322,029	90,316	5,961	10,793	78,955	242,105	88,312
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,170	3,390	3,220	3,320	3,360	3,170
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	2.7
Percent low birthweight	7.7	6.5	12.1	6.0	7.9	6.1	6.6	12.2
25-29 years.....	331,150	260,246	53,325	3,854	13,725	60,819	198,206	51,875
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,400	3,210	3,420	3,260	3,380	3,400	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.3	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	7.3	6.3	12.7	7.0	6.4	5.6	6.5	12.9
30-34 years.....	216,015	172,385	31,233	2,143	10,254	36,321	135,095	30,240
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,200	3,400	3,270	3,400	3,410	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	1.6	1.2	3.9	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	3.9
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.9	14.6	7.8	7.3	6.3	7.1	14.8
35-39 years.....	101,083	79,792	15,186	1,000	5,105	14,437	64,910	14,697
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,380	3,160	3,420	3,290	3,370	3,380	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	2.1	1.6	4.6	*	1.4	1.7	1.6	4.7
Percent low birthweight	10.2	8.9	17.8	8.7	8.5	8.4	9.0	18.0

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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. 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))

Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
40-44 years.....	18,848	14,466	3,001	227	1,154	2,610	11,794	2,904
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,350	3,110	3,350	3,260	3,330	3,350	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.4	2.1	4.5	*	1.9	2.3	2.0	4.6
Percent low birthweight	11.6	10.0	19.8	13.2	9.6	9.7	10.2	20.0
45-54 years.....	749	552	121	7	69	86	460	119
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,250	3,240	3,380	3,180	3,310	3,240	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	17.7	18.3	17.4	*	*	*	19.2	16.8
13-15 years								
All ages.....	858,068	674,961	137,265	8,260	37,582	102,507	568,737	133,984
Median weight in grams	3,380	3,420	3,220	3,460	3,250	3,360	3,430	3,220
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.1
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.0	12.0	6.0	7.4	6.2	6.0	12.1
17 years.....	293	228	52	4	9	65	164	51
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,310	3,110	3,830	2,850	3,240	3,330	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 years.....	3,985	2,634	1,124	67	160	780	1,888	1,075
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,330	3,150	3,360	3,180	3,280	3,340	3,140
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.4	2.8	*	*	*	1.6	3.0
Percent low birthweight	8.4	7.0	11.6	*	*	6.9	7.1	11.7
19 years.....	19,448	13,175	5,402	242	629	3,107	10,086	5,290
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,350	3,170	3,300	3,160	3,310	3,370	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	2.8	*	*	1.2	1.4	2.8
Percent low birthweight	8.0	6.3	12.0	*	9.9	7.0	6.1	12.0
20-24 years.....	225,011	167,513	46,805	2,695	7,998	32,008	135,206	45,678
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,210	3,440	3,220	3,330	3,400	3,200
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.7
Percent low birthweight	6.9	5.6	11.2	5.8	7.9	6.2	5.5	11.3
25-29 years.....	284,683	227,565	41,746	2,667	12,705	33,421	192,829	40,794
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,240	3,470	3,260	3,380	3,440	3,240
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	0.9	3.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	3.1
Percent low birthweight	6.4	5.5	11.3	5.4	6.5	5.7	5.5	11.4

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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. 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))

Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
30-34 years.....	207,210	168,819	26,580	1,611	10,200	21,855	145,638	25,884
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,250	3,510	3,270	3,400	3,460	3,250
Percent very low birthweight	1.4	1.1	3.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	3.6
Percent low birthweight	7.0	6.1	12.6	6.3	7.2	6.4	6.1	12.7
35-39 years.....	98,525	79,861	13,005	818	4,841	9,623	69,523	12,724
Median weight in grams	3,390	3,430	3,210	3,480	3,280	3,390	3,430	3,210
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.3	4.1	*	1.3	1.5	1.3	4.2
Percent low birthweight	8.3	7.2	15.1	8.1	8.1	7.1	7.3	15.3
40-44 years.....	18,053	14,463	2,453	150	987	1,579	12,777	2,394
Median weight in grams	3,370	3,410	3,160	3,470	3,260	3,350	3,420	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	1.8	1.5	4.1	*	*	1.8	1.5	4.0
Percent low birthweight	10.0	8.7	17.2	*	10.7	9.9	8.6	17.2
45-54 years.....	860	703	98	6	53	69	626	94
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,300	3,150	3,750	3,130	3,200	3,300	3,180
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	15.6	16.2	*	*	*	*	16.5	*
16 years and over								
All ages.....	937,071	794,890	67,430	2,838	71,913	55,076	730,628	65,779
Median weight in grams	3,420	3,460	3,270	3,410	3,260	3,380	3,460	3,270
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	3.0
Percent low birthweight	6.2	5.7	10.8	6.5	7.1	6.2	5.6	10.9
20-24 years.....	52,477	40,992	7,859	334	3,292	5,189	35,588	7,685
Median weight in grams	3,360	3,410	3,230	3,410	3,200	3,330	3,420	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.2	0.9	2.6	*	0.9	1.2	0.9	2.6
Percent low birthweight	6.0	5.1	10.3	*	7.3	6.0	5.0	10.4
25-29 years.....	290,320	244,155	22,426	1,035	22,704	18,418	223,320	21,920
Median weight in grams	3,410	3,450	3,270	3,400	3,230	3,380	3,450	3,260
Percent very low birthweight	1.0	0.9	2.7	*	0.8	1.0	0.9	2.7
Percent low birthweight	5.7	5.2	10.1	6.1	6.8	5.5	5.2	10.2
30-34 years.....	370,390	318,484	21,971	909	29,026	19,637	294,794	21,387
Median weight in grams	3,440	3,470	3,290	3,420	3,270	3,390	3,480	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	1.1	1.0	2.9	*	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.9
Percent low birthweight	5.9	5.5	10.7	6.2	6.5	6.1	5.5	10.7

