

Total Live Births, 2006

Overview: Figure 1 shows the monthly count of live births for 2006. Figure 2 depicts the annual births by race/ethnicity for 2005 and 2006 and Figure 3 depicts the rates of annual births. There were a total of 27,664 births in 2006, up 3.9 % from 2005 births (26,630). Although total births increased there was a small decrease (approximately 2%) in the number of White births from 13,607 (2005) to 13,304 (2006), Black births increased 7% to 9985 in 2006; the largest increase in births occurred in the “other” group which increased 17.7% to 4375 births. This allowed the RATE of births in Broward County to increase slightly but most likely not significantly.

Figure 1: Births in Broward County, 2006, by Race/Ethnicity & Month.

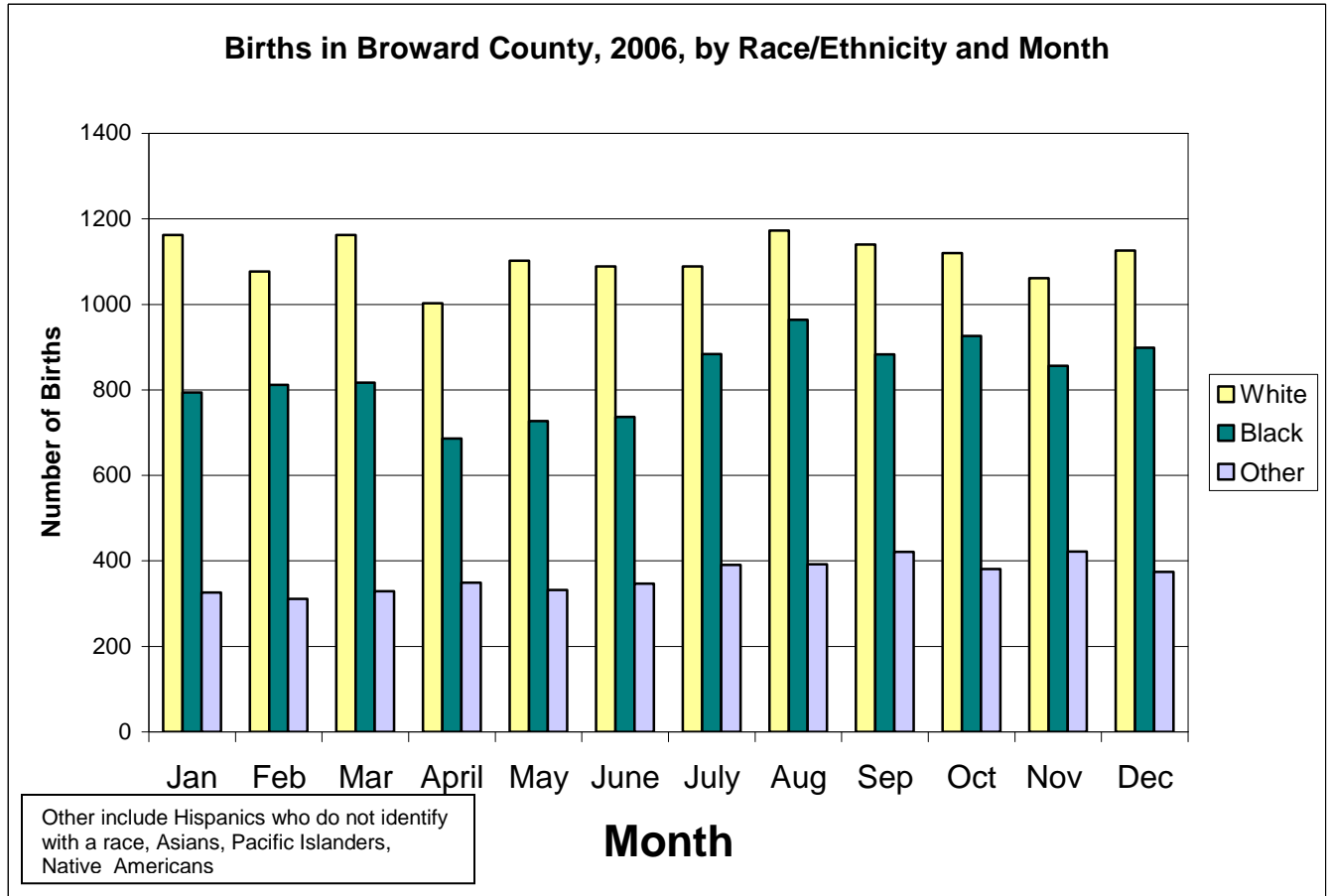


Figure 2. Total live births, Broward County, 2005 and 2006, by Race/Ethnicity. Other includes Hispanics who do not identify with a race, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans.

