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Nationally Consistent Data Measures for Vital Statistics

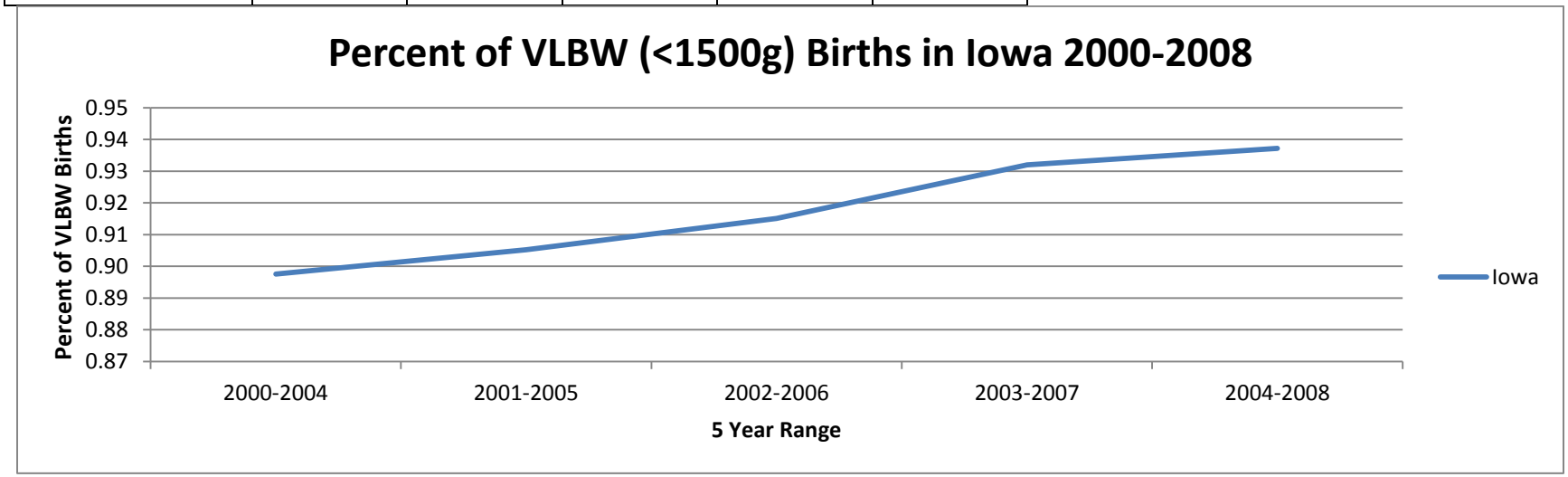
Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW)

Birth weight is the first weight of the newborn measured immediately after birth. Birth weight of less than 1500 grams, is considered very low birth weight. The NCDM for Very Low Birth Weight includes all singleton infants with a birth weight less than 1500 grams.

Presented below are data that represent the nationally consistent data measures related to Very Low Birth Weight:

1. 5 year Percent of Very Low Birth Weight births at the State level.

Year	2000-2004	2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007	2004-2008
% VLBW births	0.90	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.94



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2. 5 year Percent of Very Low Birth Weight births at the County level for select Counties*.

   *County values are only shown for Counties with an Annual average count of VLBW Births greater than 6 from 2000-2008. Other Counties are not displayed due to small number suppression.

Selected Counties: Percent of Very Low Birth Weight Births					
County	**2000-2004**	**2001-2005**	**2002-2006**	**2003-2007**	**2004-2008**
Polk	1.00	1.04	1.01	1.00	1.00
Scott	1.06	1.01	1.06	1.04	1.10
Linn	0.93	0.97	1.03	1.11	1.10
Black Hawk	1.04	1.10	1.08	1.19	1.25
Woodbury	1.20	1.14	1.12	1.11	1.07
Johnson	0.50	0.48	0.56	0.74	0.90
Pottawattamie	1.03	1.04	1.11	1.08	1.02
Dubuque	0.68	0.74	0.74	0.78	0.85
Clinton	1.04	0.95	1.25	1.16	1.23
Muscatine	0.88	1.04	1.18	0.98	1.17
State of Iowa	0.90	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.94

