

**TABLE 1-5. United States Rates of Low Birthweight,
and Measures of Prenatal Care, 1980-2003**

| 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 | 10.4 | N/A | 26.2 | 42.1 |
| 2002 | 78.0 | 837.0 | 9.7 | N/A | 25.7 | 40.8 |
| 2003 | *79.0 | *841.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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.

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N/A = Not Available.