

**Percent of babies born at a low birthweight (less than 5.5 pounds) in each racial/ethnic group, 2012-2016**

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	Black (non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (non-Hispanic)
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Boone	9.9%	6.7%	7.1%
Campbell	17.1%	S	7.8%
Christian	16.0%	5.6%	7.7%
Daviess	14.4%	7.1%	7.2%
Fayette	13.7%	5.9%	7.4%
Hardin	11.9%	6.9%	7.0%
Jefferson	13.9%	5.9%	7.8%
Kenton	15.8%	6.9%	8.3%
McCracken	15.2%	8.6%	7.9%
Warren	16.8%	8.1%	8.2%

S = Data is suppressed for fewer than 6 births.

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