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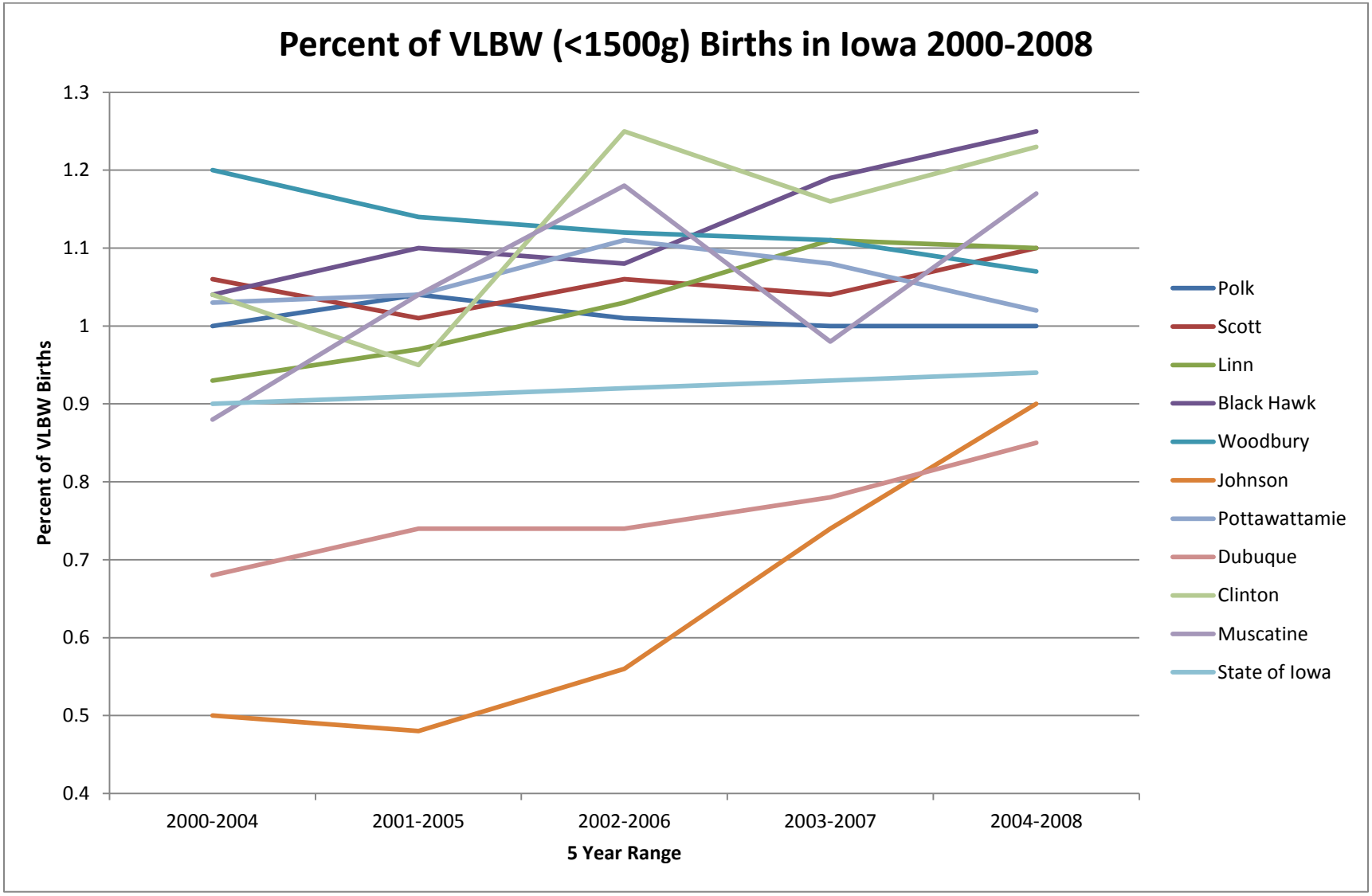

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