

Table 15 (page 1 of 2). Very low-birthweight live births, according to race and Hispanic origin of mother, geographic division, and State: United States, average annual 1993–95, 1996–98, and 1999–2001

[Data are based on birth certificates]

Geographic division and State	Not Hispanic or Latino								
	All races			White			Black or African American		
	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001
	Percent of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams ¹								
United States	1.34	1.41	1.44	1.01	1.11	1.15	2.99	3.06	3.12
New England	1.15	1.30	1.38	0.92	1.08	1.14	2.95	3.05	3.28
Maine	1.00	1.05	1.13	1.00	1.06	1.14	*	*	*
New Hampshire	0.83	1.02	1.20	0.81	0.97	1.08	*	*	*
Vermont	0.82	1.08	1.09	0.78	1.04	1.05	*	*	*
Massachusetts	1.15	1.26	1.35	0.94	1.06	1.13	2.79	2.75	3.13
Rhode Island	1.07	1.39	1.49	0.89	1.17	1.24	2.29	2.82	2.99
Connecticut	1.36	1.56	1.56	0.95	1.14	1.17	3.30	3.49	3.58
Middle Atlantic	1.45	1.52	1.54	1.00	1.09	1.16	3.17	3.20	3.13
New York	1.47	1.51	1.51	0.96	1.02	1.10	3.08	3.06	2.93
New Jersey	1.51	1.60	1.63	1.03	1.13	1.20	3.37	3.57	3.52
Pennsylvania	1.37	1.45	1.51	1.03	1.13	1.21	3.17	3.21	3.22
East North Central	1.41	1.46	1.51	1.06	1.15	1.18	3.07	3.08	3.25
Ohio	1.39	1.45	1.48	1.09	1.18	1.21	3.01	2.99	3.05
Indiana	1.28	1.38	1.41	1.11	1.19	1.23	2.68	2.93	2.92
Illinois	1.53	1.55	1.61	1.08	1.18	1.21	3.14	3.14	3.35
Michigan	1.49	1.52	1.60	1.07	1.13	1.17	3.20	3.16	3.46
Wisconsin	1.11	1.21	1.24	0.89	1.00	1.04	2.88	2.93	3.13
West North Central	1.13	1.23	1.26	0.96	1.10	1.11	2.75	2.93	2.93
Minnesota	1.06	1.08	1.13	0.91	1.03	1.01	2.54	2.65	2.59
Iowa	1.01	1.23	1.18	0.94	1.14	1.11	2.72	3.47	2.76
Missouri	1.30	1.35	1.45	1.03	1.06	1.16	2.74	2.93	3.13
North Dakota	0.97	1.11	1.08	0.89	1.10	1.03	*	*	*
South Dakota	0.93	1.06	1.01	0.81	1.00	0.95	*	*	*
Nebraska	1.03	1.27	1.24	0.98	1.22	1.16	2.20	2.88	2.82
Kansas	1.17	1.32	1.30	1.00	1.19	1.20	3.20	3.11	2.82
