Maryland PRAMS Report 2012-2015 Births

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System



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"I hope that this survey is getting a lot of participation. This survey is so important because it can help so many people. There are so many different situations with moms and their babies and so many people need help. I hope my participation will help someone."

"Great questions! Thank you!"

"At my job, I work with mothers and babies who generally lack support and resources. I hope that through this research, you are able to help this atrisk population."

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INTRODUCTION

This report highlights data from births occurring to Maryland residents in 2012-2015 collected through the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). PRAMS is a surveillance system established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1987 to obtain information about maternal behaviors and experiences that may be associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes. Data are collected by surveying women who have recently delivered live born infants.

PRAMS projects are conducted through cooperative agreements between the CDC and state health departments. PRAMS projects are currently underway in 40 states and New York City, representing 78% of all U.S. live births. All surveys include a core set of standardized questions, which allows for multi-state analyses. In addition, each state can add questions tailored to meet its needs. The core section of the survey includes questions relating to prenatal care, obstetric history, smoking, alcohol use, physical abuse, contraception, economic status, maternal stress, and infant health. The Maryland-specific section of the survey includes questions on assisted reproduction, pre-pregnancy health, co-sleeping, contraceptive use, depression, oral health, chronic disease, physical activity, infections, labor induction, maternal employment and workplace leave.

The PRAMS project in Maryland is a collaborative effort of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), the Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) of the Maryland Department of Health, and the CDC. Maryland began collecting PRAMS data from mothers who delivered in 2000.

METHODOLOGY

Sampling and Data Collection

Women eligible to participate in PRAMS are selected from Maryland's live birth certificate files and need to be Maryland residents who have delivered in the state. Each month, a stratified, random sample of approximately 200 live births is selected. The sample is stratified by infant birth weight (<2500 grams, \geq 2500 grams). This sampling frame over-samples mothers who have delivered a low birth weight infant (<2500 grams).

PRAMS combines two modes of data collection, a survey conducted by mailed questionnaire with multiple follow-up attempts, and if mail is not successful, a survey conducted by telephone interview. Survey questionnaires and other materials are available in both English and Spanish.

The first mailing, which is done two to four months after delivery, is a letter that introduces PRAMS to the mother and informs her that a questionnaire will soon arrive. Within seven days of this letter, the questionnaire packet is mailed. This packet includes the 84-item main survey along with a 12-question flu vaccine supplement, informed consent page, calendar, and resource brochure. In addition, a manicure file is sent as an incentive for completing the

survey. Seven to 10 days after the initial packet is mailed, a tickler that serves as a thank you and reminder note is sent. Mothers who do not respond to the tickler within seven to 14 days are mailed a second questionnaire packet. A third questionnaire packet is mailed to all remaining nonrespondents seven to 14 days later. Telephone follow-up is initiated for all nonrespondents.

Data collected through PRAMS are linked to birth certificate data, which allows for the survey data to be weighted to reflect the total birth population. Sampling, nonresponse and noncoverage adjustment factors are applied to the data in order to make the results generalizable to the state's population of women delivering live born infants during the study period. Further information on PRAMS methodology, including weighting procedures, may be found on the CDC website at *http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/methodology.htm*.

Survey Response and Data Analysis

CDC recommends that states obtain a response rate of at least 55-60% for analysis of PRAMS. The weighted response rate among women delivering in Maryland between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015 was 65%. During this period, 4,881 mothers completed the PRAMS questionnaire with a weighted response reflecting 263,882 mothers. The weighted figure included 113,828 births to white non-Hispanic, 79,957 births to black non-Hispanic, 19,896 births to Asian, and 41,366 births to Hispanic women. Survey findings in this report are shown by race/Hispanic origin (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Asian and Hispanic), maternal age and maternal years of education.

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Most importantly, we very much appreciate the 4,881 mothers who took the time to complete the questionnaires that are represented in this report. Their answers will contribute greatly towards our continuing efforts to improve the health of Maryland mothers and babies.

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Maryland PRAMS Highlights—2012-2015

Preconception factors

- Forty-two percent of all live births were unintended (includes women who said they were 'not sure' how they felt about the pregnancy).
- Nineteen percent of women reported they were covered by Medicaid or Health Choice just before pregnancy and 18% were uninsured.
- According to their body mass index (BMI) just before pregnancy, 25% of mothers were overweight and 24% were obese.
- Thirty-five percent of women reported taking a **multivitamin daily** in the month before conception.
- Before pregnancy, 12% of women reported they had **anxiety** and 9% had **depression**.
- During the 3 months just before pregnancy, 16% of women smoked, 51% consumed alcohol, and 15% had at least one episode of binge drinking.
- In the 12 months before pregnancy, 41% of women had not had a **dental cleaning**.
- Twenty-six percent of mothers reported they had a **preconception health visit**.

