

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP¹ OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2007 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Live Births	Late or No Prenatal Care ^{2, †}	Preterm Births ^{3, †}	Obstetric Estimate of Preterm Births ^{4, †}	Cesarean Deliveries	Low Birthweight ^{5, †}		Live Births by Plurality of Delivery (Twin or More Births)
						<1500 grams	1500-2499 grams	
TOTAL	566,137	17,847	60,451	50,738	181,574	6,805	32,118	17,517
HISPANIC	296,917	10,778	32,143	25,271	93,672	3,318	15,395	6,728
NON-HISPANIC								
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	9,456	315	1,075	925	2,960	127	609	383
AMERICAN INDIAN	2,012	185	243	206	592	20	133	58
ASIAN	66,234	1,317	6,601	5,794	20,887	715	4,344	1,919
BLACK	29,479	1,225	4,368	3,773	10,640	798	2,782	1,194
PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,608	243	312	276	862	40	140	96
WHITE	150,931	3,494	14,590	13,401	49,026	1,594	8,035	6,572
OTHER	307	16	44	36	104	8	31	17
UNKNOWN	8,193	274	1,075	1,056	2,831	185	649	550

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

TOTAL	100.0	3.2	11.1	9.1	32.1	1.2	5.7	3.1
HISPANIC	100.0	3.7	11.3	8.7	31.5	1.1	5.2	2.3
NON-HISPANIC	100.0							
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	100.0	3.4	11.9	9.9	31.3	1.3	6.4	4.1
AMERICAN INDIAN	100.0	9.4	12.7	10.5	29.4	1.0	6.6	2.9
ASIAN	100.0	2.0	10.2	8.8	31.5	1.1	6.6	2.9
BLACK	100.0	4.3	15.6	13.0	36.1	2.7	9.4	4.1
PACIFIC ISLANDER	100.0	9.6	12.5	10.8	33.1	1.5	5.4	3.7
WHITE	100.0	2.4	10.1	9.0	32.5	1.1	5.3	4.4
OTHER	100.0	5.4	15.0	12.0	33.9	2.6	10.1	5.5
UNKNOWN	100.0	3.6	14.0	13.2	34.6	2.3	7.9	6.7

¹ The race and ethnic groups in this table utilize nine mutually exclusive race and ethnicity categories. These categories are Hispanic and the following Non-Hispanic categories of Two or More Races, American Indian (includes Eskimo and Aleut), Asian, Black, Pacific Islander (includes Hawaiian), White, Other Race, and Unknown (includes Refused to State).

² Third trimester or no prenatal care.

³ Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation. Gestation is calculated from reported date of last menses.

⁴ Birth prior to 37 weeks of gestation. Gestation is calculated from obstetric estimate of gestation at delivery.

⁵ Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds).

[†] Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated. Unknown includes gestation reported as: under 17 completed weeks, 53 or more completed weeks, and not reported.

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