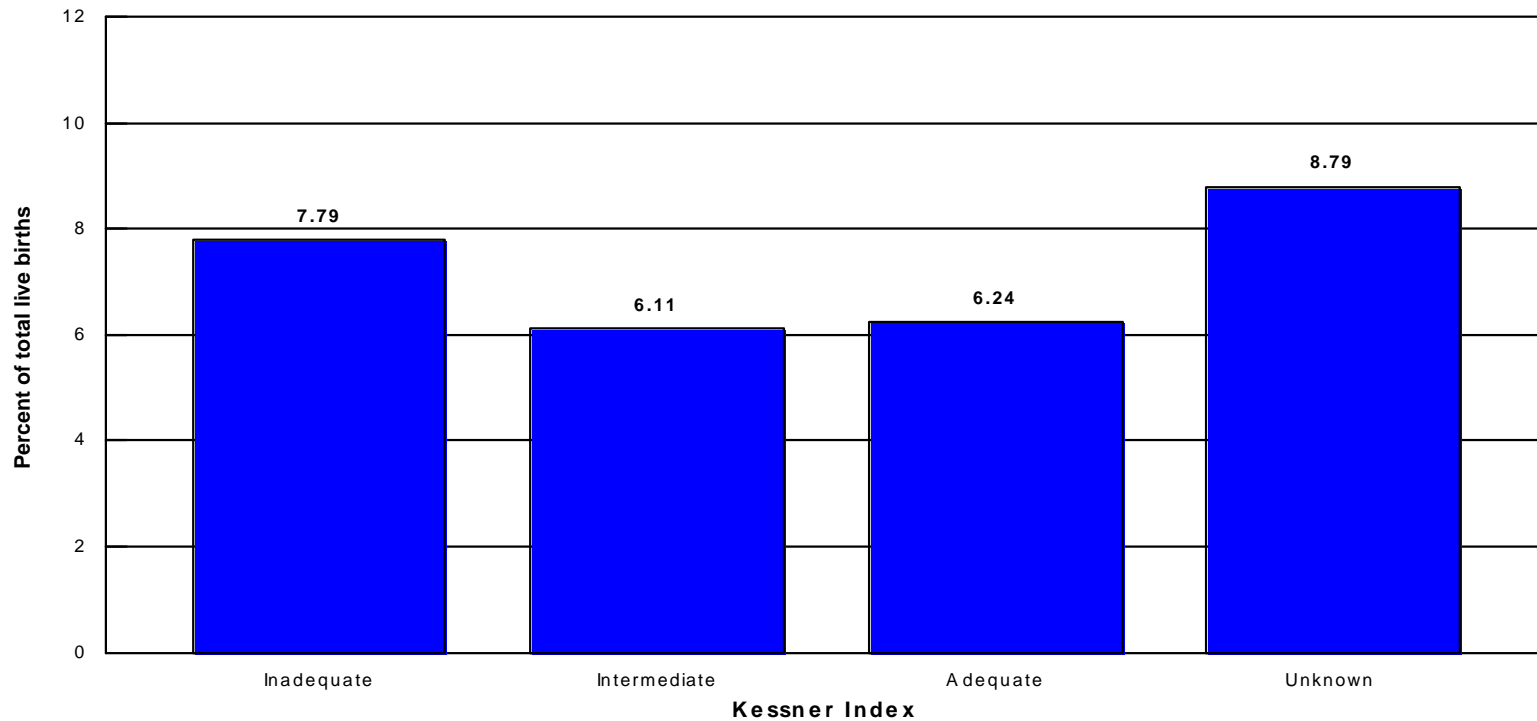


Low Birthweight Live Births, as Percent of Total Live Births, by Kessner Index

Los Angeles County, 1997



	Kessner Index							
	Inadequate		Intermediate		Adequate		Unknown	
Live Births	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<2,500 grams	354	7.79	1,161	6.11	7,830	6.24	1,142	8.79
Total	4,542	100.00	18,987	100.00	125,510	100.00	12,997	100.00

Year 2000 Objective: Reduce low birthweight to an incidence of no more than 5 percent of live births.

Note: Low birthweight is defined as weight less than 2,500 grams at birth.

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.

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