Prenatal factors

- Eighty-two percent of mothers began **prenatal care** during the first trimester of pregnancy, and 2% began in the third trimester or received no care.
- Forty-six percent of women participated in the **WIC** program during pregnancy.
- Twenty percent of mothers needed to see a **dentist** about a problem during pregnancy and 15% saw a dentist about a problem.

- Seventy-three percent of mothers reported that HIV testing was discussed during prenatal care visits; 65% reported getting an HIV test.
- Physical abuse by a current husband or partner was reported by 3% of mothers before pregnancy, and 2% during pregnancy.
- Seven percent of women smoked during the last three months of pregnancy. Nine percent of women reported using alcohol and 0.6% of women reported a binge-drinking episode during the last three months of pregnancy.
- Fifty-three percent of women were vaccinated for **seasonal flu** during the 12 months before delivery or during pregnancy.
- **Labor induction** was reported by 41% of mothers.
- Thirty-five percent of women used **Medicaid or Health Choice** for their prenatal care and 5% were **uninsured**.
- Ten percent of women had **gestational diabetes.**

Infant health and related factors

- Eighty-seven percent of infants were **breastfed** after delivery, and 67% were breastfed eight weeks or longer.
- In terms of **sleeping environment**, 78% of infants were usually placed on their backs to sleep and 27% slept with another person.

Maternal postpartum factors

- Twenty-three percent of mothers reported they were not using **postpartum contraception.**
- Ten percent of mothers **smoked postpartum**.
- Twelve percent of mothers reported symptoms of **postpartum depression**.

MARYLAND PRAMS 2001-2015 SURVEILLANCE AND SELECTED HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVES

Healthy People 2020 Objective	Maryland PRAMS 2001-2003 Births	Maryland PRAMS 2004-2008 Births	Maryland PRAMS 2009-2011 Births	Maryland PRAMS 2012-2015 Births	Healthy People 2020 Target
Preconception					
Increase the proportion of pregnancies that are intended.*	58%	59%	55%	58%	56.0%
Increase the proportion of women who took multivitamins/folic acid daily prior to pregnancy.	30%	31%	32%	35%	33.1%
Increase the proportion of women who did not smoke during the three months prior to pregnancy.	81%	82%	81%	84%	85.4%
Increase the proportion of women who did not drink alcohol during the three months prior to pregnancy.	50%	49%	45%	49%	56.4%
Increase the proportion of women who had a healthy weight (BMI 18.5-24.9) prior to pregnancy.	54%	53%	52%	48%	53.4%
Prenatal					
Increase the proportion of pregnant women who receive prenatal care beginning in the first trimester of pregnancy.**	77%	77%	79%	82%	77.9%
Increase abstinence from cigarette smoking among pregnant women.	90%	90%	92%	93%	98.6%
Increase abstinence from alcohol among pregnant women.	92%	93%	91%	91%	98.3%
Increase abstinence from binge drinking*** among pregnant women.	<100%	<100%	99%	99%	100.0%
Postpartum					
Increase the proportion of infants who are put to sleep on their backs.	63%	68%	74%	78%	75.9%
Increase the proportion of infants who were breastfed (ever).	75%	79%	84%	88%	81.9%

*PRAMS data includes only information on pregnancies that end in live birth **First trimester defined by PRAMS as <13weeks *** Binge drinking = 4 or more drinks in a two hour sitting, starting 2009 births. Prior to 2009, binge drinking = 5 or more drinks in one episode.

Preconception Factors



"When I became pregnant, it was joyous but unexpected. It had been 13 years since my last pregnancy and my husband is 12 years older than me."

"I wanted to get birth control during the time I was with my partner but I couldn't because my insurance had expired. Then I got pregnant and later I got my insurance back. I wasn't planning to have a baby, but it happened."

