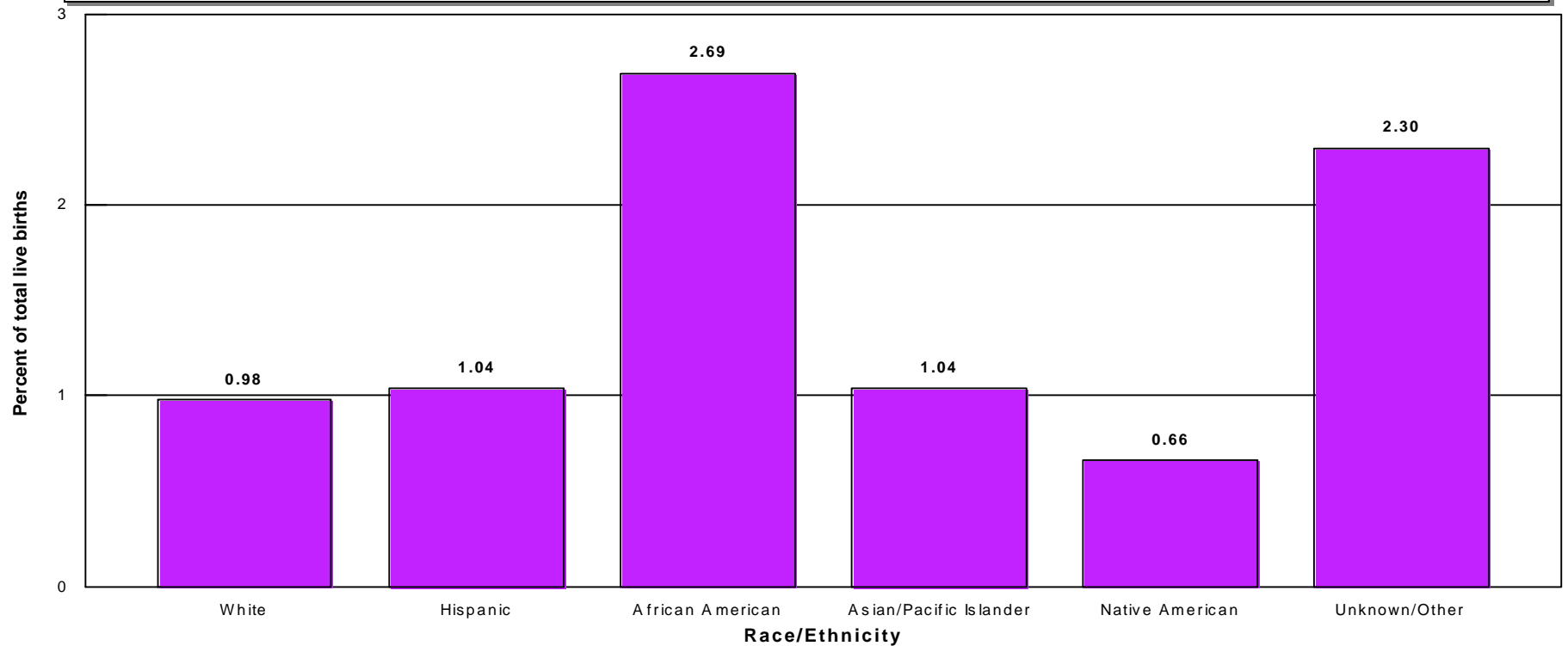


Very Low Birthweight Live Births, as Percent of Total Live Births, by Mother's Race/Ethnicity*

Los Angeles County, 1997



	Race/Ethnicity											
	White		Hispanic		African American		Asian**/Pacific Islander		Native American		Unknown/Other	
Live Births	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<1,500 grams	304	0.98	1,046	1.04	391	2.69	161	1.04	2	0.66	8	2.30
Total	31,072	100.00	100,228	100.00	14,530	100.00	15,554	100.00	304	100.00	348	100.00

* White, African American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American and other races exclude Hispanic ethnicity
 Hispanic includes any race category

** Filipino is included in Asian

Year 2000 Objective: Reduce very low birthweight to an incidence of no more than 1 percent of live births.

Note: Very low birthweight is defined as weight less than 1,500 grams at birth.

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