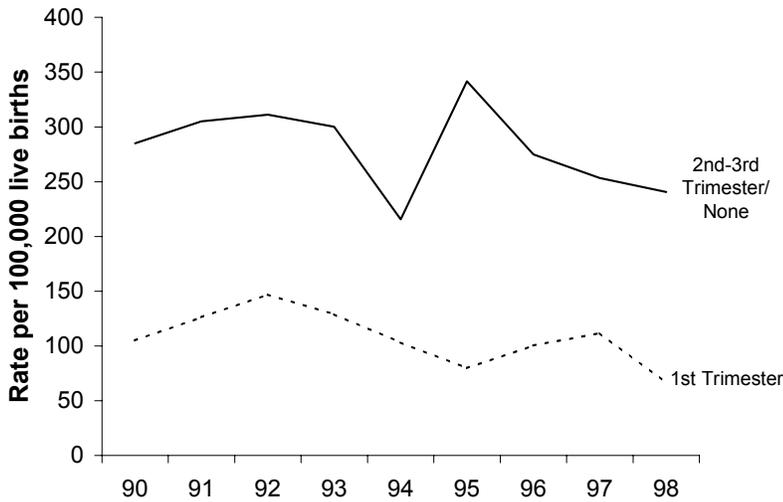


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**SIDS Rates by Trimester Prenatal Care Began  
Tennessee, 1990-1998**

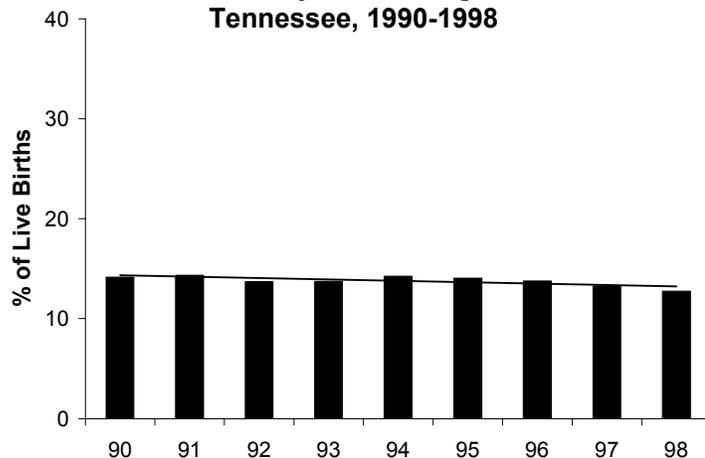


**Prenatal Care**

- Women with prenatal care beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester had a SIDS rate 2.1 times greater than women with 1<sup>st</sup> trimester care.
- Mothers with 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester only or no prenatal visits had a SIDS rate 3.8 times greater than mothers with 1<sup>st</sup> trimester care.

- Timely receipt of prenatal care allows health care providers to identify women at risk for low birth weight and other adverse pregnancy conditions and outcomes.<sup>19</sup>
- It is important that women receive an assessment of risk status and medical screening tests as early as possible, so that appropriate medical, educational, nutritional, and social support intervention services can be initiated early in the pregnancy.

**Trend in Births to Women Less Than  
Twenty Years of Age  
Tennessee, 1990-1998**



**Good News**

Overall in Tennessee, the percentage of mothers receiving late prenatal care decreased from 22% in 1990 to 16% in 1998.