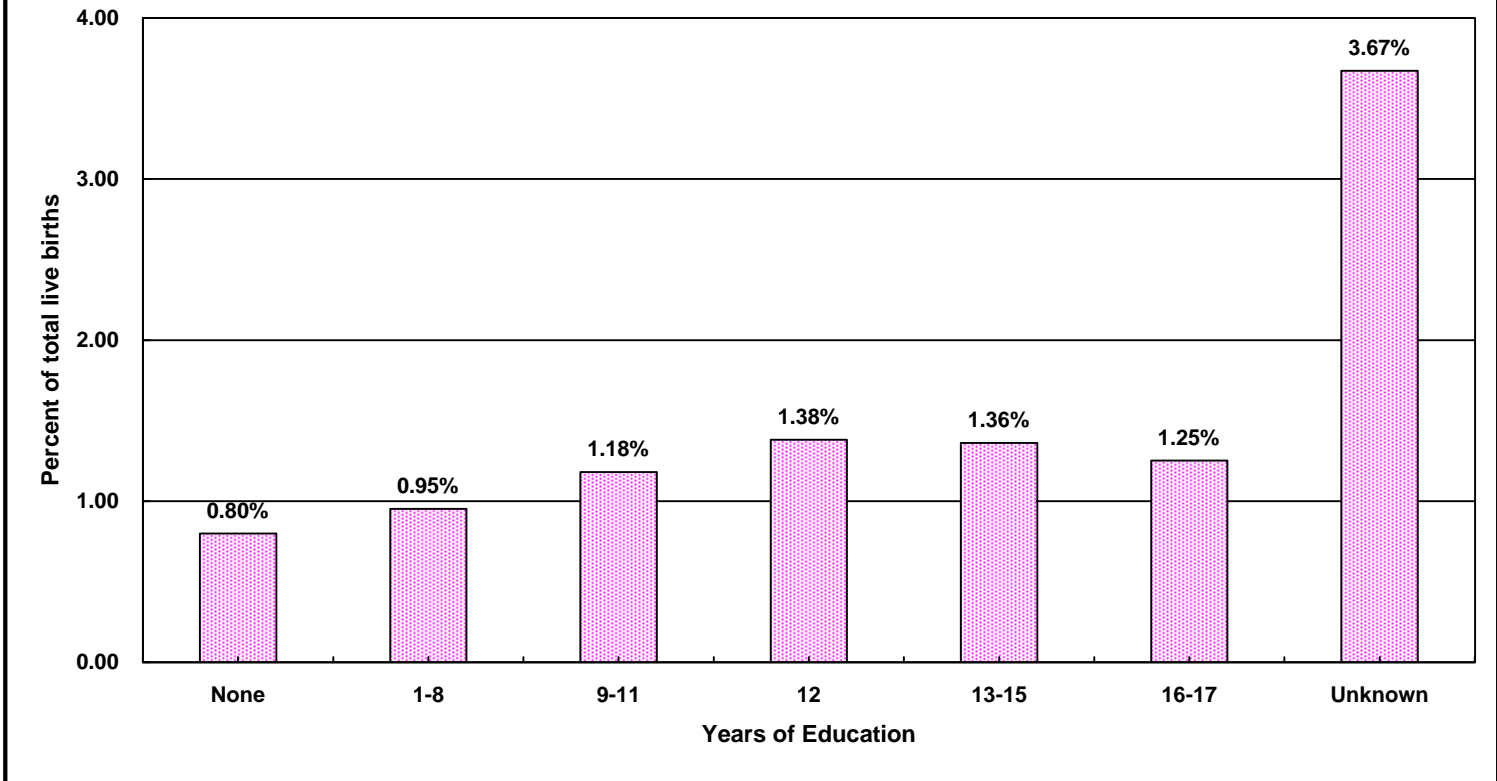


**Very Low Birthweight Live Births, as Percent of Total Live Births  
by Mother's Years of Education  
Los Angeles County, 1999**



	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	4	0.80	220	0.95	393	1.18	601	1.38	361	1.36	331	1.25	83	3.67
<b>Total</b>	501	100.00	23,104	100.00	33,282	100.00	43,524	100.00	26,504	100.00	26,432	100.00	2,260	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:** 1999 birth records from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics