

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP¹ OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2006 (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	562,157	15,658	59,824	175,943	38,517
HISPANIC	293,276	9,214	31,289	90,088	18,407
NON-HISPANIC					
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	8,219	277	946	2,501	625
AMERICAN INDIAN	2,136	151	259	657	143
ASIAN	62,949	1,098	6,391	19,564	4,847
BLACK	30,016	1,150	4,524	10,537	3,683
PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,523	217	317	751	189
WHITE	154,227	3,221	15,068	49,114	9,782
OTHER RACE	253	7	32	75	21
UNKNOWN	8,558	323	998	2,656	820

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

TOTAL	100.0	2.8	10.9	31.3	6.9
HISPANIC	100.0	3.2	11.0	30.7	6.3
NON-HISPANIC					
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	100.0	3.4	11.8	30.4	7.6
AMERICAN INDIAN	100.0	7.2	12.6	30.8	6.7
ASIAN	100.0	1.8	10.3	31.1	7.7
BLACK	100.0	3.9	15.7	35.1	12.3
PACIFIC ISLANDER	100.0	8.7	12.9	29.8	7.5
WHITE	100.0	2.1	10.0	31.8	6.3
OTHER RACE	100.0	2.8	12.8	29.6	8.3
UNKNOWN	100.0	4.0	12.3	31.0	9.6

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 between 17 and 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. Unknown weeks of gestation include gestation reported as: under 17 weeks, over 53 weeks, and not reported.

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

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