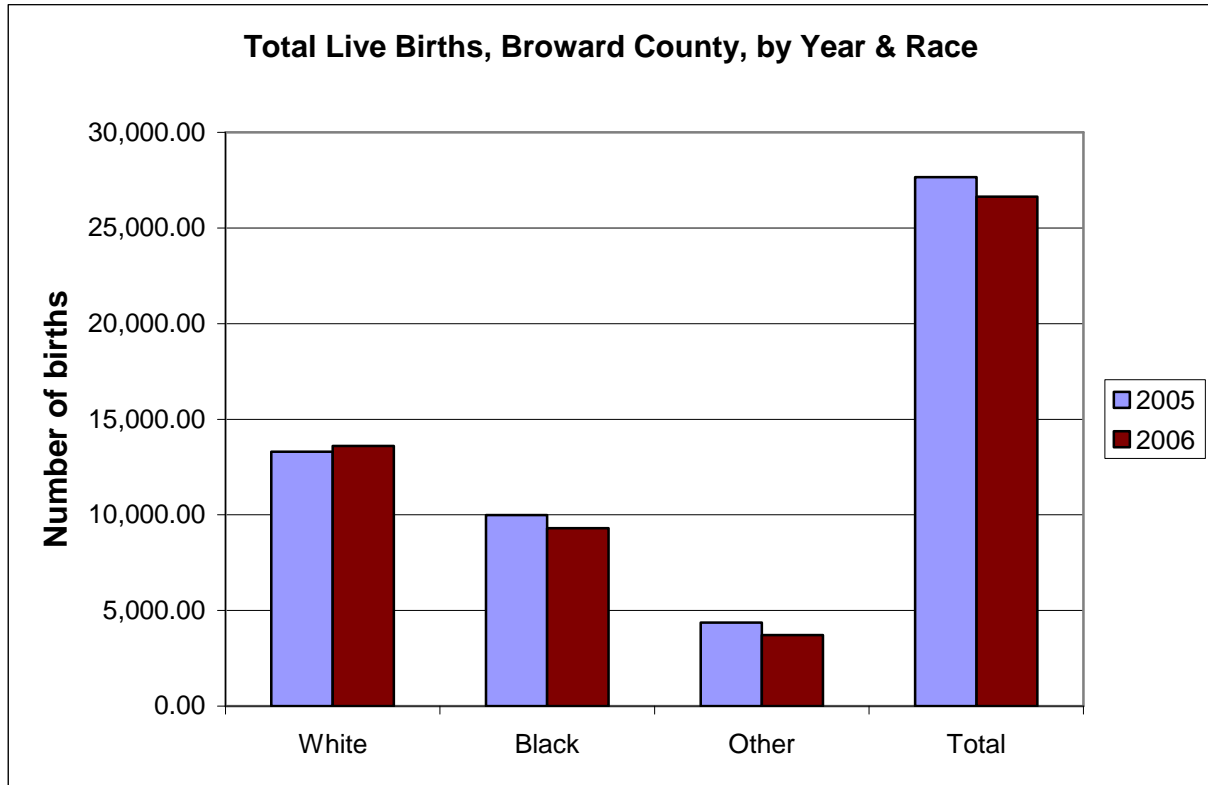
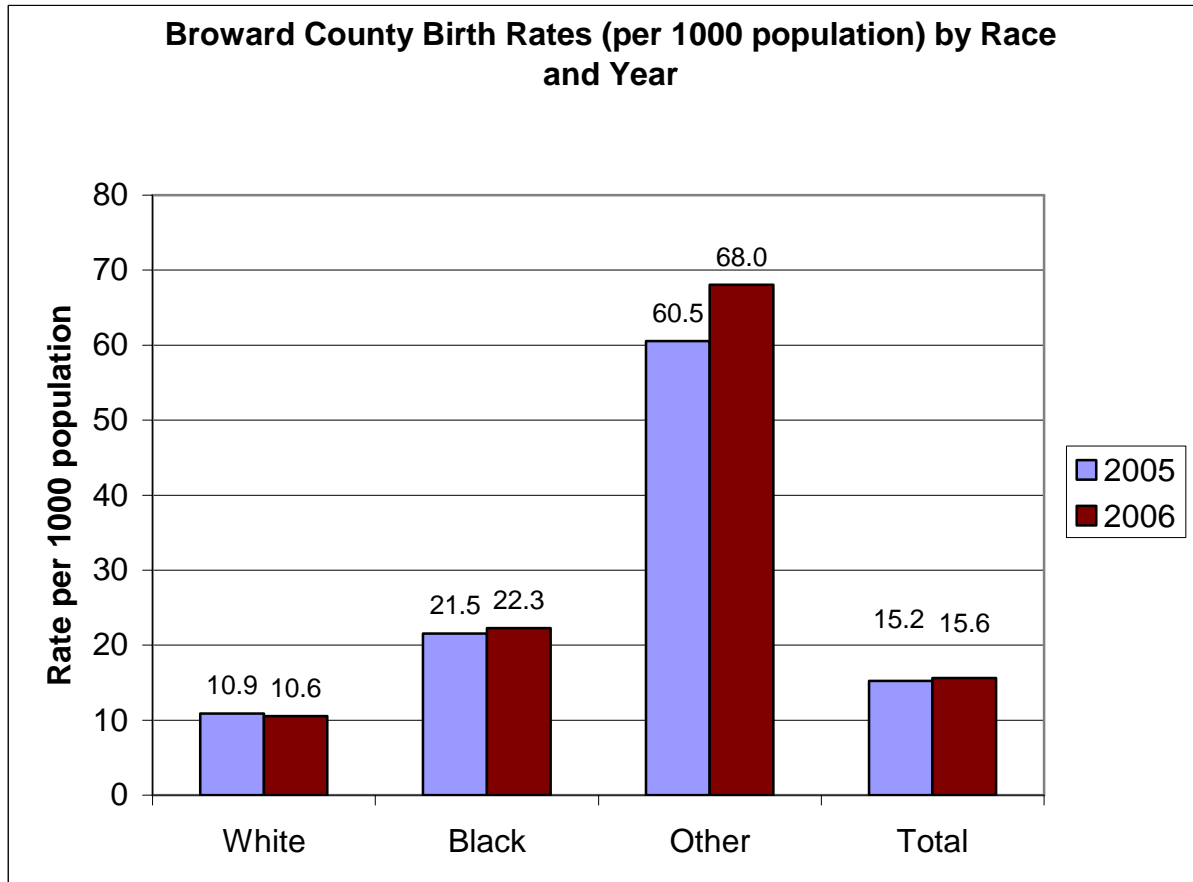


