

TABLE 2-42
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL
CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNICITY ¹ OF MOTHER
CALIFORNIA, 1998
(By Place of Residence)

RACE/ ETHNICITY OF MOTHER	NUMBER OF BIRTHS BY MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS			
	Late or No Prenatal Care ²	Preterm Birth ³	Cesarean Birth	Low Birthweight ⁴
TOTAL	18,650	52,441	113,114	32,438
AMERICAN INDIAN	197	284	572	150
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1,494	5,449	11,430	3,858
BLACK	1,567	5,141	8,760	4,119
HISPANIC	11,140	25,421	51,797	13,887
WHITE/OTHER RACES	4,183	15,809	39,828	10,153
UNKNOWN	69	337	727	271
RACE/ ETHNICITY OF MOTHER	PERCENT OF BIRTHS BY MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS ⁵			
	Late or No Prenatal Care ²	Preterm Birth ³	Cesarean Birth	Low Birthweight ⁴
TOTAL	3.6	10.1	21.7	6.2
AMERICAN INDIAN	7.6	11.0	22.1	5.8
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	2.7	9.8	20.6	6.9
BLACK	4.5	14.6	24.9	11.7
HISPANIC	4.5	10.3	20.9	5.6
WHITE/OTHER RACES	2.4	8.9	22.5	5.7
UNKNOWN	2.1	10.3	22.3	8.3

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 Third trimester or no prenatal care.

³ Birth prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation.

⁴ Birthweight of less than 2500 grams (5lb 8oz).

⁵ 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.