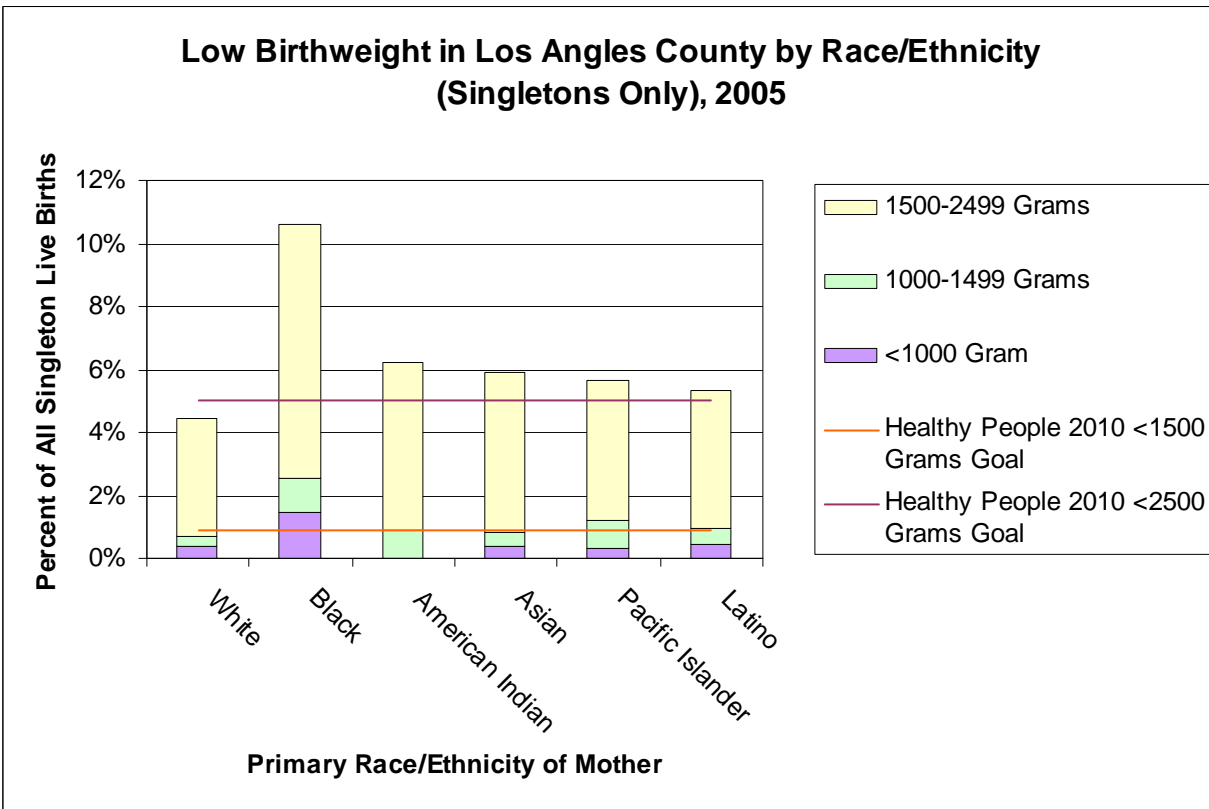


2005 LA County Singleton Preterm Births by Primary Race/Ethnicity of Mother



Source: State of California Department of Health Services Center for Health Statistics Birth Statistical Master File 2005

	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Pacific Islander		Latino		Total *	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<1000 Grams	95	0.38%	157	1.43%	0	0%	61	0.4%	<5	<1%	416	0.45%	741	0.51%
1000-1499 Grams	89	0.35%	125	1.14%	<5	<1%	63	0.41%	5	<1%	464	0.5%	750	0.51%
1500-2499 Grams	933	3.72%	880	8.01%	12	5.33%	783	5.09%	26	4.47%	4,076	4.4%	6,762	4.64%
Total*	1,037	4.45%	1,162	10.58%	14	6.22%	907	5.9%	33	5.67%	4,956	5.35%	8,253	5.66%

* LA County Totals may be greater than sum of races because 64 low birthweight births to women of Other or Unknown race were excluded.

The tables and graphs only count singletons, to avoid bias from the different rates of multiples among races (multiples are low birthweight more often than singletons). A total of 10,984 babies were born low birthweight in 2005

For Singleton Births in LA County:

- African-Americans have the highest rate of low and very low birthweight infants.
- The rate of LBW is 2.4 times higher among African American mothers than among white mothers; and the rate of very LBW rate is 3.7 times higher.
- Despite having a relatively low rate of LBW births (5.35%) over 60% of LBW babies are Latino.