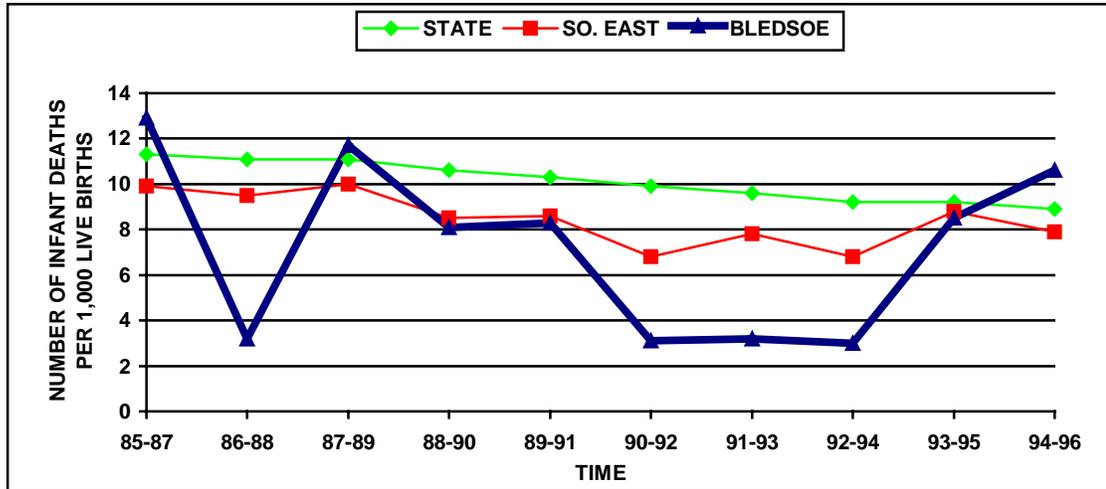


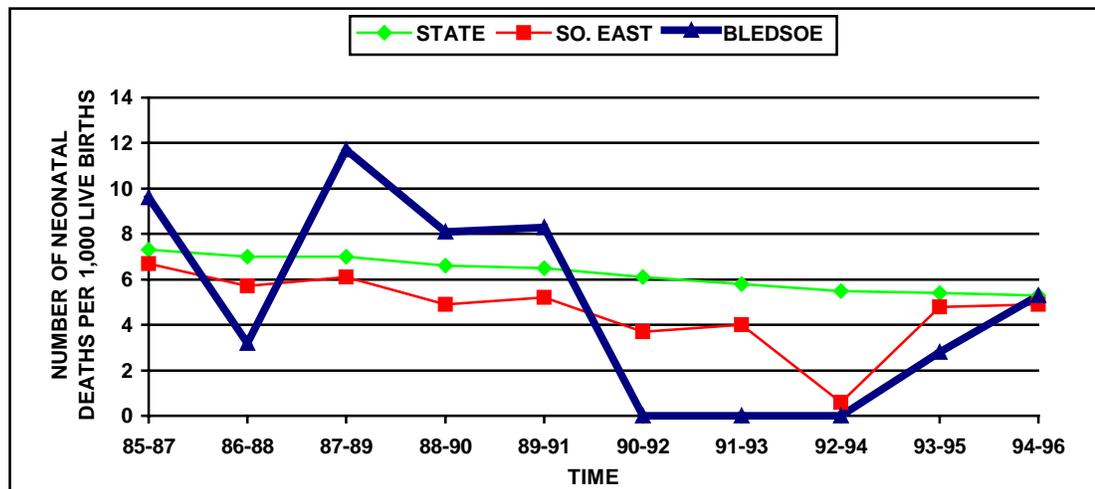
## Bledsoe County Mortality Experience

- Number of Infant Deaths (Deaths of a live born infant less than 1 year of age) per 1,000 Live Births** – Bledsoe County’s infant mortality rate, while unstable, decreased between 1985 and 1996. The county’s rate has risen higher than the region, the state and national 2000 Objective. On average, 1 of the 113 infants born in the county will not live through their first year.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
BLEDSOE	12.9	3.2	11.7	8.1	8.3	3.1	3.2	3.0	8.5	10.6	-17.8

- Number of Neonatal Deaths (Death of a live born infant under 28 days of age) per 1,000 live Births** – The trend for Bledsoe is unstable but nearly equal to both the Region and State numbers, and is just slightly above the National Objective of 4.5.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent change
BLEDSOE	9.6	3.2	11.7	8.1	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.3	-44.8