

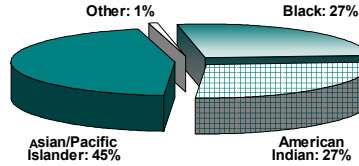
# BIRTHS: MOTHER'S RACE

Data are from the  
MAINE VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM: 1993 - 2002 (preliminary)

➔ During the 10 year period, 1993 - 2002, 97% of the women who had babies in Maine reported their race as white; this was comparable to the proportion of Maine's population that reported their race as white during the 2000 U.S. Census. The 3% who reported other races, accounted for 3,760 births.

➔ Forty-five percent of the women who reported their race as non-white on their baby's birth certificate, reported that they were Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Percent of Non-White Mothers by Race  
Maine: 1993 - 2002

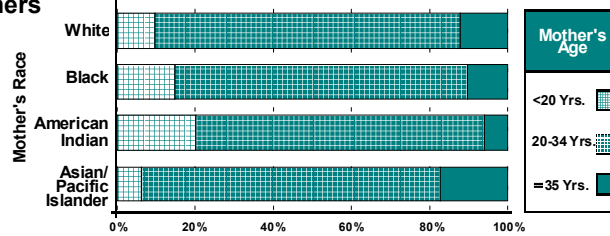


➔ Allopathic physicians (M.D.) attended more than 75% of all Maine births during 1993 - 2002. Asian/Pacific Island women were more likely to have M.D. attendants (83% of births) than either white (77%) or American Indian (69%) mothers. American Indian mothers were most likely to have a mid-wife (16%) or an osteopathic physician (15%) as an attendant.

➔ Women 20 to 34 years old delivered 78% of the babies born in Maine over the 10 year period.

➔ Ten percent of mothers were younger than 20 when their baby was born; American Indian mothers were more likely to be adolescents (20%) than other mothers.

Percent of Mothers by Age and Race  
Maine: 1993 - 2002



➔ Twelve percent of Maine mothers were 35 years old or older when their baby was born; Asian/Pacific Island mothers were more likely than other mothers to be in this age group (17%).

➔ During 1993 - 2002, more than three quarters of new Asian/Pacific Islander mothers (78%) were married when their child was born. This compared to 71% of white mothers, 58% of black mothers, and 41% of American Indian mothers.

SELECTED STATISTICS BY RACE OF MOTHER: MAINE 1993 - 2002				
Selected Statistic	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pac. Islander
Mother Married	71%	58%	41%	78%
< 12 Years Education	11%	25%	27%	20%
None or Late Prenatal Care	2%	4%	4%	2%
C-Section Delivery	22%	23%	22%	18%
Low Birth Weight Baby	6%	10%	5%	6%

Note: 2002 Maine data are preliminary. All Maine data are for resident births only.

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