South Atlantic	1.64	1.72	1.73	1.09	1.19	1.24	3.07	3.14	3.15
Delaware	1.52	1.78	1.84	1.08	1.19	1.27	2.99	3.59	3.41
Maryland	1.80	1.89	1.90	1.09	1.09	1.19	3.35	3.52	3.36
District of Columbia	3.46	3.35	2.90	*0.73	*1.10	*1.03	4.27	4.15	3.74
Virginia	1.48	1.59	1.59	1.02	1.13	1.20	2.93	3.05	2.98
West Virginia	1.25	1.39	1.41	1.21	1.34	1.36	2.15	2.69	3.03
North Carolina	1.78	1.86	1.91	1.22	1.32	1.42	3.26	3.47	3.49
South Carolina	1.79	1.89	1.95	1.16	1.21	1.26	2.87	3.14	3.32
Georgia	1.74	1.75	1.73	1.07	1.15	1.16	3.00	2.98	2.96
Florida	1.45	1.53	1.57	1.04	1.18	1.18	2.81	2.77	2.94
East South Central	1.60	1.74	1.79	1.13	1.28	1.32	2.89	3.07	3.20
Kentucky	1.28	1.46	1.49	1.14	1.33	1.35	2.75	2.86	2.94
Tennessee	1.60	1.67	1.65	1.14	1.25	1.26	3.18	3.22	3.22
Alabama	1.75	1.92	1.99	1.16	1.30	1.35	2.90	3.22	3.38
Mississippi	1.81	1.97	2.12	1.04	1.23	1.36	2.65	2.86	3.06
West South Central	1.34	1.41	1.42	1.03	1.13	1.13	2.83	2.98	3.08
Arkansas	1.49	1.60	1.60	1.20	1.28	1.24	2.48	2.82	3.07
Louisiana	1.89	2.02	2.11	1.07	1.15	1.19	3.04	3.28	3.45
Oklahoma	1.16	1.23	1.28	1.02	1.11	1.16	2.65	2.72	2.80
Texas	1.24	1.30	1.29	0.99	1.10	1.09	2.77	2.84	2.86
Mountain	1.05	1.13	1.13	0.97	1.06	1.06	2.73	2.71	2.64
Montana	0.90	1.06	1.09	0.87	0.97	1.07	*	*	*
Idaho	0.82	0.89	1.03	0.78	0.83	0.98	*	*	*
Wyoming	1.16	1.14	1.06	1.12	1.10	1.04	*	*	*
Colorado	1.19	1.32	1.24	1.06	1.23	1.14	3.04	2.69	2.90
New Mexico	1.05	1.07	1.19	1.14	1.17	1.15	*1.74	*2.40	*2.89
Arizona	1.09	1.13	1.10	1.01	1.07	1.03	2.79	2.79	2.63
Utah	0.89	1.03	1.05	0.85	0.97	1.02	*	*3.43	*
Nevada	1.14	1.18	1.14	1.01	1.07	1.06	2.58	2.67	2.44
Pacific	1.03	1.09	1.11	0.87	0.94	0.96	2.69	2.62	2.74
Washington	0.82	1.02	0.97	0.78	0.93	0.88	2.11	2.52	2.17
Oregon	0.88	0.89	0.95	0.84	0.83	0.92	1.94	*1.79	1.98
California	1.07	1.11	1.14	0.90	0.96	1.00	2.73	2.65	2.83
Alaska	0.94	1.14	1.03	0.84	0.97	0.89	*2.90	*3.04	*2.18
Hawaii	1.01	1.17	1.22	0.83	1.03	0.99	3.40	*2.45	*2.21

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Geographic division and State	Hispanic or Latino ²			American Indian or Alaska Native ³			Asian or Pacific Islander ³		
	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001	1993–95	1996–98	1999–2001
	Percent of live births weighing less than 1,500 grams ¹								
United States	1.08	1.13	1.14	1.09	1.21	1.23	0.90	1.05	1.05
New England	1.49	1.70	1.68	*1.28	*1.66	*1.58	0.90	1.04	1.09
Maine	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
New Hampshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Vermont	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Massachusetts	1.47	1.65	1.59	*	*	*	0.80	0.90	1.09
Rhode Island	1.18	1.38	1.53	*	*	*	*	*	*2.09
Connecticut	1.64	1.90	1.88	*	*	*	*1.20	1.35	*0.88
Middle Atlantic	1.42	1.43	1.49	*1.14	*1.45	1.52	0.91	1.01	0.95
New York	1.40	1.39	1.47	*0.96	*1.23	*1.66	0.93	1.01	0.97
New Jersey	1.40	1.41	1.47	*	*	*	0.83	1.03	0.97
Pennsylvania	1.65	1.82	1.72	*	*	*	1.02	1.01	0.86
East North Central	1.19	1.19	1.21	1.31	1.29	1.33	1.00	1.09	1.05
Ohio	1.53	1.51	1.22	*	*	*	0.98	0.90	0.79
Indiana	1.25	1.39	1.25	*	*	*	*0.84	*1.00	*0.86
Illinois	1.13	1.12	1.23	*	*	*	1.12	1.17	1.22
Michigan	1.19	1.18	1.14	*1.17	*1.65	*1.54	0.92	0.99	0.99
Wisconsin	1.45	1.43	1.18	*1.23	*0.88	*1.14	*0.84	1.21	0.97
West North Central	0.98	1.13	1.20	1.36	1.34	1.17	0.87	0.98	1.08
Minnesota	1.15	1.18	1.24	*1.32	*1.44	*1.32	0.88	0.97	1.11
Iowa	*1.18	1.16	1.22	*	*	*	*	*1.37	*1.30
Missouri	*1.15	1.22	1.18	*	*	*	*0.81	*0.83	*0.91
North Dakota	*	*	*	*1.08	*1.02	*1.25	*	*	*
South Dakota	*	*	*	1.58	1.37	1.13	*	*	*
Nebraska	*0.87	1.01	1.12	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kansas	0.76	1.12	1.20	*	*	*	*0.85	*0.94	*1.06
South Atlantic	1.09	1.17	1.11	1.72	1.92	1.66	0.97	1.11	1.14
Delaware	*1.39	*1.12	*1.65	*	*	*	*	*	*
Maryland	1.03	1.30	1.25	*	*	*	0.91	1.27	1.05
District of Columbia	*1.06	*1.23	*1.56	*	*	*	*	*	*
Virginia	1.08	1.39	1.06	*	*	*	0.96	1.12	1.07
West Virginia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Carolina	0.83	0.96	1.15	2.19	2.48	2.29	*0.92	1.12	1.32
South Carolina	*1.29	*1.20	0.95	*	*	*	*	*	*
Georgia	1.02	0.96	0.90	*	*	*	1.09	0.99	1.04
Florida	1.13	1.20	1.14	*	*1.11	*0.81	0.94	1.07	1.23
East South Central	0.97	1.09	1.01	*1.36	*1.50	*1.34	0.91	0.96	1.19
Kentucky	*	*1.38	*1.24	*	*	*	*	*	*1.11
Tennessee	*0.94	*0.90	0.90	*	*	*	*0.83	*1.15	*1.10
Alabama	*	*1.23	1.05	*	*	*	*1.45	*	*1.42
Mississippi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
West South Central	1.06	1.10	1.09	0.80	1.00	1.05	0.88	0.98	1.06
Arkansas	*1.27	1.14	1.09	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*1.15	*1.04	1.10	*	*	*	*0.83	*1.10	*1.20
Oklahoma	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.90	1.04	*0.88	*	*1.11
Texas	1.06	1.10	1.10	*0.92	*1.50	*1.25	0.86	1.00	1.06
Mountain	1.07	1.12	1.12	0.92	1.07	1.16	1.03	1.15	1.03
Montana	*	*	*	*0.75	1.36	1.49	*	*	*
Idaho	0.92	1.13	1.25	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wyoming	*1.34	*1.22	*1.26	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colorado	1.15	1.32	1.23	*	*	*	*1.13	1.19	1.20
New Mexico	1.04	1.02	1.20	0.77	0.81	0.98	*	*	*
Arizona	1.07	1.09	1.05	0.92	1.07	1.17	*1.00	*1.00	0.88
Utah	1.10	1.23	1.19	*1.18	*1.68	*1.46	*0.88	*1.24	*0.97
Nevada	0.94	0.95	0.96	*1.93	*	*1.63	*0.91	1.38	0.97
Pacific	0.97	1.02	1.03	1.08	1.13	1.21	0.86	1.05	1.05
Washington	0.71	0.95	0.97	1.01	1.30	1.35	0.52	0.94	1.02
Oregon	0.93	1.02	0.96	*1.09	*	*1.35	*0.97	1.17	0.85
California	0.97	1.02	1.03	1.19	1.06	1.20	0.86	1.02	1.02
Alaska	*	*1.84	*1.20	0.93	1.20	1.08	*	*	*
Hawaii	1.12	0.93	1.04	*	*	*	0.96	1.20	1.26

* Percents preceded by an asterisk are based on fewer than 50 events. Percents not shown are based on fewer than 20 events.

¹Excludes live births with unknown birthweight.

²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

³Includes persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Birth File.