

Appendix E

Birth Outcomes in Georgia

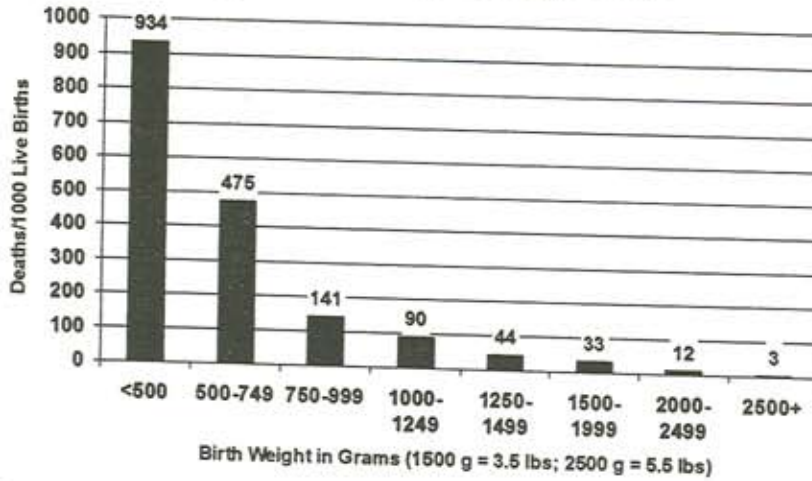
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Major Issues

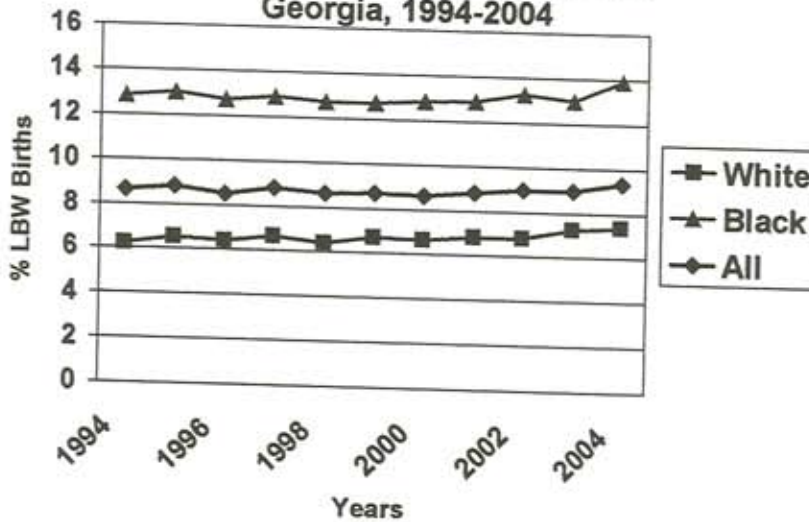
- Pregnancy Outcomes
 - Infant mortality of 8.5 per 1,000 live births
 - Developmental disabilities
- Disparities: Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic
- Consumer Choice

