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Love Canal birth weights

Paul —

I can't remember when I've seen a less satisfactory paper, just from the standpoint of data presentation.

Have you seen the data?

How many cases are there, year by year, to correspond to the 45% in 1950 and 3% in 1960.

A binary division > 2500 g vs. ≤ 2500 g. is really treacherous.

What might the actual weights have been. One nurse's habits of how the weights are recorded (grams? ounces?) could alter the whole story.

But I am mainly concerned that only a handful of children constitutes the whole cohort of the 1950 swale, a matter nicely obscured.

I may want to ask Science why they published a paper so deficient in elementary details. But before I stick my neck out it would be good to see the raw numbers; and I ask you what is the best (most discreet) way to see them.

Yours,

Jan.

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