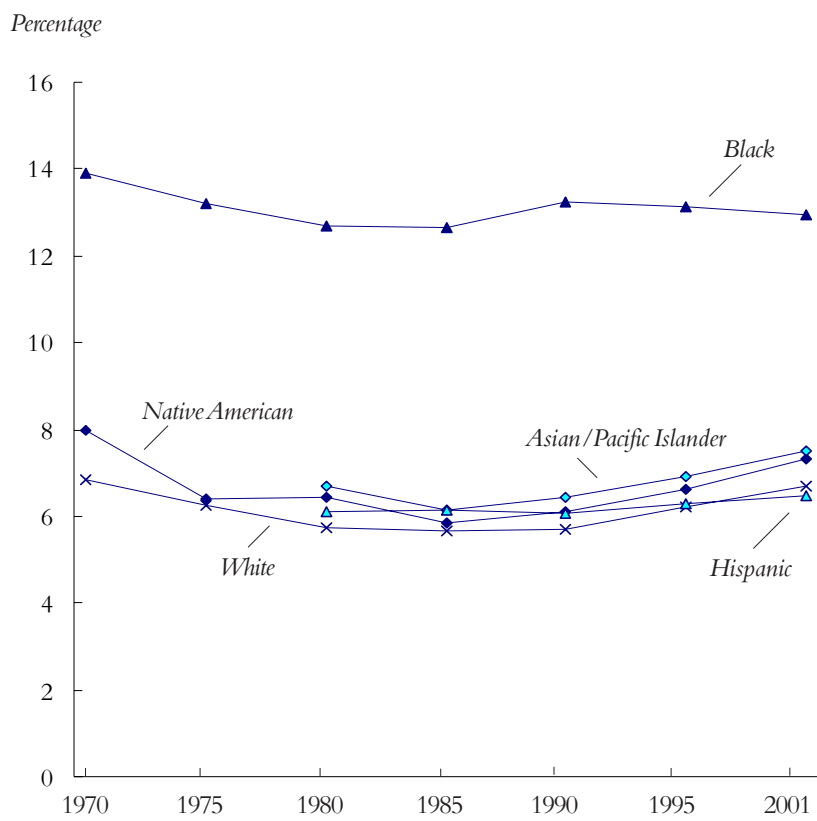


Figure 3-3 • Low-birthweight live births in selected years 1970–2001 by mothers' race and Hispanic origin (low-birthweight births as a percentage of all live births)

A low-birthweight baby is an at-risk baby, considerably more likely to die before her first birthday than a baby of normal weight. The incidence of low birthweight in black infants declined slightly in the 1990s; nevertheless, as of 2001, low birthweight was roughly twice as common among black infants as among infants of other races or of Hispanic origin.



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Health, United States*, 2003, Table 12
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