

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP¹ OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2005 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Live Births	Late or No Prenatal Care ^{2†}	Preterm Birth ^{3†}	Cesarean Deliveries	Low Birthweight ⁴
TOTAL	548,700	14,635	59,225	168,274	37,653
HISPANIC	282,823	8,593	30,604	84,982	17,588
NON-HISPANIC					
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	7,382	224	836	2,207	578
AMERICAN INDIAN	2,116	142	284	604	140
ASIAN	61,735	1,092	6,269	18,638	4,690
BLACK	28,756	999	4,482	10,337	3,691
PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,528	173	296	740	183
WHITE	155,900	3,172	15,546	48,479	10,107
OTHER RACE	228	8	29	76	24
UNKNOWN	7,232	232	879	2,211	652

MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS TO A SPECIFIED GROUP:

TOTAL	100.0	2.7	11.2	30.7	6.9
HISPANIC	100.0	3.1	11.2	30.0	6.2
NON-HISPANIC					
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	100.0	3.1	11.7	29.9	7.8
AMERICAN INDIAN	100.0	6.9	14.3	28.5	6.6
ASIAN	100.0	1.8	10.4	30.2	7.6
BLACK	100.0	3.5	16.3	35.9	12.8
PACIFIC ISLANDER	100.0	6.9	12.2	29.3	7.2
WHITE	100.0	2.0	10.3	31.1	6.5
OTHER RACE	100.0	3.5	13.2	33.3	10.5
UNKNOWN	100.0	3.4	13.1	30.6	9.0

¹ The race and ethnic groups in this table utilize nine mutually exclusive race and ethnicity categories. These categories are Hispanic and the following Non-Hispanic categories of Two or More Races, American Indian (includes Eskimo and Aleut), Asian, Black, Pacific Islander (includes Hawaiian), White, Other Race, and Unknown (includes Refused to State). These groups are not comparable with race groups used in Vital Statistics of California reports prior to 2000. See Chapter 6.

² Third trimester or no prenatal care.

³ Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation. Gestation is calculated from reported date of last menses.

⁴ Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds).

† Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated. Not Reported weeks of gestation include gestation reported as: under 17 weeks, over 53 weeks, and not reported. Gestation is calculated from reported date of last menses.

Source: State of California, Department of Public Health, Birth Records.