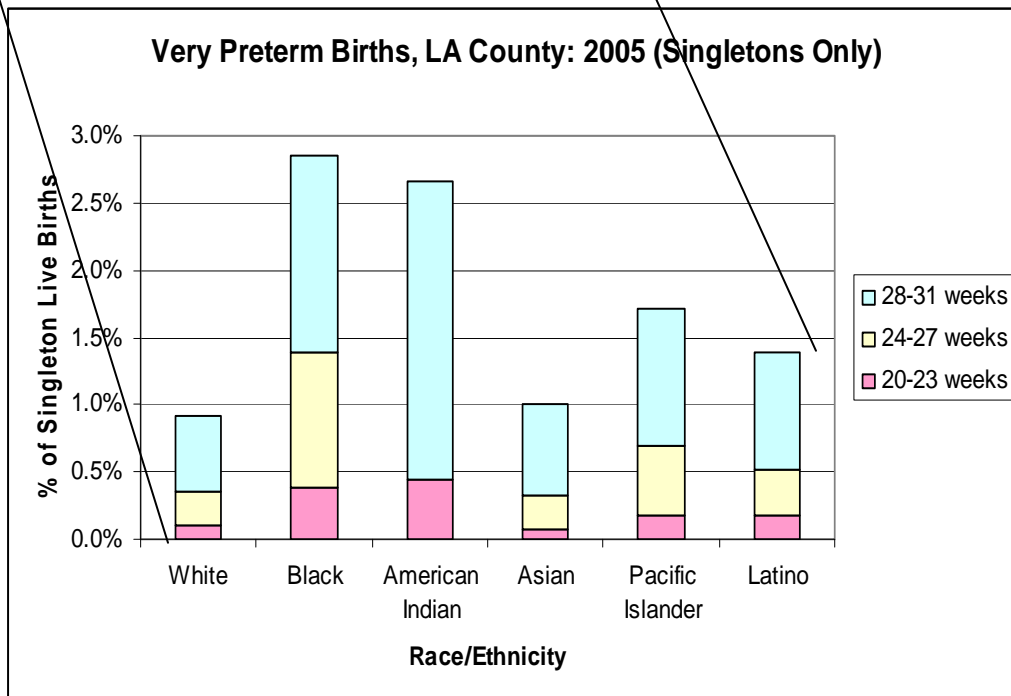
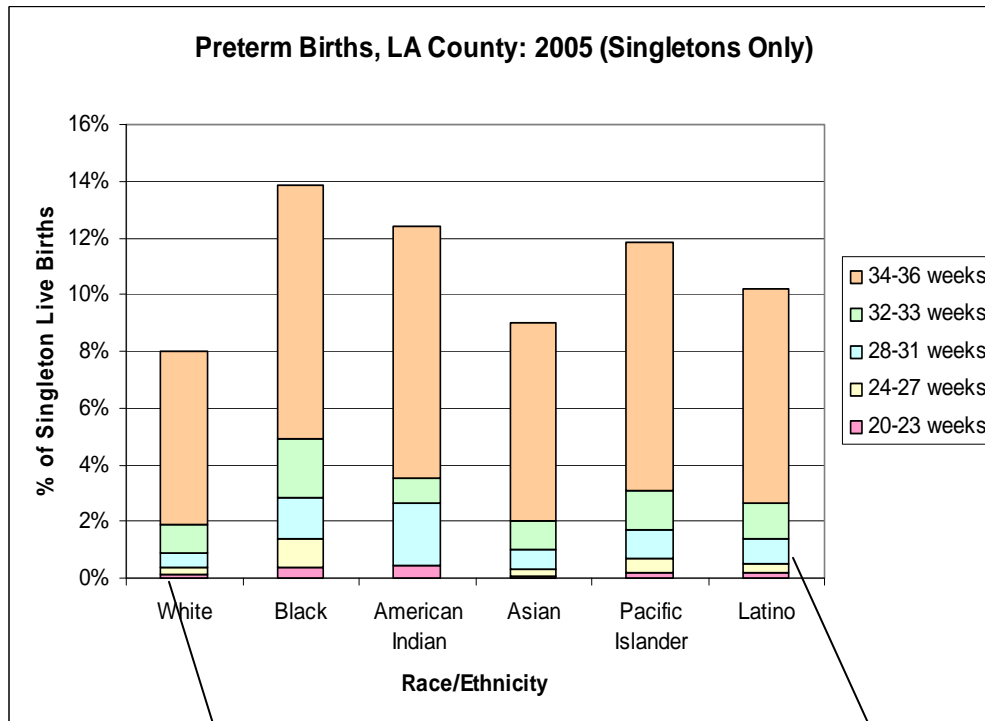


2005 LA County Singleton Preterm Births by Primary Race/Ethnicity of Mother



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



Gestational Age	White		Black		American Indian		Asian	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
20-23 weeks	28	0.11%	43	0.39%	<5	<1%	11	0.07%
24-27 weeks	64	0.25%	110	1%	<5	<1%	40	0.26%
28-31 weeks	138	0.55%	161	1.46%	5	2.22%	105	0.68%
32-33 weeks	239	0.95%	228	2.07%	<5	<1%	155	1.01%
34-36 weeks	1,541	6.14%	985	8.96%	20	8.89%	1,077	7.01%
Total	2010	8%	1527	13.88%	28	12.44%	1388	9.03%

Gestational Age	Pacific Islander		Latino		Total*	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
20-23 weeks	<5	<1%	159	0.17%	246	0.2%
24-27 weeks	<5	<1%	315	0.34%	537	0.4%
28-31 weeks	6	1.03%	815	0.88%	1,237	0.9%
32-33 weeks	8	1.37%	1,149	1.24%	1,792	1.2%
34-36 weeks	51	8.76%	6,988	7.55%	10,722	7.4%
Total	582	11.85%	9426	10.18%	14534	10%

* Total is more than sum of categories due to exclusion of women of Unknown/Other Ethnicities
The tables and graphs only count singletons, to avoid bias from the different rates of multiples among races (multiples are premature more often than singletons). A total of 17,271 babies were born prematurely in 2005.

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- Singleton preterm birth is highest among African Americans with 14% of infants born before 37 weeks gestation. This rate is 3.1 times higher than the rate of preterm birth among Caucasian families. While the rate of preterm birth is highest, only 12% of singleton preterm births occur among African American families.
- American Indian and Pacific Islanders have the next highest rates of preterm birth at 12.9% and 12.0% respectively. However, only 0.7% of all preterm births occur among American Indian or Pacific Islander families.
- The majority (63.8%) of singleton preterm births occur among Latino families. In 2005, 1,360 Latino infants were born before 32 weeks gestation and 8,137 were born between 32 and 36 weeks gestation.