


Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

North Dakota (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System -2004
Geographic area covered	North Dakota
Contact information at BDR	
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Survey sample size:	Sample Size ->3045. Response rate 62%
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual statewide telephone surveillance system designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Surveillance is conducted on a monthly basis to collect data on modifiable risk behaviors, preventative health practices and health-related conditions contributing to the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the population. North Dakota's sample represents randomly selected residents of the non-institutionalized adult household population, ages 18 years and older. Information provided by BRFSS is not available from other sources. For methodology: http://www.ndhealth.gov/brfss/?id=57
Cost of survey	Not Sure
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	Do any of the vitamin pills or supplements you take contain folic acid? Yes, Daily=54.1% Yes, 4 to 6 per week= 2.3% Yes, 1 to 3 per week= 5.4% Yes, Less than 1 time a week=0% No, I did not take = 38.0%
Uses of data	Not sure
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	For Results/ Summary / Reports: http://www.ndhealth.gov/brfss/?id=59
Web site address (if available)	http://www.ndhealth.gov/brfss/
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	The data is for women 18-44 years of age. Some multivitamins or supplements may not have folic acid Respondents awareness for supplements having folic acid Respondents awareness of the strength of folic acid