

**Selected Maternal and Infant Health Indicators,
by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, 2001**

Characteristic	All Races	White	Black	American Indian[†]	Asian, Pacific Islander	Hispanic[†]
<i>Percent</i>						
Early prenatal care*	83.4 %	85.2 %	74.5 %	69.3 %	84.0 %	75.7 %
Late or no prenatal care**	3.7	3.2	6.5	8.2	3.4	5.9
Low birthweight***	7.7	6.7	13.0	7.3	7.5	6.5
Very low birthweight****	1.4	1.2	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.1
Births to teens	11.3	10.2	18.9	19.3	4.3	15.6
Births to unmarried women	33.5	27.7	68.4	59.7	14.9	42.5
Births to mothers who have not completed high school	21.7	21.7	24.9	31.0	10.8	48.8
<i>Per 1,000</i>						
Infant mortality rate*****	6.8	5.7	13.3	9.7	4.7	5.4
<i>Per 100,000</i>						
Maternal mortality rate*****	9.9	7.2	24.7	na	na	9.5

[†]American Indian includes Aleuts and Eskimos. Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

*Care begun in the first three months of pregnancy.

**Care begun in the last three months of pregnancy, or not at all.

***Less than 2,500 grams (5 lbs., 8 oz.).

****Less than 1,500 grams (3 lbs., 4 oz.).

*****Infant deaths per 1,000 live births. These rates are from the linked birth-death files for 2001, and differ somewhat from other infant mortality rates published by the National Center for Health Statistics.

*****Deaths related to pregnancy and childbearing per 100,000 live births.

na -- no data available

Source: National Center for Health Statistics.