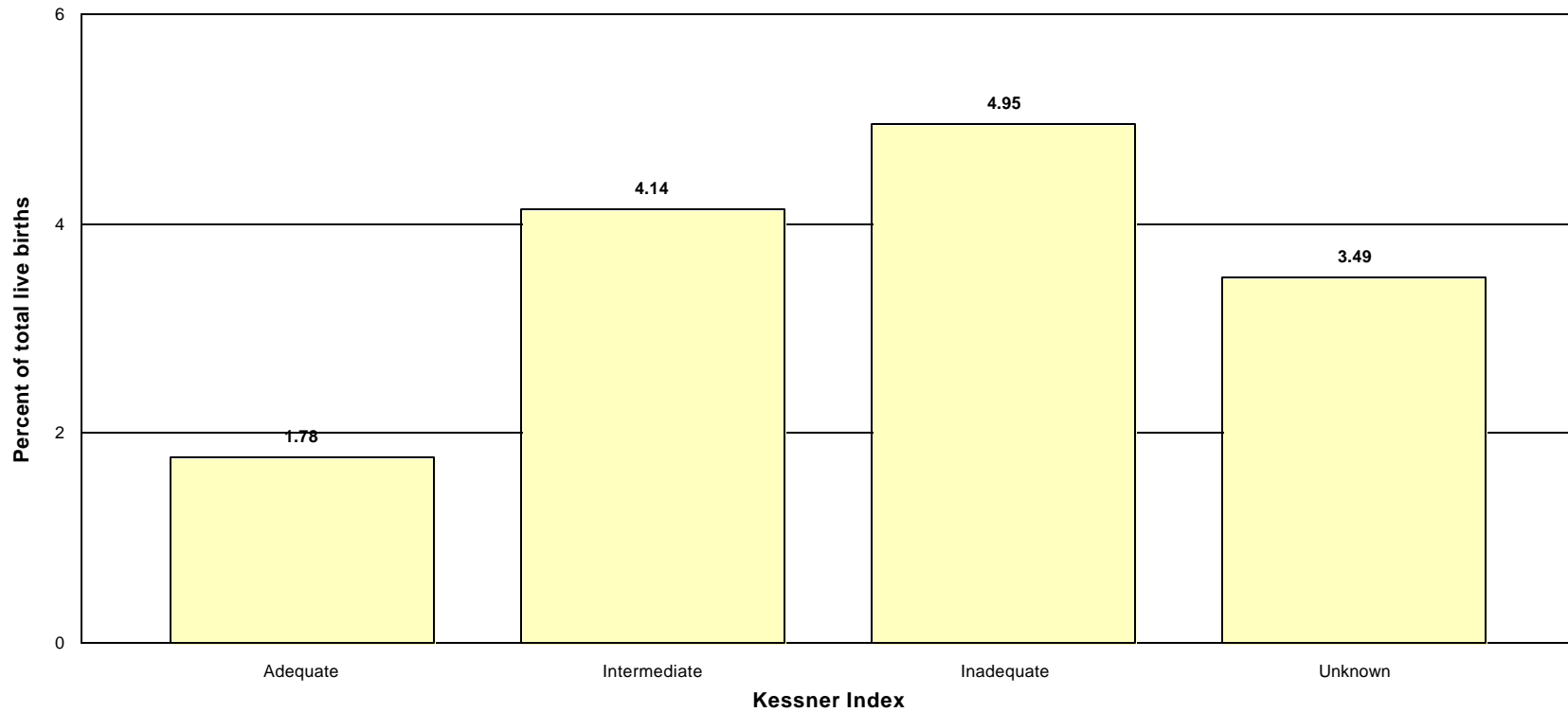


Live Births to Mothers Less Than 17 Years Old, as Percent of Total Live Births, by Kessner Index

Los Angeles County, 1998



| Live Births | Kessner Index | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Adequate | | Intermediate | | Inadequate | | Unknown | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| < 17 | 2,221 | 1.78 | 715 | 4.14 | 207 | 4.95 | 423 | 3.49 |
| Total | 125,042 | 100.00 | 17,271 | 100.00 | 4,182 | 100.00 | 12,109 | 100.00 |

Note: Total live births in Los Angeles County 1998= 158, 604

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: 1998 birth records from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics