

TABLE 1-5. United States Rates of Low Birthweight, and Measures of Prenatal Care, 1980-2002

Year	Low Birthweight	First Trimester Care	No Care	Inadequate Care ¹	Third Trimester Care	Less than Five Visits
1980	68.4	763.6	13.5	87.2	38.1	69.4
1981	68.1	763.5	14.1	87.1	38.4	68.6
1982	67.5	759.3	15.9	90.8	39.9	71.9
1983	68.2	760.6	17.0	88.7	39.7	69.9
1984	67.2	764.5	17.1	87.8	39.4	68.7
1985	67.5	763.1	17.0	88.0	40.6	67.6
1986	68.1	760.4	19.3	89.6	41.1	68.4
1987	69.0	760.0	20.1	90.5	41.8	68.8
1988	69.3	760.5	18.8	90.4	42.1	68.4
1989	70.5	754.5	21.8	96.3	42.7	74.6
1990	69.7	758.3	19.8	91.3	41.1	70.4
1991	71.2	762.5	19.1	86.7	38.6	66.6
1992	70.8	777.5	17.3	78.6	34.5	60.6
1993	72.2	789.0	16.0	72.7	32.4	55.2
1994	72.8	802.2	13.6	66.9	30.4	50.4
1995	73.2	812.7	12.3	63.0	30.2	46.7
1996	73.9	818.6	11.8	60.5	28.2	44.7
1997	75.1	825.3	12.2	58.1	27.0	44.5
1998	76.0	828.3	11.9	57.9	27.0	44.1
1999	76.0	832.0	11.2	56.3	25.8	43.4
2000	76.0	832.0	10.9	57.7	26.6	42.7
2001	77.0	834.0	10.6	na	26.9	43.1
2002	78.0	837.0	9.9	na	26.2	na

¹ Inadequate prenatal care is defined as care that began in the third trimester or consisted of less than five prenatal visits.

All rates are per 1,000 live births. Rates and percentages are calculated excluding missing and unknown values. Source of national data is Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Sutton PD. Births: Final data for 2002. National vital statistics reports; vol 52 no 10. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics. 2003.