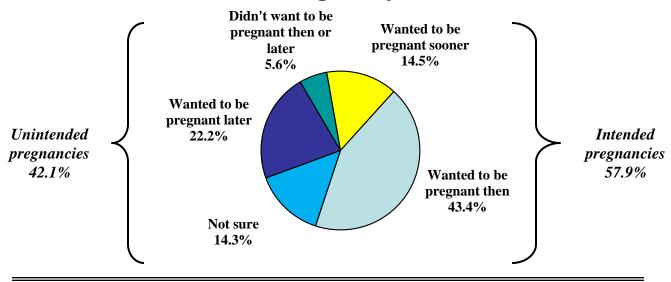
"The only reason we are not trying to get pregnant right away is because I had to have a C-section and the OB told me I had to wait 18 months before giving birth again to avoid uterine rupture or other harmful 'affects' to baby and mommy due to the surgery. We would have liked to do it all over again right away or at least not done anything to stop it."

PRAMS mothers

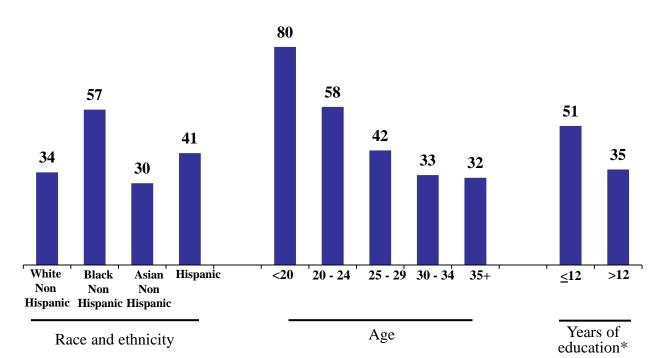
INTENDEDNESS OF PREGNANCY

Question 13: Thinking back to *just before* you got pregnant with your *new* baby, how did you feel about becoming pregnant?

Distribution of Mothers by Intendedness of Pregnancy



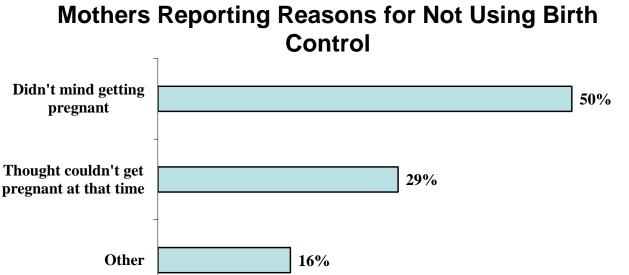
Percentage of Mothers With Unintended Pregnancies

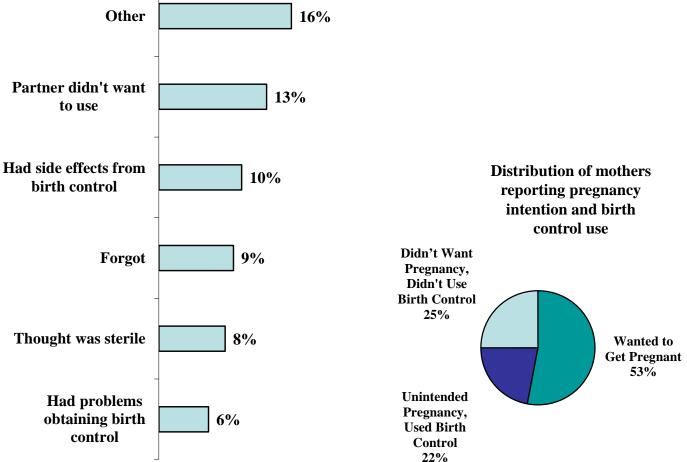


PREGNANCY INTENTION AND BIRTH CONTROL USE

Question 15: When you got pregnant with your new baby, were you trying to get pregnant? Question 16: When you got pregnant with your new baby, were you or your husband or partner doing anything to keep from getting pregnant?

Question 17: What were your reasons or your husband's or partner's reasons for not doing anything to keep from getting pregnant?

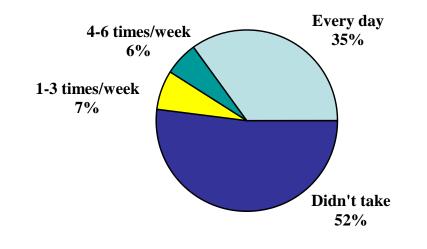




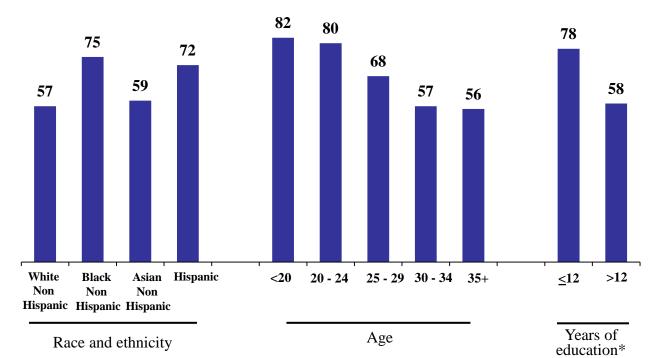
MULTIVITAMIN USE

Question 9: 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?