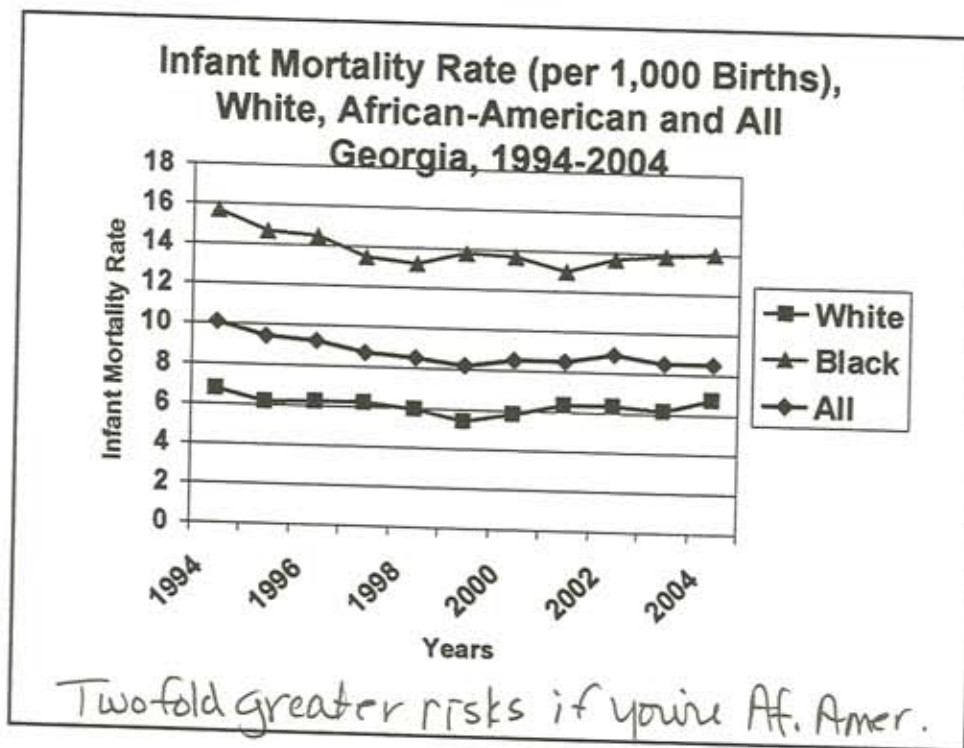
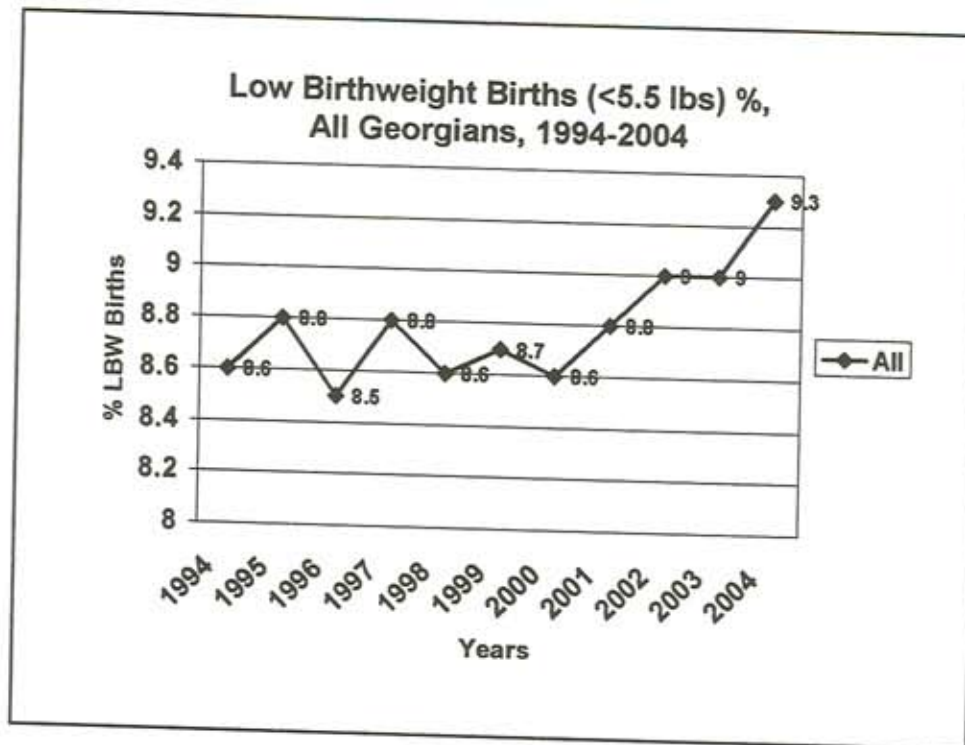
Infant Mortality Decreases as Birth Weight Increases, Georgia 2003



True to Blacks & Whites Both

Low Birthweight Births (<5.5 lbs) %, White, African-American and All, Georgia, 1994-2004





Other Observations

- The Department seeks to improve birth outcomes and eliminate disparities
- The Department favors consumer choice that is safe for mother and the infant
- Georgia lacks details on births
- Approaches taken by states vary
- Views in Georgia are very different

DHR Proposals

- Use the findings of this Committee
- Establish a diverse group to advise the Department about regulations
 - Review experiences in other states
 - Consider training, experience and testing
 - Monitor birth outcomes
- Continue efforts to improve birth outcomes