

## Birth Weight Classification

### Premature infants may be classified by weight independent of gestational age:

• Low birth weight	LBW	<2,500 g (<5 lb 8 oz)
• Very low birth weight	VLBW	<1,500 g (<3 lb 5 oz)
• Extremely low birth weight	ELBW	<1,000 g (<2 lb 3 oz)

### Infants may also be classified by weight for a specific gestational age:

• Small for gestational age	SGA	Weight <10th percentile
• Appropriate for gestational age	AGA	Weight 10-90th percentile
• Large for gestational age	LGA	Weight >90th percentile

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