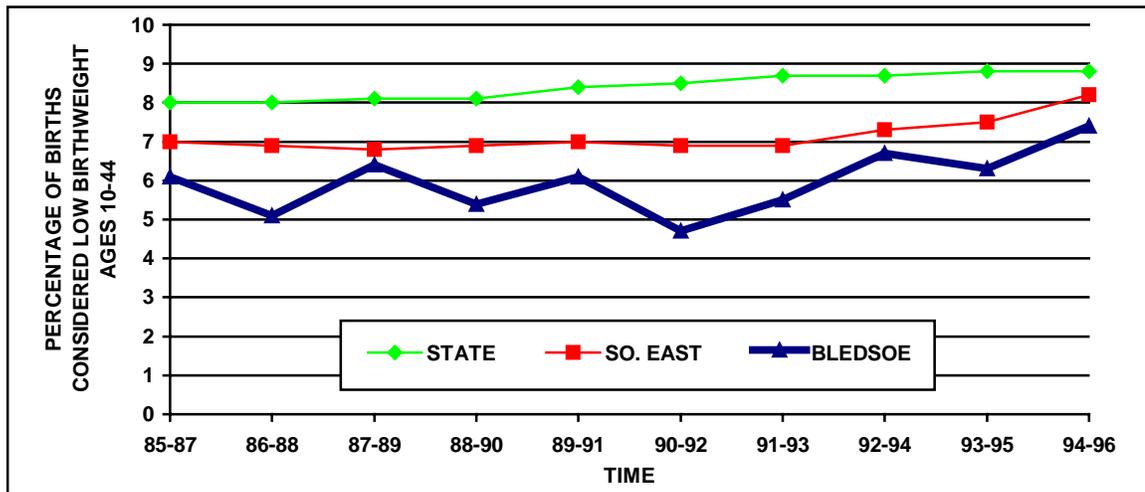
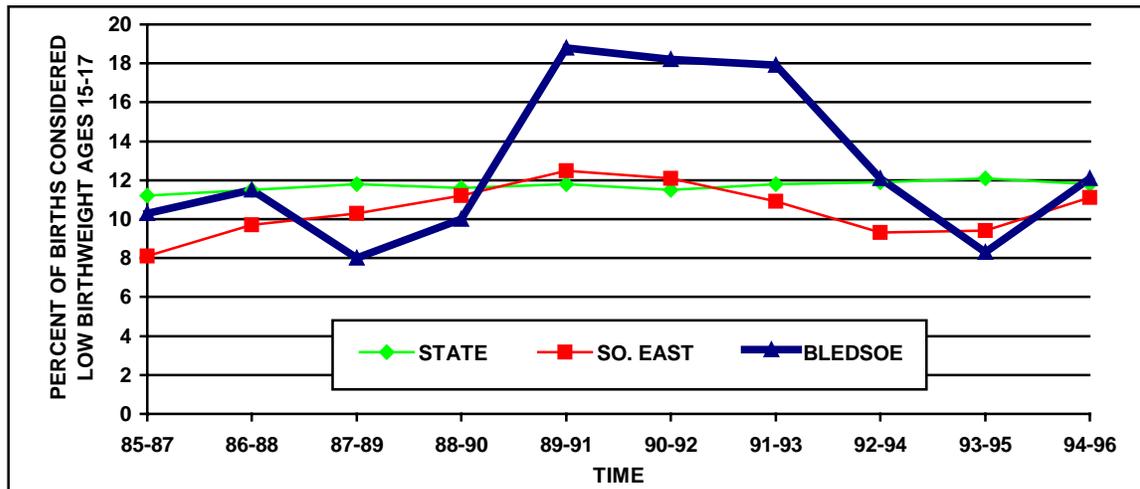


- Percentage of Births Considered Low Birthweight (All Mothers Age 10-44)** - The Bledsoe County rate is unstable. Traditionally, Bledsoe County's rate has been lower than the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, 7% of all Bledsoe County births are deemed low birth weight (a rate higher than the "Year 2000 Objective" of 5%).



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
BLEDSOE	6.1	5.1	6.4	5.4	6.1	4.7	5.5	6.7	6.3	7.4	21.2

- Percent of Live Births that were Low Birth Weight, Ages 15 – 17, 1994-1996** -- Numbers steadily decreased for all ages in the 10-14 age group, the 15-17 age group continues to increase in numbers for Bledsoe County. The reporting period shows a 17.2% increase in this age group, with one in every ten births being classified low birth weight.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
BLEDSOE	10.3	11.5	8	10	18.8	18.2	17.9	12.1	8.3	12.1	17.2