


## Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Maryland (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	Maryland Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Survey
Geographic area covered	State of Maryland
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Survey sample size:	~1,500 -1,600 annually
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	<a href="http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/SitePages/prams_methodology.aspx">http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/SitePages/prams_methodology.aspx</a> (see for PRAMS methodology)
Cost of survey	Part of larger survey. Program is supported by CDC grant.
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	Whether women were counseled by a health care provider to take vitamins with folic acid, as well as the frequency of taking a multivitamin or folic acid before pregnancy, and reasons for not taking folic acid before pregnancy
Uses of data	track prevalence of folic acid consumption, target MCH programs and policy
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	<a href="http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/Documents/MarylandPRAMSReport2010Births.pdf">http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/Documents/MarylandPRAMSReport2010Births.pdf</a> (page 10 of 2010 births annual report)
Web site address (if available)	<a href="http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/SitePages/prams.aspx">http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/mch/SitePages/prams.aspx</a>
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	limitation=self-report