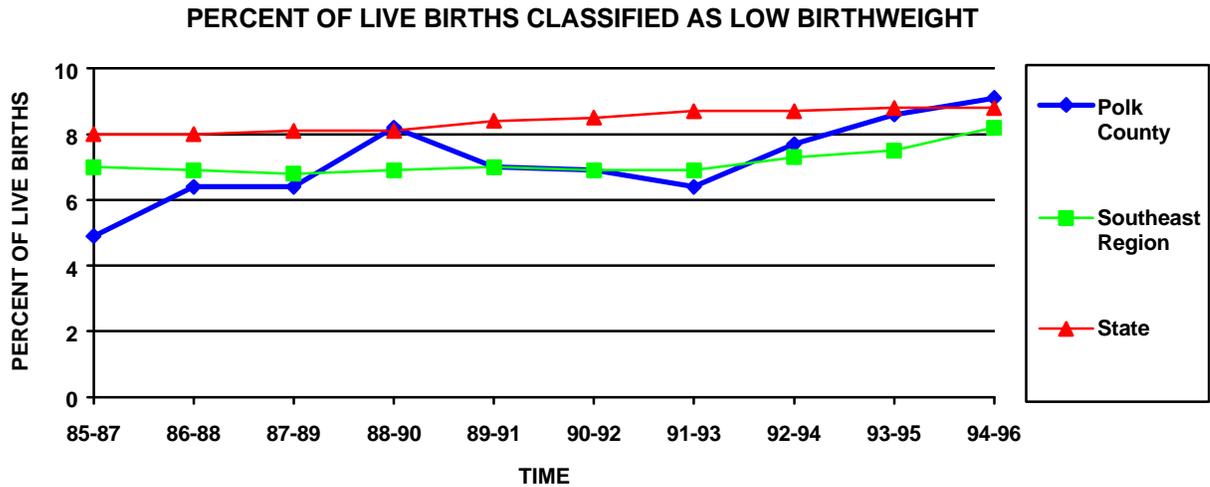


- Percent of Live Births Classified as Low Birthweight (less than 5 pounds, 9 ounces) (Mothers Ages 10-44) - The county's low birthweight rate is increasing. The county's rate in 1985 was lower than both the Southeast Region and State rate, but by 1996 the county's rate had overtaken the rate for the Southeast Region and the State. The county's low birthweight rate is also higher than the national "Year 2000" objective. On the average 7% of children born in the county weigh less than 5 pounds, 9 ounces.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96	Percent Change
POLK	4.9	6.4	6.4	8.2	7.0	6.9	6.4	7.7	8.6	9.1	+83.7

- Percent of Births Classified as Low Birthweight 1994-1996 (less than 5 pounds, 9 ounces) (Mothers Ages 10-17) - The percent of births classified as low birthweight for females ages 10-17 in Polk County is higher than the percent of births classified as low birthweight in the Southeast Region and the State. The Polk County Health Council recognized the percent of births classified as low birthweight for females ages 15-17 as a potential problem for the county.

