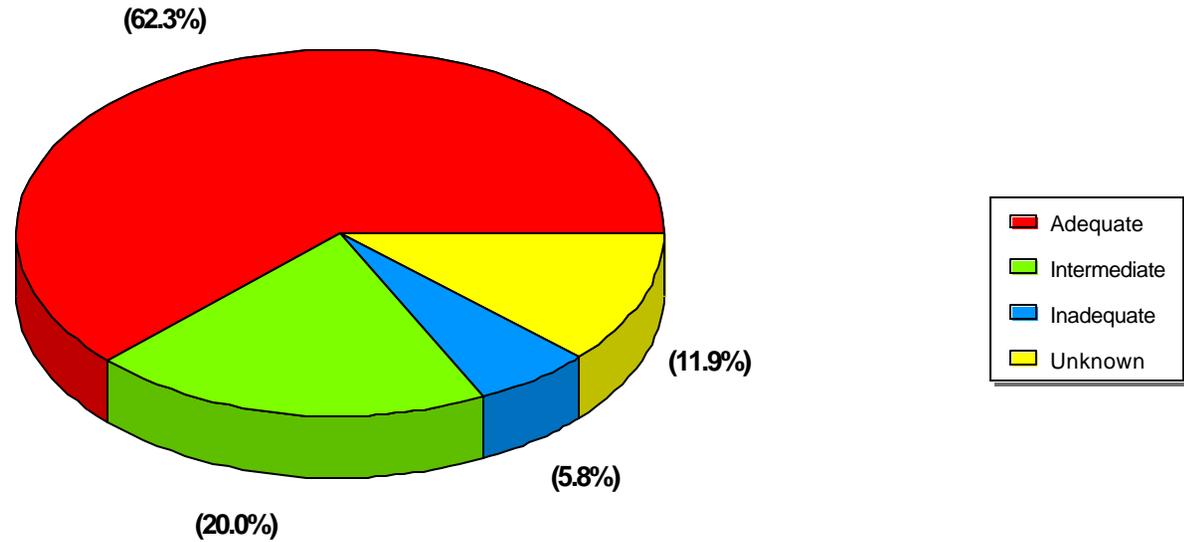


Percent of Live Births to Mothers Less Than 17 Years Old by Kessner Index

Los Angeles County, 1998



Kessner Index							
Adequate		Intermediate		Inadequate		Unknown	
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2,221	62.28	715	20.05	207	5.80	423	11.86

Note: Total live births to mothers less than 17 years old in Los Angeles County, 1998 = 3,972

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 record from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics