

Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Puerto Rico (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	1. BRFSS 2. Survey to non-pregnant WIC participant's
Geographic area covered	1. 50 US states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories 2. Puerto Rico (island wide)
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Survey sample size:	1. For Puerto Rico n= 6,613 2. n= 4,897
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	1. Noninstitutionalized U.S. population aged =18 years. Annually. Through a national survey. 2. Non-pregnant women, beneficiaries of the WIC Program. Perform twice a year, in June and November through a survey. The purpose is to measure awareness and consumption of folic acid in women of childbearing age, to track changes in time, and determine necessities.
Cost of survey	1. \$3,000 for each question 2. Free
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	Five folic acid Questions about knowledge and consumption of the vitamin.
Uses of data	Track changes in folic acid awareness and consumption to determine success of prevention efforts, and determine necessities.
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	1. 28% of WCBA (15-44 years old) consume FA daily 2. 32% of WCBA consume FA daily
Web site address (if available)	http://www.salud.gov.pr/Programas/CampanaAcidoFolico/Pages/Descargas.aspx
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	A second survey will be perform on November to validate results.