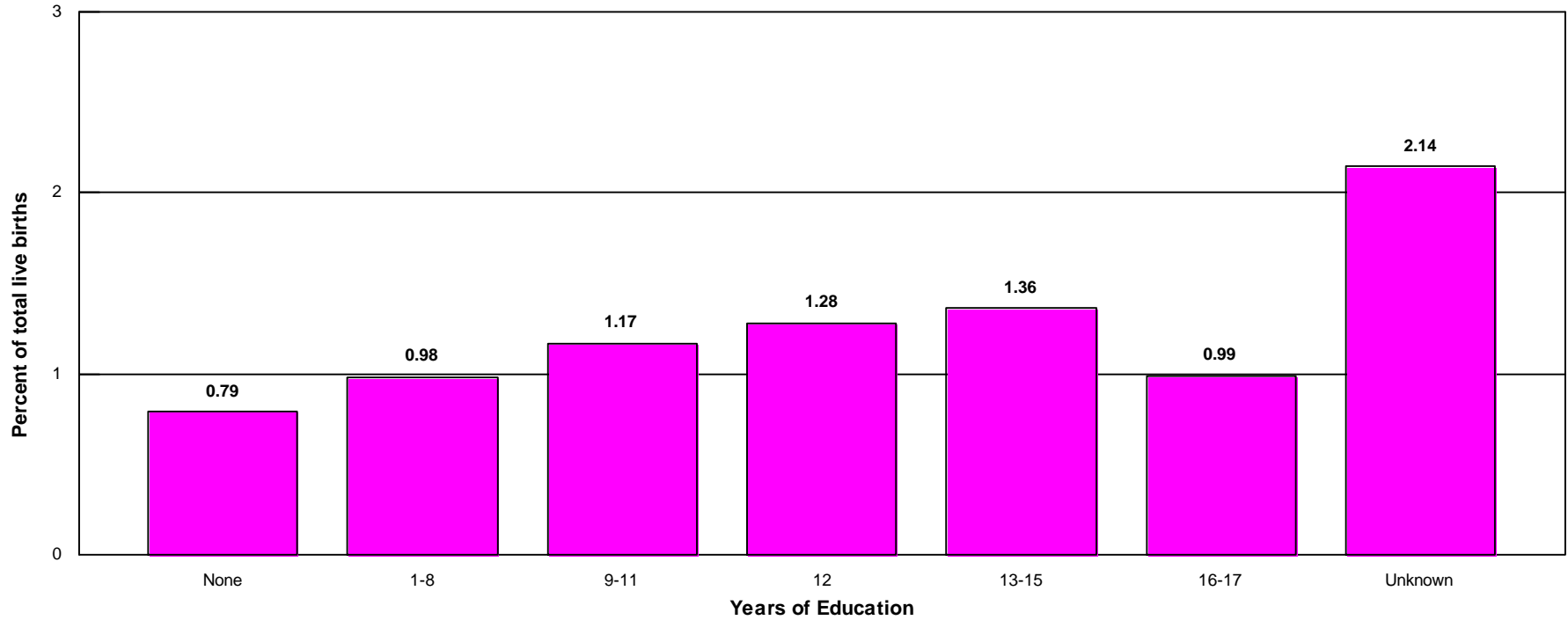


Very Low Birthweight Live Births, as Percent of Total Live Births, by Mother's Years of Education

Los Angeles County, 1997



	Years of Education													
	None		1-8		9-11		12		13-15		16-17		Unknown	
Live Births	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<1,500 grams	5	0.79	265	0.98	420	1.17	566	1.28	369	1.36	252	0.99	35	2.14
Total	631	100.00	27,083	100.00	35,822	100.00	44,270	100.00	27,118	100.00	25,474	100.00	1,638	100.00

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.

Year '17' = mothers who attained college degree or above

This analysis did not adjust for teen mothers who may not be old enough to have reached higher categorical education level.

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