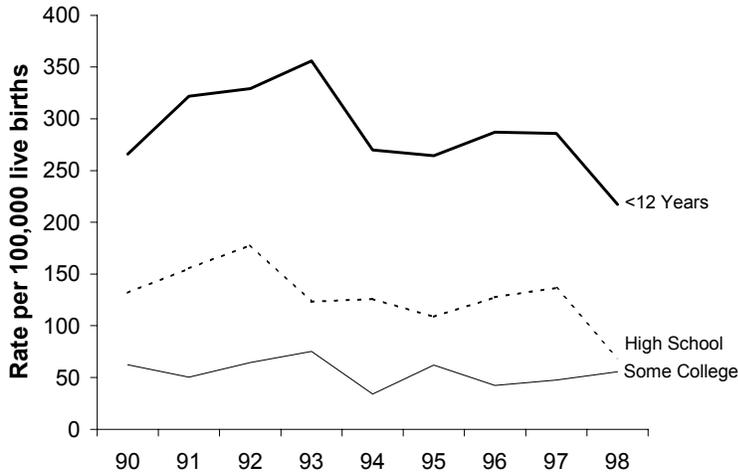


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**SIDS Rates by Maternal Education
Tennessee, 1990-1998**

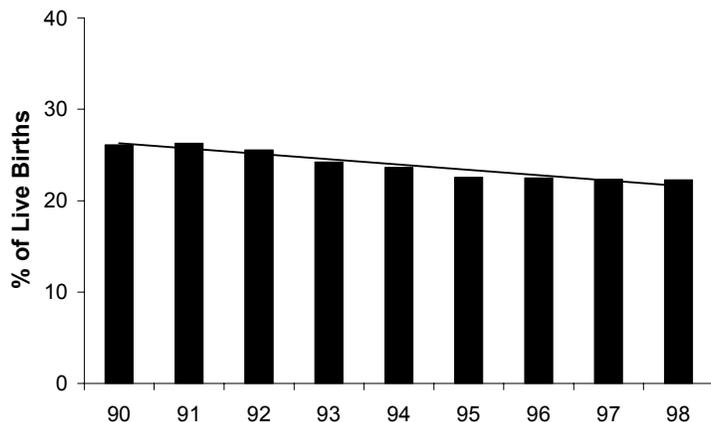


Maternal Education

The rate of SIDS among women with less than 12 years of education was 5.1 times greater than for women with some post-secondary education.

- The increase in risk for SIDS among women with less than 12 years of education in Tennessee was second only to that of very low birth weight (<1500g).
- In Tennessee, women with less than 12 years of education were more than twice as likely to be unmarried, smoke, and receive inadequate prenatal care. They were also 1.5 times more likely to use alcohol and have a low birth weight child.

**Trend in Births to Women with
<12 Years Education
Tennessee, 1990-1998**



Good News

The percentage of Tennessee women giving birth who had less than 12 years of education decreased from 26% in 1990 to 22% in 1998.