

TABLE 2-42. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNICITY¹ OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA 1999 (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	16,319	51,807	117,568	31,686
AMERICAN INDIAN	169	272	532	150
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1,463	5,500	12,443	3,906
BLACK	1,301	4,955	8,892	4,045
HISPANIC	9,901	25,474	54,622	13,805
WHITE/OTHER RACES	3,425	15,350	40,451	9,571
UNKNOWN	60	256	628	209
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	3.1	10.0	22.7	6.1
AMERICAN INDIAN	6.8	10.9	21.3	6.0
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	2.6	9.6	21.8	6.8
BLACK	3.8	14.5	26.0	11.8
HISPANIC	4.0	10.2	21.9	5.5
WHITE/OTHER RACES	2.0	8.9	23.5	5.6
UNKNOWN	2.2	9.5	23.3	7.8

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.