

TABLE 2-6. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH SELECTED MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP<sup>1</sup> OF MOTHER, CALIFORNIA, 2009 (By Place of Residence)

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER	Live Births	Late or No Prenatal Care <sup>2†</sup>	Preterm Births <sup>3†</sup>	Obstetric Estimate of Preterm Births <sup>4†</sup>	Cesarean Deliveries	Low Birthweight <sup>5†</sup>		Live Births by Plurality of Delivery (Twin or More Births)
						<1500 grams	1500-2499 grams	
TOTAL	526,774	16,534	53,081	45,996	173,878	6,127	29,708	16,793
HISPANIC	269,953	10,089	27,435	22,328	87,759	2,912	13,721	6,072
NON-HISPANIC								
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	9,828	317	1,012	912	3,109	156	594	336
AMERICAN INDIAN	1,987	125	223	184	668	27	102	56
ASIAN	62,854	1,165	6,051	5,587	20,711	653	4,416	2,088
BLACK	28,611	1,282	4,048	3,577	10,671	763	2,686	1,220
PACIFIC ISLANDER	2,397	192	278	232	772	35	117	63
WHITE	141,193	3,011	12,857	11,994	46,599	1,379	7,344	6,279
OTHER	330	11	38	31	122	6	17	6
UNKNOWN	9,621	342	1,139	1,151	3,467	196	711	673
<b>MEDICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS TO A SPECIFIED GROUP:</b>								
TOTAL	100.0	3.2	10.4	8.8	33.0	1.2	5.6	3.2
HISPANIC	100.0	3.8	10.5	8.3	32.5	1.1	5.1	2.2
NON-HISPANIC	100.0							
2 OR MORE RACE GROUPS	100.0	3.3	10.7	9.3	31.6	1.6	6.0	3.4
AMERICAN INDIAN	100.0	6.5	11.8	9.3	33.6	1.4	5.1	2.8
ASIAN	100.0	1.9	9.8	8.9	33.0	1.0	7.0	3.3
BLACK	100.0	4.6	14.7	12.6	37.3	2.7	9.4	4.3
PACIFIC ISLANDER	100.0	8.2	12.1	9.7	32.2	1.5	4.9	2.6
WHITE	100.0	2.2	9.4	8.5	33.0	1.0	5.2	4.4
OTHER	100.0	3.4	12.0	9.5	37.0	1.8	5.2	1.8
UNKNOWN	100.0	3.8	12.7	12.1	36.0	2.0	7.4	7.0

<sup>1</sup> 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).

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds).

† Births with unknown values were subtracted from total births before percentages were calculated. Not Reported weeks of gestation include gestation reported as: under 17 weeks, over 53 weeks, and not reported. Gestation is calculated from reported date of last menses.

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