Distribution of Mothers by Frequency of Multivitamin Use in the Month Before Pregnancy



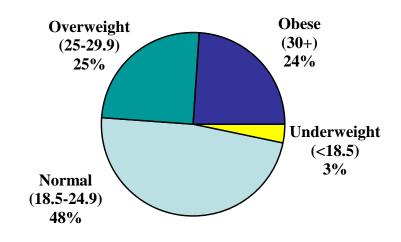
Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Less Than Daily Multivitamin Use in the Month Before Pregnancy



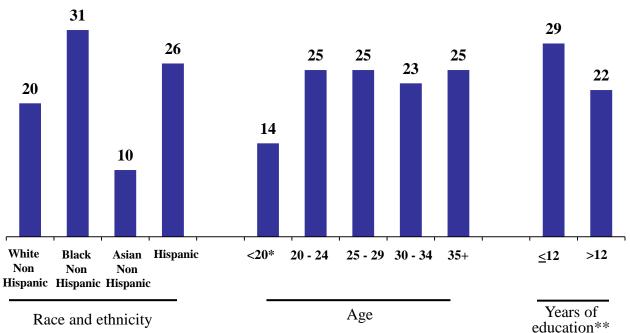
PRE-PREGNANCY BMI

Question 1: How tall are you without shoes? Question 2: *Just before* you got pregnant with your new baby, how much did you weigh?

Distribution of Mothers by BMI Status Before Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Were Classified as Obese Before Pregnancy



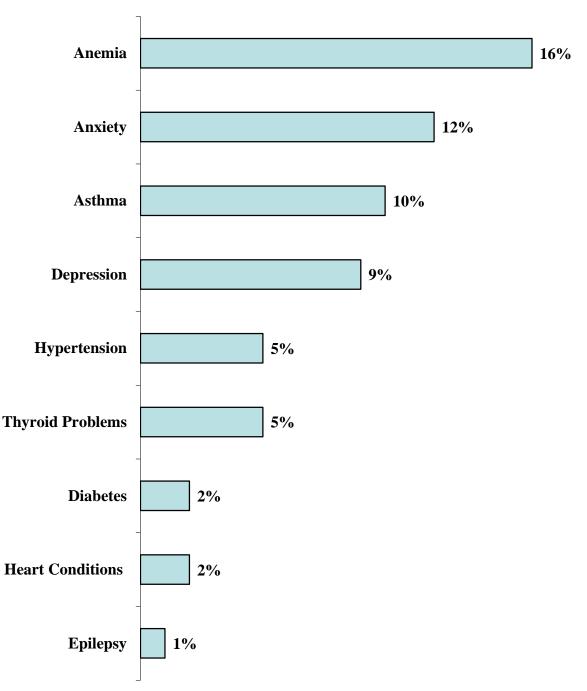
* Mothers <20 years of age had BMI >30 (and were not classified as obese via childhood growth charts) Note: Percentages are not reported if the number of respondents was less than five.

PRE-PREGNANCY HEALTH PROBLEMS

Question 11: *Before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker tell you that you had any of the following health conditions?

Question 12: During the *3 months before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did you have any of the following health conditions?

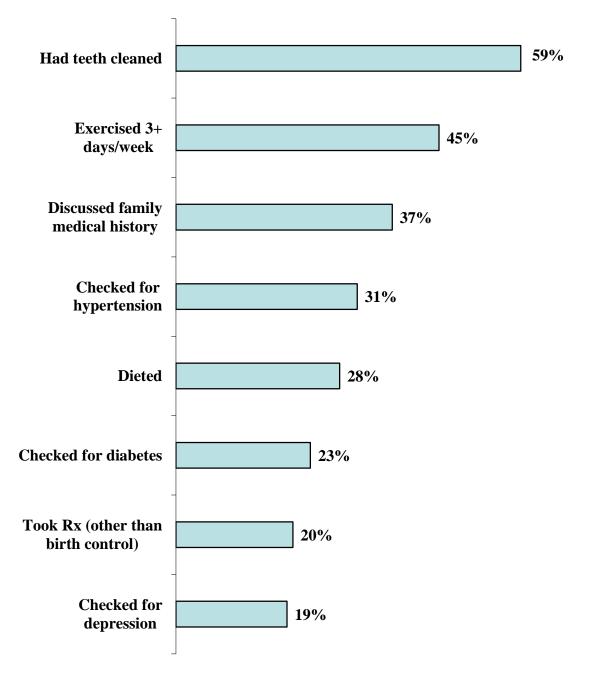
Mothers Reporting Health Problems Before Pregnancy



PRE-PREGNANCY ACTIVITIES

Question 7: At any time during the *12 months before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did you do any of the following things?

