

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP<sup>1</sup> OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2003 (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                  | 13,447                                 | 54,311                      | 150,821        | 35,659                       |
| HISPANIC                    | 7,843                                  | 27,298                      | 73,466         | 16,196                       |
| NON-HISPANIC                |  |                             |                |                              |
| 2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS       | 188                                    | 762                         | 1,918          | 574                          |
| AMERICAN INDIAN             | 127                                    | 223                         | 543            | 140                          |
| ASIAN                       | 1,229                                  | 5,755                       | 16,741         | 4,476                        |
| BLACK                       | 933                                    | 4,236                       | 9,240          | 3,672                        |
| PACIFIC ISLANDER            | 146                                    | 300                         | 634            | 143                          |
| WHITE/OTHER                 | 2,853                                  | 15,143                      | 46,632         | 9,940                        |
| NOT STATED                  | 128                                    | 594                         | 1,647          | 518                          |

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

|                       |     |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|------|
| CALIFORNIA            | 2.5 | 10.7 | 27.9 | 6.6  |
| HISPANIC              | 3.0 | 10.9 | 27.2 | 6.0  |
| NON-HISPANIC          |     |      |      |      |
| 2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS | 2.7 | 11.4 | 27.0 | 8.1  |
| AMERICAN INDIAN       | 6.5 | 12.4 | 27.1 | 7.0  |
| ASIAN                 | 2.0 | 9.9  | 27.2 | 7.3  |
| BLACK                 | 3.3 | 15.8 | 31.6 | 12.6 |
| PACIFIC ISLANDER      | 6.2 | 13.4 | 26.3 | 5.9  |
| WHITE/OTHER           | 1.8 | 9.8  | 28.6 | 6.1  |
| NOT STATED            | 2.5 | 12.0 | 28.6 | 9.0  |

<sup>1</sup> 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 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.