


Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

Texas (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	Texas Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Survey
Geographic area covered	Texas
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Survey sample size:	Approximately 1,700 women per year.
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	<p>Target population: Texas resident women who have recently delivered a live birth.</p> <p>Frequency of administration: ongoing survey.</p> <p>Years covered: every year since 2002.</p> <p>Data collection method: standardized following CDC protocol. Multiple attempts to get a completed mailed survey followed up with telephone interviews for mail non-respondents.</p> <p>Reason for data collection: PRAMS provides data not available from other sources about maternal behaviors and experiences before, during, and after pregnancy. These data can be used to identify groups of women and infants at high risk for health problems, to monitor changes in health status, and to measure progress towards goals in improving the health of mothers and infants.</p>
Cost of survey	Not available - part of a larger survey
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	<p>QUESTION 1: MULTIVITAMIN / PRENATAL VITAMIN / FOLIC ACID VITAMIN YEAR 2002 TO CURRENT: "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?" Response options: 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>QUESTION2: FOLIC ACID KNOWLEDGE YEAR 2012: (State-specific change added the word 'before'): "Have you ever heard or read that taking a vitamin with folic acid before pregnancy can help prevent some birth defects?" Response options: No / Yes.</p> <p>YEARS 2009-2011: "Have you ever heard or read that taking a vitamin with folic acid can help prevent some birth defects?" Response options: No / Yes.</p> <p>YEARS 2002-2008: "Have you ever heard or read that taking the vitamin folic acid can help prevent some birth defects?" Response options: No / Yes.</p>
Uses of data	Data requests, reports
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	<p>MMWR on Preconception Health Indicators in Texas: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6129a3.htm</p> <p>PRAMS Annual reports: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8589968075 http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8589963444</p>
Web site address (if available)	Texas PRAMS web page: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/default.shtm#PRAMS2
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	