

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP* OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2001 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Late or No Prenatal Care ^{1†}	Preterm Birth ^{2†}	Cesarean Birth	Low Birthweight ³
CALIFORNIA	15,258	51,974	132,473	33,196
HISPANIC	9,222	25,798	63,672	14,796
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	215	677	1,499	451
AMERICAN INDIAN	138	224	506	135
ASIAN	1,147	5,408	14,082	4,088
BLACK	1,091	4,508	8,824	3,670
PACIFIC ISLANDER	211	246	573	147
WHITE/OTHER	3,145	14,785	42,451	9,634
NOT STATED	89	328	866	275

MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL BIRTHS:

CALIFORNIA	2.9	10.4	25.1	6.3
HISPANIC	3.6	10.5	24.4	5.7
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	3.4	11.2	23.5	7.1
AMERICAN INDIAN	7.1	12.3	25.5	6.8
ASIAN	2.0	9.8	24.5	7.1
BLACK	3.6	15.7	28.5	11.9
PACIFIC ISLANDER	9.1	11.2	24.3	6.2
WHITE/OTHER	1.9	9.5	25.9	5.9
NOT STATED	3.0	11.8	26.7	8.5

¹ Third trimester or no prenatal care.

² Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation.

³ Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5lbs 8oz).

* Beginning in 2000, up to three races were reported on birth certificates. The race/ethnic groups in this table provide a mutually exclusive list with Hispanic origin, 2 or more races, and single races. American Indian includes Eskimo and Aleut, Pacific Islander includes Hawaiian. These groups are not comparable to previously published tables. See Chapter 6 - Technical Appendix.

† Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated. Unknown weeks of gestation includes gestation reported as: under 17 weeks, over 53 weeks, and not reported.

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