

Table 1 Sample distribution and infant mortality rates (IMR) among children born during 1996–2000 by low birth weight status and other selected characteristics, Egypt 2000

Variable	Weighted sample	Sample distribution	Per cent of low birth weight	IMR/1000 live births
	No.	%	%	
Total for Egypt	11361	–	15.7	41.7
<i>Birth weight</i>				
Normal (≥ 2500 g)	9530	84.3	–	31.1
Low (< 2500 g)	1772	15.7	–	86.8
<i>Child's sex</i>				
Male	5837	51.4	15.1	43.4
Female	5523	48.6	16.3	39.9
<i>Child's birth order</i>				
1	3069	27.0	17.0	37.3
2	2651	23.3	14.8	33.5
3	1945	17.1	14.5	36.2
4+	3695	32.5	15.8	53.9
<i>Birth interval (months)</i>				
< 24	5107	45.0	17.0	49.4
24–35	2431	21.4	15.6	40.2
36–59	2383	21.0	13.5	32.6
60+	1439	12.7	14.8	31.8
<i>Prenatal care</i>				
Yes	6004	52.9	16.9	31.7
No	5356	47.2	14.3	52.6
<i>Delivery with assistance</i>				
Yes	6806	59.9	16.4	37.9
No	4554	40.1	14.6	47.1
<i>Mother's age at childbirth (years)</i>				
13–24	1259	11.1	18.9	62.9
25–34	6850	60.3	15.2	34.6
35–48	3252	28.6	15.6	48.3
<i>Mother's body mass index (kg/m²)</i>				
18.5–24.9	3424	30.5	17.9	42.7
< 18.5	64	0.6	17.7	38.6
≥ 25.0	7736	68.9	14.7	41.7
<i>Mother's education</i>				
None	4559	40.1	15.6	49.5
Some primary	1763	15.5	17.1	49.7
Secondary or higher	5039	44.4	15.2	31.7

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<i>Mother working</i>				
Yes	1578	13.9	14.5	39.9
No	9783	86.1	15.9	42.0
<i>Access to safe drinking water</i>				
Yes	9489	87.1	15.6	37.9
No	1406	12.9	15.7	65.9
<i>Access to hygienic toilet facilities</i>				
Yes	2729	25.1	14.4	23.7
No	8167	75.0	16.1	47.4
<i>Cooking fuel</i>				
Low pollution fuel	10601	97.3	15.6	41.6
High pollution fuel	296	2.7	18.7	38.0
<i>Residence</i>				
Urban	4374	38.5	14.7	35.0
Rural	6987	61.5	16.3	45.9
<i>Geographic region</i>				
Urban governorate	1813	16.0	14.4	30.9
Lower Egypt – urban	1230	10.8	13.9	30.4
Lower Egypt – rural	3448	30.4	15.1	35.8
Upper Egypt – urban	1227	10.8	15.9	45.0
Upper Egypt – rural	3463	30.5	17.4	56.7
Frontier governorate	179	1.6	16.4	30.4