

TABLE 2-41
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF BIRTHS WITH SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC
CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNICITY ¹ OF MOTHER
CALIFORNIA, 1998
(By Place of Residence)

RACE/ ETHNICITY OF MOTHER	NUMBER OF BIRTHS BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS						
	Mothers Under 20 Years of Age	Mother Completed 12 Years or More of School	Mother Born in the United States	Unmarried Mother ²	4th & Higher Birth Order	Father Under 20 Years of Age	Father Completed 12 Years or More of School
TOTAL	59,207	353,355	291,076	170,607	66,374	21,717	340,967
AMERICAN INDIAN	481	1,763	2,555	1,462	509	198	1,677
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,662	47,923	8,346	7,745	4,631	972	47,684
BLACK	5,950	27,999	32,552	21,923	6,146	2,225	25,799
HISPANIC	37,703	115,701	87,430	100,814	39,022	13,863	110,403
WHITE/OTHER RACES	12,161	159,442	157,970	37,839	15,790	4,376	154,897
UNKNOWN	250	527	2,223	824	276	83	507
RACE/ ETHNICITY OF MOTHER	PERCENT OF BIRTHS BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS ³						
	Mothers Under 20 Years of Age	Mother Completed 12 Years or More of School	Mother Born in the United States	Unmarried Mother ²	4th & Higher Birth Order	Father Under 20 Years of Age	Father Completed 12 Years or More of School
TOTAL	11.4	67.8	55.8	32.7	12.7	4.2	65.4
AMERICAN INDIAN	18.6	68.1	98.8	56.5	19.7	7.7	64.8
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4.8	86.3	15.0	13.9	8.3	1.8	85.9
BLACK	16.9	79.5	92.5	62.3	17.5	6.3	73.3
HISPANIC	15.2	46.7	35.3	40.7	15.7	5.6	44.6
WHITE/OTHER RACES	6.9	90.1	89.3	21.4	8.9	2.5	87.6
UNKNOWN	7.7	16.2	68.2	25.3	8.5	2.5	15.5

¹ American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, White/Other Races, and Unknown exclude Hispanic. American Indian includes Eskimo and Aleut. Hispanic includes any race category. Unknown includes Not Stated.

² Starting in 1997, unmarried status is no longer inferred. See Chapter 6.

³ Percents are calculated using total births, which includes unknown and not reported in the specified category.

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