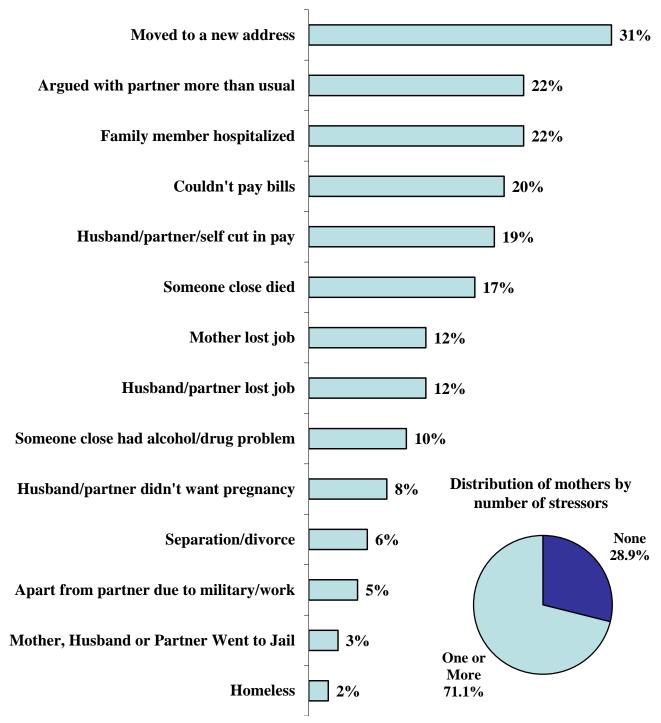
Mothers Reporting Activities During the Twelve Months Prior to Pregnancy



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Question 44: This question is about things that may have happened during the *12 months before* your new baby was born. For each item, circle YES if it happened to you or NO if it did not.

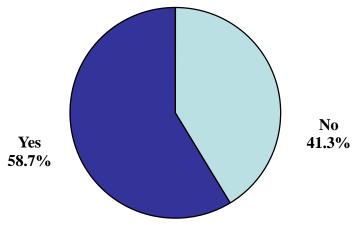
Mothers Reporting Stress by Type of Event



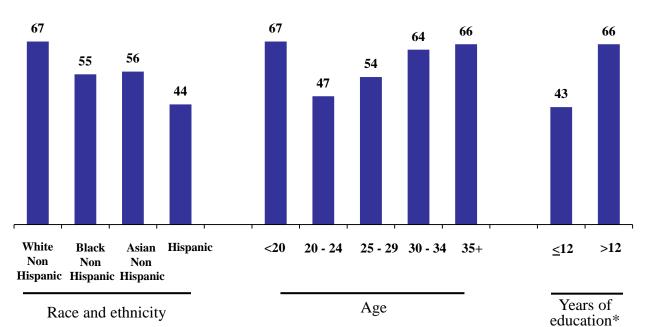
ORAL HEALTH

Question 7h: At any time during the *12 months before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did you have your teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist?

Mothers Reporting on Teeth Cleaning 12 Months Before Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Having Had their Teeth Cleaned 12 Months Before Pregnancy

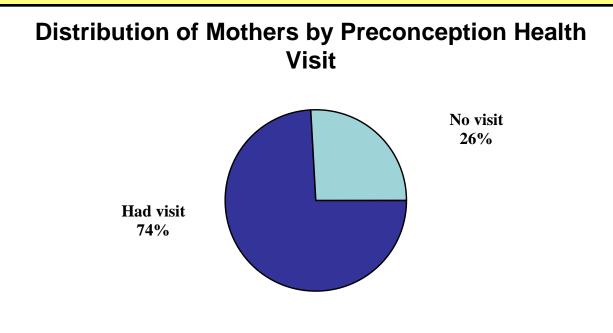


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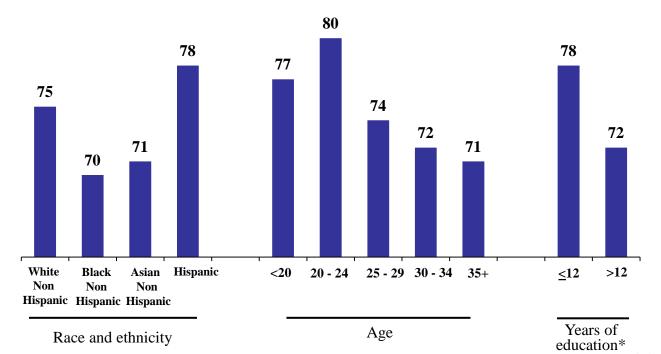
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PRECONCEPTION HEALTH VISIT

Question 10: *Before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker talk to you about how to improve your health before pregnancy?



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported No Preconception Health Visit



Prenatal Factors



"I would like to thank MCHP program and those who administered it for prenatal care I received. The services I received were of highest quality."

"Prenatal care is vital to the success of a healthy pregnancy and delivery. I was pregnant with a set of identical twins who shared a placenta. I suffered with 'twin to twin transfusion' and had to be closely monitored 3 times a week by the maternal fetal medicine group. My twins were born premature (vaginal and c-section) and had to be placed in the NICU. However, without the prenatal care I had, they would not have survived."

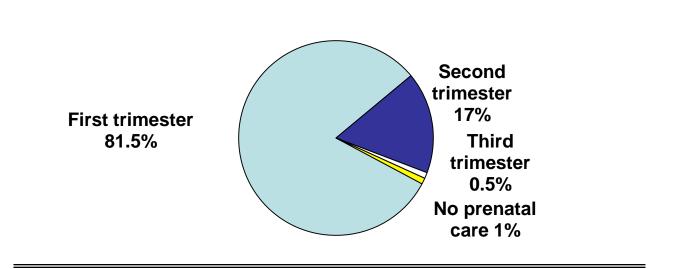
"No doctor told me anything because I didn't get any prenatal care during my pregnancy."

PRAMS mothers

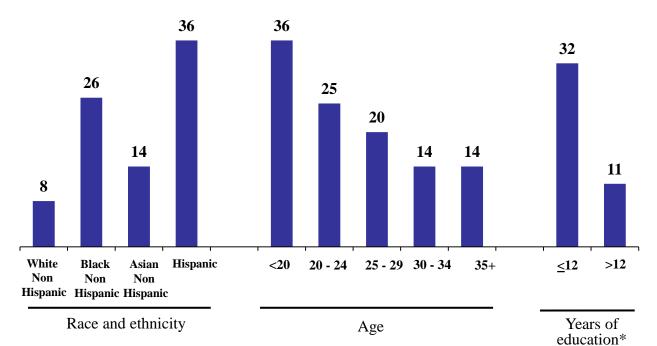
TRIMESTER PRENATAL CARE BEGAN

Question 21: How many weeks or months pregnant were you when you had your first visit for prenatal care?

Distribution of Mothers by Trimester Prenatal Care Began



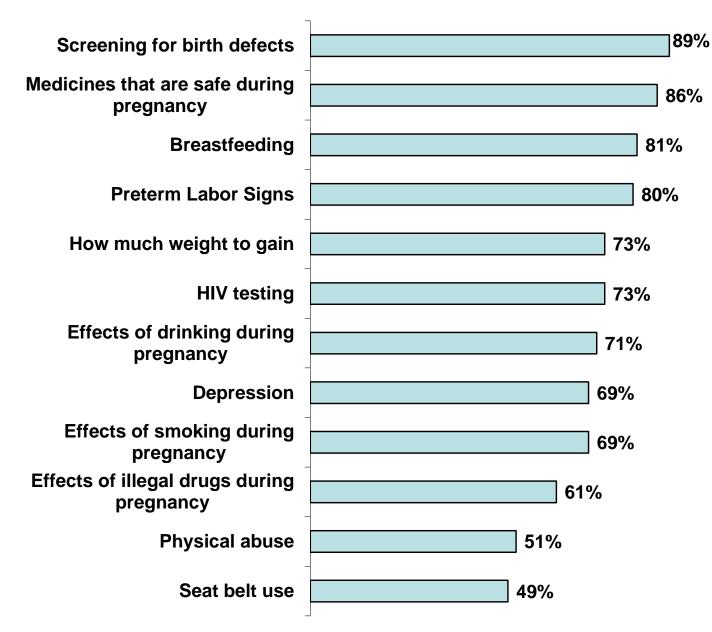
Percentage of Mothers Who Did Not Begin Prenatal Care During the First Trimester of Pregnancy



TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING PRENATAL CARE VISITS

Question 23: *During any of your prenatal care visits*, did a doctor, nurse, or other healthcare worker talk with you about any of the things listed below? Please count only discussions, not reading materials or videos.

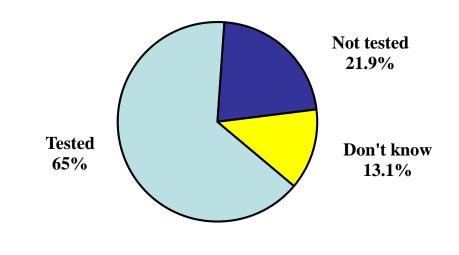
Mothers Reporting That Selected Topics Were Discussed During Prenatal Care Visits



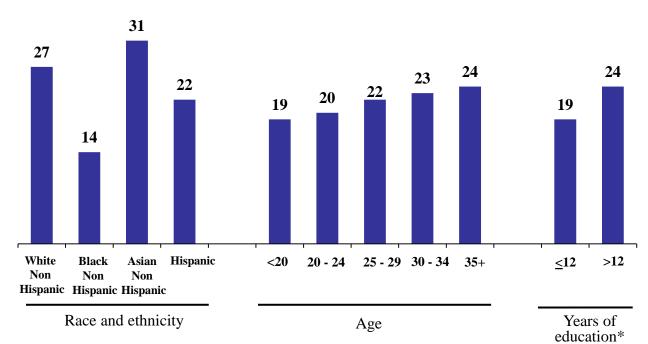
HIV TESTING

Question 25: At any time during *your most recent* pregnancy or delivery, did you have a test for HIV (the virus that causes AIDS)?

Distribution of Mothers by HIV Testing Status



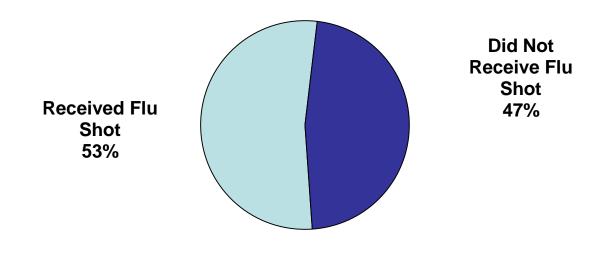
Percentage of Mothers Who Reported They Did Not Have an HIV Test During Pregnancy or Delivery



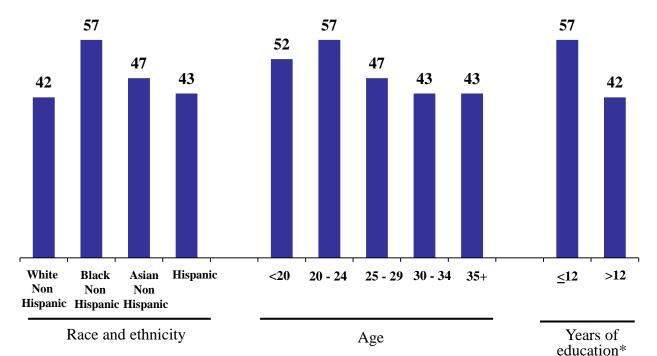
INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS

Question 27: During the 12 months before the delivery of your new baby, did you get a flu shot?

Distribution of Mothers by Flu Immunization Status Year Before Delivery



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported They Did Not Get a Flu Shot Year Before Delivery

