

Birth Highlights Mecklenburg County Residents, 2003

2002			2003		
12,296	Total Births		12,773	Total Births	
	Live Birth Rate (per 1,000)	16.7		Live Birth Rate (per 1,000)	17.0
Race Categories			Race Categories		
8,074	White	65.7%	8,346	White	65.3%
4,222	Other Races	34.3%	4,427	Other Races	34.7%
3,643	▪Black or African American	86.3%	3,722	▪Black or African American	84.1%
534	▪Asian or Pacific Islander	12.6%	637	▪Asian or Pacific Islander	14.4%
36	▪American Indian	0.9%	42	▪American Indian	0.9%
9	▪Other Non-White	0.2%	26	▪Other Non-White	0.6%
Hispanic/Latino and Country of Origin			Hispanic/Latino and Country of Origin		
10,388	Non-Hispanic	84.5%	10,735	Non-Hispanic	84.0%
1,908	Hispanic	15.5%	2,038	Hispanic	16.0%
11	Unknown	0.09%	15	Unknown	0.12%
1,172	▪Mexican	61.4%	1,236	▪Mexican	60.6%
604	▪Central or South American	31.7%	697	▪Central or South American	34.2%
81	▪Puerto Rican	4.2%	60	▪Puerto Rican	2.9%
32	▪Cuban	1.7%	12	▪Cuban	0.6%
8	▪Other Hispanic	0.4%	18	▪Other Hispanic	0.9%
Age of Mother			Age of Mother		
288	40+	2.3%	374	40+	2.90%
5,411	30-39	44.1%	5,555	30-39	43.5%
5,622	20-29	45.7%	5,832	20-29	45.7%
975	Teens Under the Age of 20	7.9%	1,012	Teens Under the Age of 20	7.90%
29	▪Teens 10-14	3.0%	21	▪Teens 10-14	2.1%
333	▪Teens 15-17	34.2%	374	▪Teens 15-17	37.0%
613	▪Teens 18-19	62.9%	617	▪Teens 18-19	61.0%
Birth Outcomes			Birth Outcomes		
1,499	Premature (<37 weeks)	12.2%	1,505	Premature (<37 weeks)	11.8%
225	Very Premature (<32 weeks)	1.8%	252	Very Premature (<32 weeks)	2.0%
1,058	Low Birth Weight (<=2500 g)	8.6%	1,093	Low Birth Weight (<=2500g)	8.6%
202	Very Low Birth Weight (<=1500 g)	1.6%	225	Very Low Birth Weight (<=1500g)	1.8%
10,446	First Trimester Prenatal Care	85.0%	10,488	First Trimester Prenatal Care	82.1%
2,137	C-Section	17.4%	2,238	C-Section	17.5%

Source: NC DHHS/State Center for Health Statistics

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