Figure 3. Rates of live births, Broward County, 2005 & 2006, by Race/Ethnicity.



Births to Teens: Births to teens (females less than 20 years old) rose only slightly from 7.4% of total births in 2005 to 7.8% of total births in 2006. This increase occurred in all races/ethnicities examined. Figure 4 shows the count of these births by race/ethnicity and year. Figure 5 gives a breakdown of 2006 teen age groups and depicts the percent each race/ethnicity contributed to the teen births in that group. The youngest age reported in 2006 was 13 years old.

Figure 4. Teen Births in Broward County, 2005 & 2006.

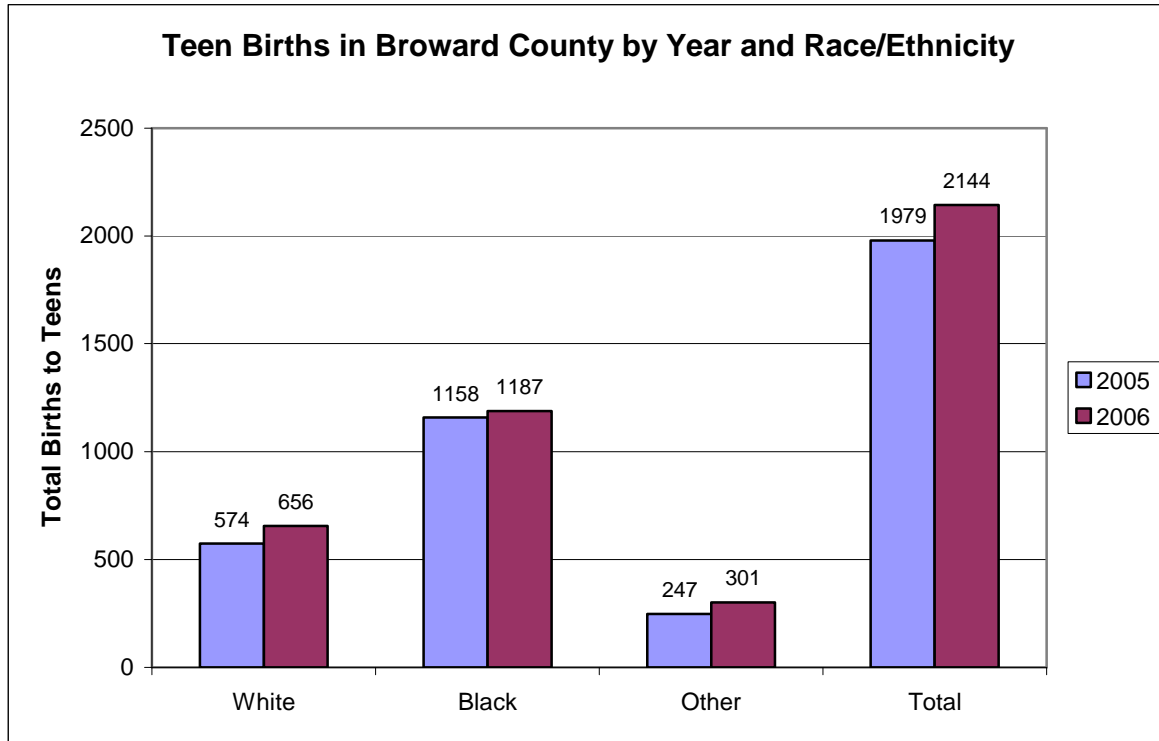
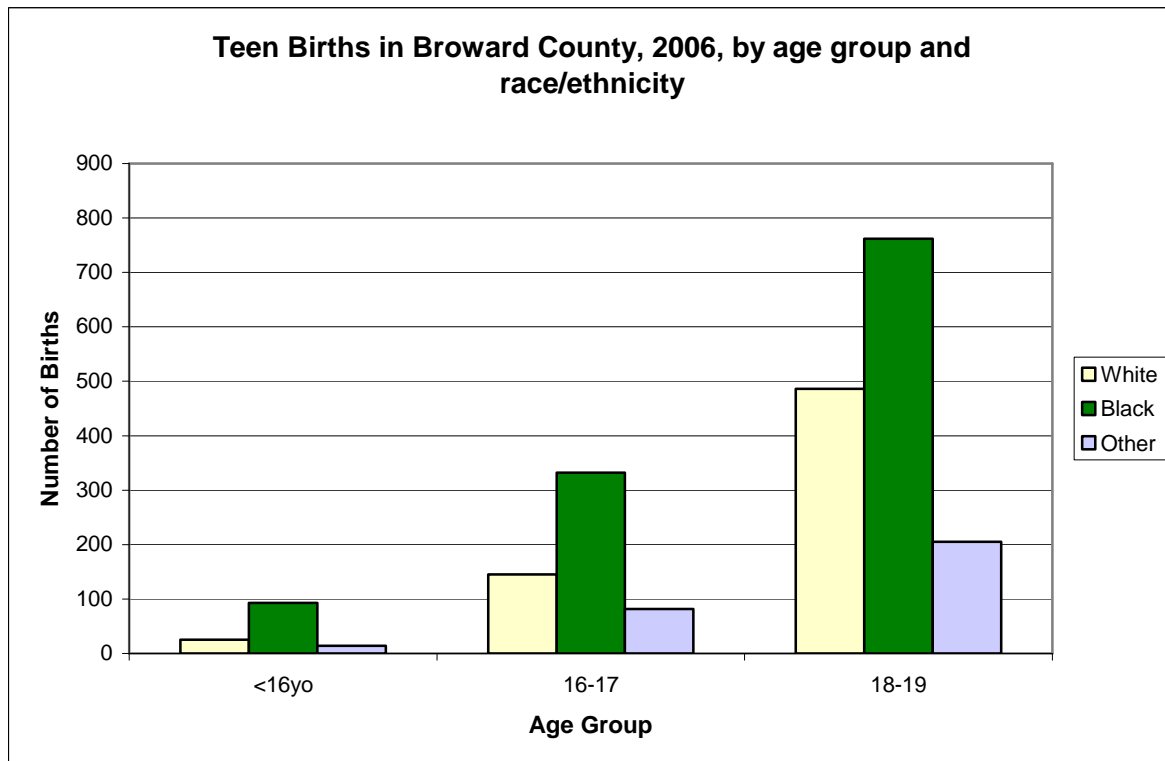


Figure 5. Teen Births in Broward County, 2006, by age groups.



Birth Weight. There were 2483 low or very low birth weight babies born in Broward in 2006 (Figure 6). Low birth weight (LBW) is defined as less than 2500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) and very low birth

weight (VLBW) is less than 1500 grams (3 pounds, 5 ounces). Seventy-two percent (1768) of the low and very low birth weights occurred in premature infants (defined as less than 37 weeks gestation).

Figure 6. Low and Very Low Birth Weights, Broward County, 2006.

