

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP<sup>1</sup> OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2002 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Late or No Prenatal Care <sup>2†</sup>	Preterm Birth <sup>3†</sup>	Cesarean Birth	Low Birthweight <sup>4</sup>
CALIFORNIA	13,606	52,067	141,679	33,859
HISPANIC	7,975	26,089	68,742	15,152
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	203	696	1,694	494
AMERICAN INDIAN	137	215	511	116
ASIAN	1,139	5,592	15,462	4,427
BLACK	977	4,220	9,161	3,502
PACIFIC ISLANDER	156	281	616	147
WHITE/OTHER	2,917	14,572	44,379	9,662
NOT STATED	102	402	1,114	359

**MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL BIRTHS TO A SPECIFIED GROUP:**

CALIFORNIA	2.6	10.5	26.8	6.4
HISPANIC	3.1	10.6	26.1	5.8
NON-HISPANIC				
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	3.0	10.8	24.9	7.3
AMERICAN INDIAN	7.1	12.1	26.0	5.9
ASIAN	1.9	9.9	26.0	7.5
BLACK	3.4	15.4	30.7	11.7
PACIFIC ISLANDER	6.6	12.5	25.5	6.1
WHITE/OTHER	1.8	9.5	27.5	6.0
NOT STATED	2.7	11.4	26.6	8.6

<sup>1</sup> The race/ethnic groups in this table provide a mutually exclusive list with Hispanic, 2 or more race groups, and single races. American Indian includes Eskimo and Aleut, Pacific Islander includes Hawaiian. These groups are not comparable with race groups used in Vital Statistics of California reports prior to 2000. See Chapter 6.

<sup>2</sup> Third trimester or no prenatal care.

<sup>3</sup> Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation.

<sup>4</sup> 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 stated.

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