



Live Births	Parity											
	1		2		3		4		5+		Not Stated	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent								
Adequate	48,297	81.20	40,067	80.72	21,765	77.50	8,975	73.03	5,879	66.08	59	27.19
Intermediate	5,652	9.50	4,914	9.90	3,326	11.84	1,823	14.83	1,551	17.43	5	2.30
Inadequate	1,354	2.28	1,105	2.23	799	2.85	451	3.67	470	5.28	3	1.38
Unknown	4,179	7.03	3,548	7.15	2,194	7.81	1,041	8.47	997	11.21	150	69.12
Total	59,482	100.00	49,634	100.00	28,084	100.00	12,290	100.00	8,897	100.00	217	100.00

Note: 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.

Parity = the number of pregnancies resulting in live births to a woman

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