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U.S. Infant Mortality Fact Sheet

Infant Mortality Rates

Table 1 - U.S. Infant mortality rate*, by race and Hispanic origin of mothers, 2006

White	5.6	
Black	12.9	
American Indian/Alaska Native	8.3	
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.5	
Hispanic	5.4	
All Races	6.7	

Source: CDC 2010. Infant Mortality Statistics from the 2006 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set. National Vital Statistics Reports. Tables 1 & 2. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_17.pdf

* Infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births in specified group

Table 2 - Infant mortality rates by race and Hispanic origin of mother, 1989-2005

	1989-1991	2000-2002	2003-2005
White	7.3 	5.7 	5.7 
Black	17.2 	13.6 	13.6 
American Indian/Alaska Native	12.6 	8.9 	8.4 
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.6 	4.8 	4.8 
Hispanic	7.5 	5.5 	5.6 
All Races	9.0 	6.9 	6.8 

Source: CDC 2010. Health, United States 2009. Table 20. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hs/hs09.pdf>

Leading Causes of Death

Cause of Death	Rank by race & ethnicity					
	All Races	White	Black	AI/AN	Asian/PI	Hispanic
Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	1	1	2	1	1	1
Disorders related to short gestation and low birthweight	2	2	1	3	2	2
Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)	3	3	3	2	4	4
Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	4	4	4	5	3	3
Accidents and unintentional injuries	5	5	-	4	-	-
Complications of placenta, cord and membrane	-	-	5	-	5	5

Source: CDC 2010. Infant Mortality Statistics from the 2006 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set. National Vital Statistics Reports. Table 7. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_17.pdf [PDF | 592.25KB]

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Live Births

Table 1 - Total birth rate by race and Hispanic origin of mother, preliminary 2007 and preliminary 2008

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	Births	
	2008	2007
All Races and Hispanic Origin	14.0	14.3
Non-Hispanic White	11.4	11.5
Non-Hispanic Black	16.5	16.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	14.5	14.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	16.9	17.2
Hispanic (Non-white)	22.1	23.3

Source: CDC 2010 Births: Preliminary Data for 2008. National Vital Statistic Reports Table 1. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_16.pdf

Table 2 - Total birth rate by age year and race and Hispanic origin of mother (between 10-19 years) Preliminary 2008

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	Births	10-14	15-17	18-19
All Races and Hispanic Origin	68.7	0.6	21.7	70.7
Non-Hispanic White	59.6	0.2	11.6	48.6
Non-Hispanic Black	71.2	1.4	34.9	104.7
American Indian or Alaskan Native	64.6	0.9	32.5	96.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	71.4	.02	8.0	28.4
Hispanic (Non-white)	98.6	1.2	46.1	127

Source: CDC 2010 Births: Preliminary Data for 2008. National Vital Statistic Reports Table 1. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_16.pdf

Table 3 - Percentage of live births preterm and very preterm by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, preliminary 2007 and preliminary 2008

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	Preterm (Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.)		Very Preterm (Less than 32 completed weeks of gestation.)	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
All Races and Hispanic Origin	12.3	12.7	1.99	2.04
Non-Hispanic White	11.1	11.5	1.60	1.64
Non-Hispanic Black	17.5	18.3	3.84	4.08
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13.6	13.9	2.15	2.14
Asian or Pacific Islander	10.7	10.9	1.50	1.50
Hispanic (Non-white)	12.1	12.3	1.80	1.82

Source: CDC 2010 Births: Preliminary Data for 2008. National Vital Statistic Reports Table 8. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_16.pdf

Low Birth Weight

Table 1. Percentage of live births at low and very low birthweight, by race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, final 2006 and preliminary 2007

Race and Hispanic origin of mother	Low birth weight			
	Total ⁴		Very low birth weight ⁵	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
All Races and Hispanic Origin ⁶	8.3	8.3	1.5	1.5
Non-Hispanic White ⁷	7.2	7.3	1.2	1.2
Non-Hispanic Black ⁷	13.8	14.0	3.2	3.2
American Indian or Alaskan Native ⁷	7.5	7.5	1.3	1.3
Asian or Pacific Islander ⁷	8.1	8.1	1.1	1.1
Hispanic (Non-white)	6.9	7.0	1.2	1.2

4, Less than 2,500 grams (5lb 8oz)

5, Less than 1,500 (3lb 4oz)

6, Includes origin not stated

7, Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Race categories with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget

Source: CDC National Vital Statistics Report: Births: Preliminary Data for 2007 - Volume 57, Number 12, March 18, 2009, Table 8
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr57/nvsr57_12.pdf

To locate more Data on Infant Mortality:

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov>

CDC: Data & Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/>

March of Dimes: PeriStats

<http://www.marchofdimes.com/Peristats/>

National Survey of Child Health Data

<http://www.nschedata.org/Content/Default.aspx>

Forum on Child and Family Statistics

<http://childstats.gov>

