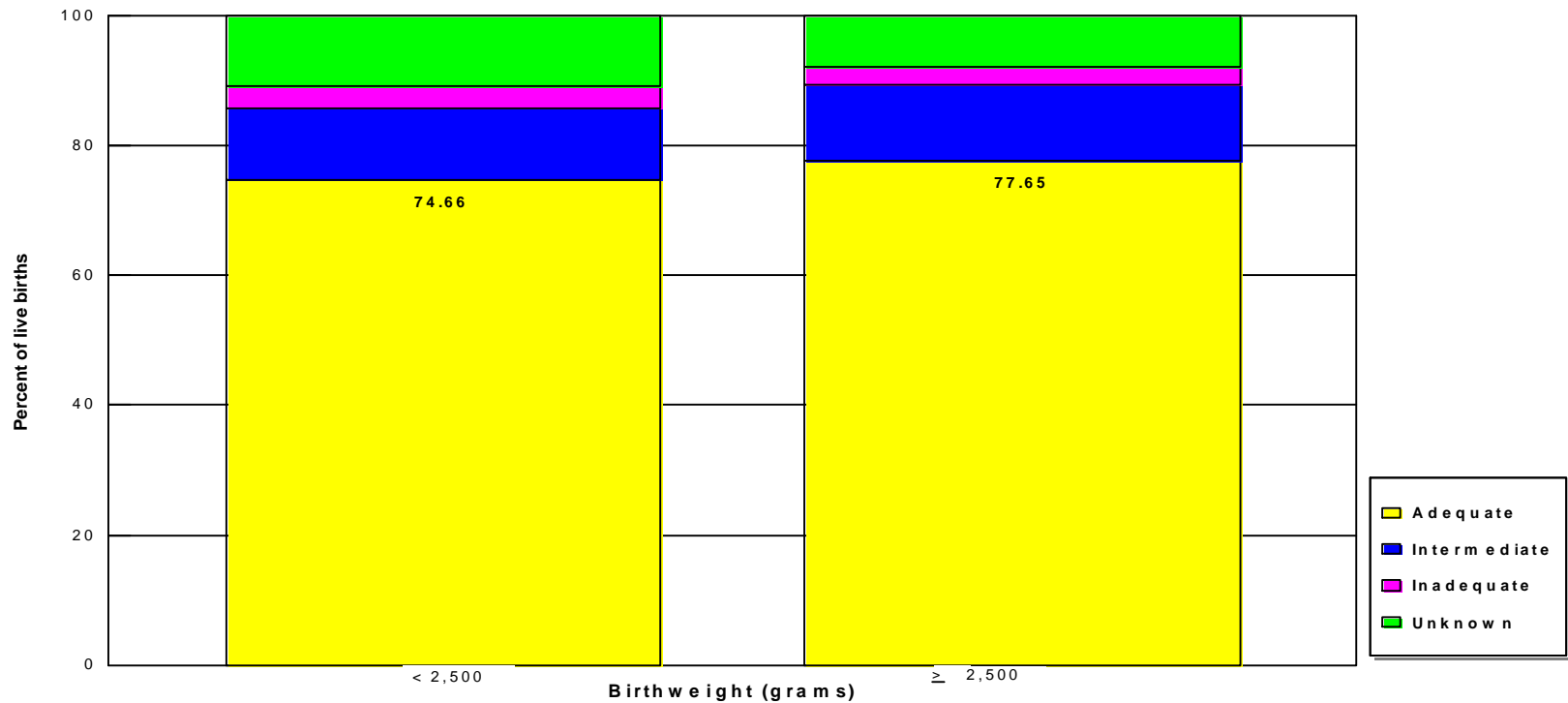


### Kessner Index by Birth weight

Los Angeles County, 1997



Live Births	Birth weight (grams)			
	< 2,500		≥ 2,500	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adequate	7,830	74.66	117,679	77.65
Intermediate	1,161	11.07	17,826	11.76
Inadequate	354	3.38	4,188	2.76
Unknown	1,142	10.89	11,853	7.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,487</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>151,546</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: The Kessner Index takes into account three factors: month in which prenatal care began, number of prenatal visits, and length of gestation. This measure excludes the prenatal care experiences of all women whose pregnancies did not result in a live birth.

Live births with unknown birthweight were excluded from this analysis.

Source: 1997 birth records from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics