

Table 2. Percentage of newborns with low birth weight, percentage dying within one year of birth and mean newborn hospitalization costs, all according to maternal race and age, New Jersey, 1989 and 1990

Age	N	% low birth weight	% dying within year	Mean hospitalization costs
WHITE				
All women	162,329	4.2	0.5	\$1,157
<15	156	15.4	1.3	2,093
15-17	3,064	8.6	1.1	1,441
18-19	6,639	7.1	0.9	1,281
20-24	29,064	4.9	0.7	1,166
25-29	55,530	3.6	0.4	1,112
30-34	48,980	3.7	0.4	1,120
35-39	16,627	4.2	0.4	1,235
≥40	2,269	6.1	0.6	1,551
BLACK				
All women	41,772	11.6	1.5	\$1,926
<15	288	12.5	2.4	1,764
15-17	3,534	11.5	1.5	1,761
18-19	5,179	11.5	1.6	1,800
20-24	12,691	11.4	1.6	1,934
25-29	10,958	11.6	1.4	1,963
30-34	6,583	12.0	1.4	1,998
35-39	2,173	11.4	1.5	2,008
≥40	366	11.5	1.6	2,277

Notes: Differences by maternal age are significant at $p=.0001$ (chi-square test) for low birth weight and for mean hospitalization costs (F-test) among both whites and blacks. Age differences in infant mortality rates were not significant— $p=.3411$ among whites and $p=.8222$ among blacks (chi-square test).