


Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Idaho (Updated 10/2012)

| Criteria | Comments |
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| Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey | Overall Pregnancy Risk Assessment Tracking System (PRATS)--A Survey of the Health of Mothers and Babies in Idaho |
| Geographic area covered | State of Idaho |
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| Survey sample size: | 4200 |
| General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection) | PRATS is an annual survey of new mothers in Idaho. PRATS was first conducted in 1999 and has been conducted annually since 2001. PRATS is modeled after the CDC's Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). PRATS is a population based tracking system that identifies and examines maternal experiences and health practices surrounding pregnancy which may affect pregnancy outcomes and infant health. The sample design of PRATS is based on a disproportionate stratified systemic random sampling method designed to ensure representation of women from each of Idaho's seven public health districts. |
| Cost of survey | Approximately \$70,000 |
| Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes) | "Have you ever heard or read that taking the vitamin folic acid can help prevent some birth defects?" The wording of this question has not changed from 2001 to 2011 |
| Uses of data | Published in PRATS Annual Report, support of MCH Block grant application, data requests from public health districts, non profits and health providers |
| Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles) | www.healthstatistics.dhw.idaho.gov link to most recent PRATS Annual Report |
| Web site address (if available) | http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/HealthStatistics/tabid/102/Default.aspx |
| Comments (limitations, lessons learned) | Limitations: question non response; modest survey participation rate overall |