


Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Colorado (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	Pregnancy Risk Assessment and Monitoring System (PRAMS)
Geographic area covered	Colorado
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Survey sample size:	2000 per year
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	PRAMS is an ongoing, population-based surveillance system designed to supplement vital records and to generate state-specific perinatal health data. Each month, a stratified random sample comprised of approximately 5 percent of Colorado women who recently had a baby are selected from eligible birth certificates. This sample is stratified by region of residence (Denver Metro, Other Metro, Rural) and birth weight (low, adequate) to ensure an adequate sample in the rural and low birth weight categories. Selected women are asked to complete the PRAMS questionnaire, which addresses a variety of health and psychosocial issues such as prenatal care, maternal use of alcohol and cigarettes, breastfeeding, stress, and infant health. PRAMS is designed to identify and monitor selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur before, during, and after pregnancy including attitudes and feelings about pregnancy .
Cost of survey	\$200,000 per year
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	During the month before you got pregnant with your new baby, how many times a week did you take a multivitamin, a prenatal vitamin, or a folic acid vitamin?
Uses of data	PRAMS provides state-specific data for planning and assessing health programs and for describing maternal experiences that may contribute to maternal and infant health.
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	http://www.chd.dphe.state.co.us/topics.aspx?q=Health_Statistics_Publications
Web site address (if available)	http://www.chd.dphe.state.co.us/default.aspx
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	