

Birth Highlights Mecklenburg County Residents, 2005 - 2006

2005			2006		
Total Births = 13,527 Live Birth Rate = 17.0 per 1,000			Total Births = 14,344 Live Birth Rate = 17.3 per 1,000		
Racial Categories			Racial Categories		
White	8,795	65.0%	White	9,085	63.3%
Other Races	4,732	35.0%	Other Races	5,259	36.7%
▶ <i>Black or African American</i>	4,071	86.0%	▶ <i>Black or African American</i>	4,354	82.8%
▶ <i>Asian or Pacific Islander</i>	612	12.9%	▶ <i>Asian or Pacific Islander</i>	793	15.1%
▶ <i>American Indian</i>	20	0.42%	▶ <i>American Indian</i>	24	0.46%
▶ <i>Other Non-White</i>	29	0.61%	▶ <i>Other Non-White</i>	88	1.7%
Hispanic/Latino and Country of Origin			Hispanic/Latino and Country of Origin		
Non-Hispanic	10,877	80.4%	Non-Hispanic	11,275	78.6%
Hispanic	2,634	19.5%	Hispanic	3,050	21.3%
▶ <i>Mexican</i>	1,552	58.9%	▶ <i>Mexican</i>	1,753	57.5%
▶ <i>Central or South American</i>	935	35.5%	▶ <i>Central or South American</i>	1,121	36.8%
▶ <i>Puerto Rican</i>	99	3.8%	▶ <i>Puerto Rican</i>	95	3.1%
▶ <i>Cuban</i>	26	0.99%	▶ <i>Cuban</i>	44	1.4%
▶ <i>Other Hispanic</i>	22	0.84%	▶ <i>Other Hispanic</i>	37	1.2%
Unknown	16	0.12%	Unknown	19	0.13%
Age of Mother			Age of Mother		
40 plus	353	2.6%	40 plus	400	2.8%
30 - 39 years	5,715	42.2%	30 - 39 years	5,951	41.5%
20 - 29 years	6,333	46.8%	20 - 29 years	6,691	46.6%
Teens Under the Age of 20	1,126	8.3%	Teens Under the Age of 20	1,302	9.1%
▶ <i>Teens 10-14</i>	33	2.9%	▶ <i>Teens 10-14</i>	21	1.6%
▶ <i>Teens 15-17</i>	403	35.8%	▶ <i>Teens 15-17</i>	431	33.1%
▶ <i>Teens 18-19</i>	690	61.3%	▶ <i>Teens 18-19</i>	850	65.3%
Birth Outcomes			Birth Outcomes		
Premature (<37 weeks)	1,580	11.7%	Premature (<37 weeks)	1,742	12.1%
Very Premature (<32 weeks)	300	2.2%	Very Premature (<32 weeks)	258	1.8%
Low Birth Weight (<=2500g)	1,163	8.6%	Low Birth Weight (<=2500g)	1,262	8.8%
Very Low Birth Weight (<=1500g)	267	2.0%	Very Low Birth Weight (<=1500g)	228	1.6%
First Trimester Prenatal Care	11,040	81.6%	First Trimester Prenatal Care	11,396	79.4%
C-section	2,557	18.9%	C-section	2,759	19.2%

Source: NC DHHS/State Center for Health Statistics

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