

Folic Acid Surveillance Surveys

West Virginia (Updated 10/2012)

Criteria	Comments
Title of the state or local Folic Acid Survey	PRAMS
Geographic area covered	statewide
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Survey sample size:	Roughly 2000 women per year who recently delivered a live infant
General description of survey or dataset (target population, frequency of administration, years covered, data collection methods, reason for data collection)	PRAMS, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, is a joint surveillance project between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the West Virginia state health department. PRAMS collects state-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during, and shortly after pregnancy.
Cost of survey	Yearly budget of roughly \$135,000
Questions included in the survey (most current, changes over time, state specific changes)	<p>3. 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?</p> <p>q I didn't take a multivitamin, prenatal vitamin, or folic acid vitamin at all</p> <p>q 1 to 3 times a week</p> <p>q 4 to 6 times a week</p> <p>q Every day of the week</p> <p>26. Have you ever heard or read that taking a vitamin with folic acid can help prevent some birth defects?</p> <p>q No</p> <p>q Yes</p>
Uses of data	<p>PRAMS provides data not available from other sources about pregnancy and the first few months after birth. This information can be used to identify groups of women and babies 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> <p>PRAMS information is also used by state and local governments to plan and review programs and policies aimed at reducing health problems among mothers and babies.</p> <p>PRAMS data are used by West Virginia agencies to identify other agencies that have important contributions to make in planning maternal and infant health programs and to develop partnerships with these agencies.</p>
Results/Summary (may including links to reports or published articles)	http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvprams/pdf/2007_prams_annual_report.pdf
Web site address (if available)	http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvprams/
Comments (limitations, lessons learned)	self reported