

**Table 2.05-- CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENT BIRTHS: 1996 TO 1998**

[Excludes births to Hawaii residents occurring out of state]

<b>Subject</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
Number of resident births	18,378	17,326	17,567
City and County of Honolulu	13,728	12,860	13,127
Percent on Oahu	74.7	74.2	74.7
Hawaii County	1,979	1,891	1,912
Kauai County	807	742	773
Maui County (incl. Kalawao)	1,864	1,833	1,755
Percent attended by M.D. or O.D. in hospital	94.6	94.6	95.0
Males per 100 females	105.6	106.0	104.8
Median weight of single births (grams)	3,305	3,295	3,310
Percent low birth weight (under 2,500 grams)	6.7	7.1	7.9
Percent single births under 40 weeks gestation	51.7	56.9	59.4
Percent plural	1.9	1.6	2.3
Percent with 1 or more congenital malformations	3.7	4.0	6.3
Percent to unmarried mothers	30.3	30.0	32.0
Percent with prenatal visit in first three months	81.7	81.3	81.0
Percent first child born to mother 1/	27.3	29.9	31.8
Percent first child born alive to mother	42.7	42.1	42.3
Median age of mothers (years)	27	27	27
Median age of known fathers (years)	30	30	30

1/ Includes live births, fetal deaths, and abortions.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, Office of Health Status Monitoring, records.