

**Table 7. Selected health characteristics of births, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, final 2013 and preliminary 2014**

[Data for 2014 are based on a continuous file of records received from the states. Figures for 2014 are based on weighted data rounded to the nearest individual]

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	Number		Cesarean delivery				Preterm				Low birthweight			
			Total <sup>1</sup>		Low-risk <sup>2</sup>		Total <sup>3</sup>		Late <sup>4</sup>		Total <sup>5</sup>		Very low birthweight <sup>6</sup>	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
All races and origins <sup>7</sup>	3,985,924	3,932,181	32.2	32.7	26.1	26.9	11.32	11.39	7.96	7.99	8.00	8.02	1.40	1.41
Non-Hispanic white <sup>8</sup>	2,146,482	2,129,196	31.4	32.0	25.0	25.9	10.14	10.17	7.32	7.31	6.96	6.98	1.10	1.11
Non-Hispanic black <sup>8</sup>	589,016	583,834	35.6	35.8	30.2	30.8	16.29	16.27	10.45	10.36	13.16	13.08	2.87	2.90
American Indian or Alaska Native total <sup>8,9</sup>	44,932	45,991	28.5	28.8	22.1	23.3	13.24	13.07	9.32	9.24	7.64	7.48	1.27	1.32
Asian or Pacific Islander total <sup>8,9</sup>	282,724	265,673	33.2	33.5	27.5	28.5	9.82	10.16	7.17	7.42	8.04	8.34	1.15	1.18
Hispanic <sup>10</sup>	914,116	901,033	31.9	32.2	25.9	26.6	11.23	11.31	8.06	8.13	7.05	7.09	1.23	1.21

<sup>1</sup>All births by cesarean delivery per 100 live births.

<sup>2</sup>Low-risk cesarean is defined as singleton, term (37 or more weeks of gestation based on the date of the mother's last normal menses), vertex (not breech) cesarean deliveries to women having a first birth per 100 women delivering singleton, term, vertex first births.

<sup>3</sup>Born prior to 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on the the date of the mother's last normal menses.

<sup>4</sup>Born between 34 and 36 completed weeks of gestation, based on the date of the mother's last normal menses.

<sup>5</sup>Birthweight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz).

<sup>6</sup>Birthweight of less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz).

<sup>7</sup>Includes births to race and origin groups not shown separately, such as white Hispanic and black Hispanic women, and births with origin not stated.

<sup>8</sup>Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia reported multiple-race data in 2014. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with other states; see Technical Notes of "Births: Preliminary Data for 2014." Multiple-race reporting areas vary for 2013–2014; see Technical Notes of "Births: Preliminary Data for 2014."

<sup>9</sup>Includes persons of Hispanic, non-Hispanic and origin not stated, according to the mother's reported race; see Technical Notes of "Births: Preliminary Data for 2014."

<sup>10</sup>Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical Notes of "Births: Preliminary Data for 2014."

NOTE: For information on the relative standard errors of the data and further discussion, see Technical Notes of "Births: Preliminary Data for 2005."

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, 2013 (final data) and 2014 (preliminary data).