

**INDICATOR:** Trends in distribution of births by race/ethnicity

**DEFINITION:** The percent of total live births for selected race/ethnic groups over time

**NUMERATOR:** Number of live births, by race/ethnicity, by place of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** Total number of live births, by place of residence, in a calendar year

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVE:**  
None

**RISK FACTORS:** Not applicable

Year	California Births														
	Asian*		African American		Hispanic		Native American		Filipino/Pacific Islander**		White		Other/Unknown		Total Births
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
1990	41,269	6.75%	48,137	7.87%	245,314	40.11%	2,632	0.43%	14,786	2.42%	256,555	41.94%	2,973	0.49%	611,666
1991	42,343	6.95%	46,780	7.68%	257,827	42.32%	2,643	0.43%	14,874	2.44%	242,562	39.81%	2,199	0.36%	609,228
1992	43,322	7.21%	45,514	7.58%	263,339	43.83%	2,681	0.45%	15,217	2.53%	228,431	38.02%	2,334	0.39%	600,838
1993	42,432	7.26%	43,861	7.50%	262,065	44.84%	2,747	0.47%	15,006	2.57%	215,885	36.94%	2,487	0.43%	584,483
1994	42,758	7.54%	41,481	7.32%	257,463	45.41%	2,694	0.48%	15,052	2.65%	204,756	36.11%	2,830	0.50%	567,034
1995	54,475	9.88%	39,166	7.11%	253,726	46.03%	2,735	0.50%	2,763	0.50%	196,277	35.61%	2,084	0.38%	551,226
1996	54,164	10.06%	37,029	6.87%	254,672	47.28%	2,642	0.49%	2,778	0.52%	185,255	34.39%	2,088	0.39%	538,628
1997	53,855	10.27%	35,957	6.86%	248,795	47.46%	2,582	0.49%	2,779	0.53%	177,347	33.83%	2,859	0.55%	524,174

**Notes:** \* Filipino are combined into Pacific Islander category between 1990 and 1994

\*\* Filipino are combined into Asian category after 1994.

**Sources:** 1990-1997 birth records from California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics