

TABLE 2-7. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP¹ OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2008 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP	Live Births	Mothers Under 20 Years of Age	Mothers Completing 12 Years or More of School	Mothers Born in the United States	Unmarried Mothers	At Least 4 Live Births ²	Fathers Under 20 Years of Age	Fathers Completing 12 Years or More of School
TOTAL	551,567	52,328	391,254	305,596	221,412	67,366	21,782	358,196
HISPANIC	287,323	38,033	158,142	122,205	148,332	44,469	16,028	137,528
NON-HISPANIC								
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	9,875	1,147	8,642	8,679	4,416	918	521	7,964
AMERICAN INDIAN	2,032	264	1,490	1,996	1,205	421	112	1,330
ASIAN	64,825	1,253	60,386	11,213	9,029	3,448	493	59,202
BLACK	29,428	4,145	24,018	26,694	20,210	4,676	1,864	20,081
PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,481	195	2,098	1,299	917	556	114	1,939
WHITE	146,309	6,719	135,138	127,756	34,504	11,938	2,445	128,779
OTHER RACE	332	18	257	141	134	42	8	229
UNKNOWN	8,962	554	1,083	5,613	2,665	898	197	1,144
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT[†] OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS TO SPECIFIED GROUP:								
TOTAL	100.0	9.5	73.3	55.4	40.2	12.2	4.3	73.0
HISPANIC	100.0	13.2	56.2	42.5	51.6	15.5	6.1	54.0
NON-HISPANIC								
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	100.0	11.6	88.7	88.0	44.7	9.3	5.8	90.4
AMERICAN INDIAN	100.0	13.0	75.2	98.2	59.3	20.7	6.3	77.6
ASIAN	100.0	1.9	95.0	17.3	13.9	5.3	0.8	95.9
BLACK	100.0	14.1	83.2	90.8	68.8	15.9	7.9	87.3
PACIFIC ISLANDER	100.0	7.9	87.4	52.9	37.0	22.4	5.0	88.2
WHITE	100.0	4.6	93.8	87.4	23.6	8.2	1.8	94.1
OTHER RACE	100.0	5.4	80.3	42.7	40.4	12.7	2.8	83.0
UNKNOWN	100.0	6.2	82.5	63.4	29.9	10.0	2.4	88.8

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). These groups are not comparable with race groups used in Vital Statistics of California reports prior to 2000.

² Number of mothers who have had at least 4 live births and were 15 years old or older.

[†] Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated.

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