

## Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Tennessee (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	Tennessee Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
Geographic area covered	State of Tennessee
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Survey sample size:	2,200 new mothers
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	<p>TN PRAMS is an annual survey based on a random sample of new mothers with stratification on low and normal birth weight and urban and rural residency. Questions are focused on their behaviors, attitudes, experiences prior to, during and shortly after their pregnancies. It is a mixed mode survey using mailed surveys followed by phone interviews for those not responding to the mailed survey. It is conducted in English and Spanish with questions regarding mothers' behaviors, attitudes, experiences prior to, during and shortly after pregnancy.</p> <p>The survey is conducted in order to better understand the behavioral, economic and social risk factors that occur prior to, during and shortly after pregnancy that may affect the health and well being of the mother, the developing fetus and infant. In turn the information is used to develop and support programs to ensure the health and well being of mothers, mothers to be and their babies.</p>
Cost of survey	\$244,000
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	<p>Phase 6 Questions: TN PRAMS 2006-2011</p> <p>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?            I didn't take a multivitamin, prenatal vitamin, or folic acid vitamin at all            1 to 3 times a week            4 to 6 times a week            Every day of the week</p> <p>Have you ever heard or read that taking a vitamin with folic acid can help prevent some birth defects?            No            Yes</p> <p>Have you ever heard about folic acid from any of the following?            Magazine or newspaper article            Radio or television            Doctor, nurse, or other health care worker            Book            Family or friends            Other Please tell us: Check all that apply</p>
Uses of data	Program support and development; Annual Report; Development of informational facts sheets for new mothers, mothers to be, health care providers and others.
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	In 2010, 77% of Mothers were aware of the benefits of folic acid, but only 25% of mothers reported taking folic acid in the month prior to pregnancy. It is not clear when they became aware of the benefits of folic acid.
Web site address (if available)	Reports available at: <a href="http://hit.state.tn.us/Reports.aspx">http://hit.state.tn.us/Reports.aspx</a>
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	The overall survey response rate for 2010 was 61%. The 2011 survey has not been completed at this time.