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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. 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))

Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
35-39 years.....	186,589	159,468	12,456	442	14,223	9,989	147,352	12,145
Median weight in grams	3,430	3,460	3,280	3,400	3,290	3,380	3,470	3,280
Percent very low birthweight	1.3	1.1	3.4	*	1.2	1.4	1.1	3.4
Percent low birthweight	6.8	6.3	11.8	7.9	8.0	7.1	6.2	11.9
40-44 years.....	35,307	30,059	2,607	110	2,531	1,767	27,932	2,534
Median weight in grams	3,400	3,430	3,230	3,380	3,260	3,370	3,430	3,230
Percent very low birthweight	1.7	1.4	4.3	*	1.7	2.2	1.4	4.4
Percent low birthweight	8.8	8.3	14.5	*	9.7	8.7	8.3	14.6
45-54 years.....	1,988	1,732	111	8	137	76	1,642	108
Median weight in grams	3,170	3,180	3,100	3,750	3,090	3,000	3,180	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	3.4	3.2	*	*	*	*	3.2	*
Percent low birthweight	20.9	19.8	24.3	*	30.7	*	19.9	24.1
Not stated								
All ages.....	63,400	44,876	12,645	928	4,951	16,933	21,592	11,511
Median weight in grams	3,290	3,340	3,150	3,340	3,230	3,320	3,350	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	2.6	5.9	*	1.8	2.1	2.7	6.0
Percent low birthweight	10.6	9.0	16.8	8.9	9.3	7.9	9.6	17.0
Under 15 years.....	365	207	142	6	10	121	74	137
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,190	3,060	3,500	2,880	3,200	3,150	3,070
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	13.4	14.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 years.....	713	425	255	11	22	237	168	244
Median weight in grams	3,180	3,230	3,110	3,060	3,080	3,230	3,240	3,110
Percent very low birthweight	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	10.9	9.5	13.3	*	*	*	12.5	13.1
16 years.....	1,171	781	324	23	43	397	320	302
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,060	3,400	3,090	3,210	3,270	3,060
Percent very low birthweight	3.7	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	11.9	10.0	16.5	*	*	11.1	8.2	15.6
17 years.....	1,791	1,209	499	37	46	614	490	472
Median weight in grams	3,190	3,230	3,090	3,230	3,150	3,200	3,290	3,090
Percent very low birthweight	3.2	3.0	*	*	*	3.3	*	*
Percent low birthweight	12.0	11.1	14.4	*	*	11.4	9.4	14.5

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Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics	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
18 years.....	2,353	1,629	608	47	69	749	717	564
Median weight in grams	3,210	3,250	3,110	3,170	3,140	3,250	3,260	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	3.9	3.1	6.5	*	*	*	3.2	6.4
Percent low birthweight	12.2	10.5	16.9	*	*	8.7	12.0	17.4
19 years.....	3,002	2,059	776	67	100	953	917	696
Median weight in grams	3,240	3,280	3,150	3,390	3,120	3,260	3,300	3,150
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.4	5.3	*	*	*	2.7	5.2
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.1	15.9	*	*	6.4	9.1	15.3
20-24 years.....	15,527	11,016	3,397	266	848	5,075	4,736	3,140
Median weight in grams	3,280	3,320	3,160	3,390	3,160	3,310	3,330	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	3.0	2.3	5.4	*	*	2.0	2.3	5.5
Percent low birthweight	9.9	8.3	15.1	*	9.9	7.2	9.4	15.3
25-29 years.....	15,887	11,422	2,747	211	1,507	4,384	5,535	2,485
Median weight in grams	3,320	3,370	3,200	3,330	3,220	3,360	3,380	3,190
Percent very low birthweight	2.7	2.2	5.7	*	*	1.6	2.4	5.8
Percent low birthweight	9.6	8.1	16.4	9.7	8.1	7.1	8.8	16.7
30-34 years.....	13,197	9,448	2,199	166	1,384	2,775	5,030	1,963
Median weight in grams	3,340	3,390	3,170	3,330	3,260	3,380	3,390	3,160
Percent very low birthweight	3.3	2.7	7.0	*	2.1	2.5	2.7	7.1
Percent low birthweight	10.5	8.8	18.7	*	8.7	7.6	9.2	19.2
35-39 years.....	7,482	5,340	1,352	80	710	1,331	2,910	1,206
Median weight in grams	3,310	3,360	3,130	3,290	3,250	3,350	3,370	3,120
Percent very low birthweight	3.8	3.0	6.8	*	3.7	2.7	3.2	6.9
Percent low birthweight	12.2	10.3	20.0	*	11.3	9.7	10.5	20.4
40-44 years.....	1,739	1,221	320	14	184	280	633	283
Median weight in grams	3,270	3,320	3,080	3,300	3,280	3,340	3,320	3,100
Percent very low birthweight	4.2	3.4	9.2	*	*	*	4.5	9.6
Percent low birthweight	14.3	12.9	22.2	*	10.9	13.3	13.5	22.3
45-54 years.....	173	119	26	-	28	17	62	19
Median weight in grams	3,140	3,100	2,750	-	3,450	2,920	3,130	2,810
Percent very low birthweight	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Percent low birthweight	25.9	25.6	*	*	*	*	*	*

- 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.