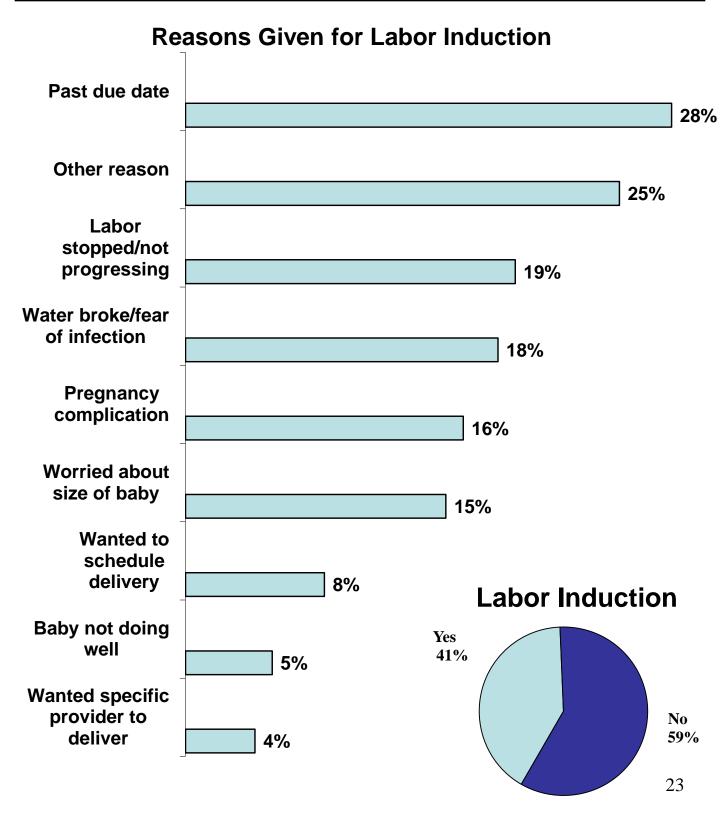


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REASONS FOR LABOR INDUCTION

Question 48: Did your doctor, nurse, or other health care worker try to induce your labor (start your contractions using medicine)?

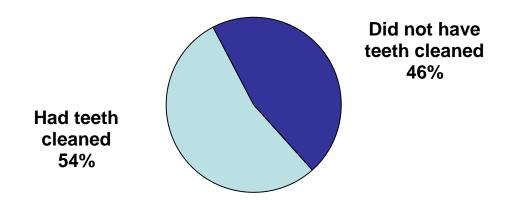
Question 49: Why did your doctor, nurse, or other health care worker try to induce your labor (start your contractions using medicine)?



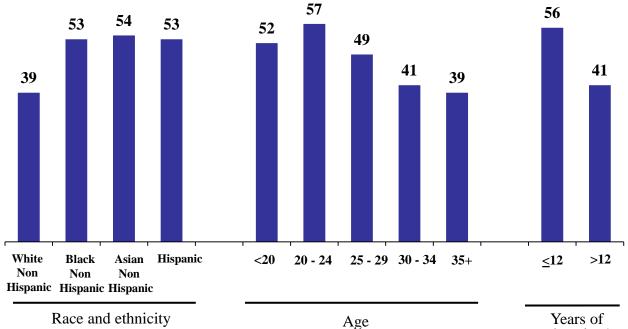
TEETH CLEANING

Question 29: This question is about the care of your teeth during your most recent pregnancy. Question 29c: I had my teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist. For each item, check No if it is not true or does not apply to you or Yes if it is true.

Distribution of Mothers by Teeth Cleaning During Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Did Not Have Their **Teeth Cleaned During Pregnancy**



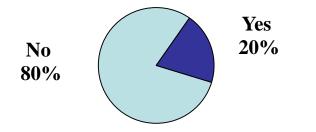


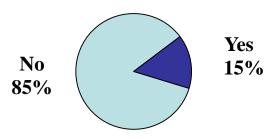
ORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Question 29e: I needed to see a dentist for a problem (during pregnancy).Question 29f: I went to a dentist or dental clinic about a problem (during pregnancy).Question 30: Did any of the following things make it hard for you to go to a dentist or dental clinic about the problem you had during your most recent pregnancy?

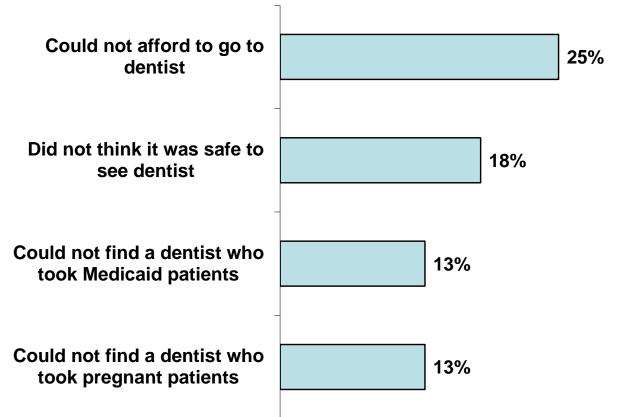
Distribution of Mothers Who Needed to See a Dentist about a Problem During Pregnancy

Distribution of Mothers Who Went to See a Dentist about a Problem During Pregnancy





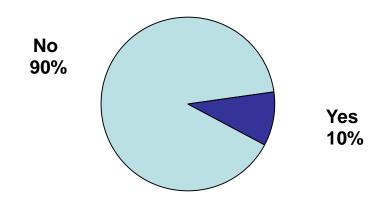
Factors Making it Difficult to See a Dentist About a Problem During Pregnancy



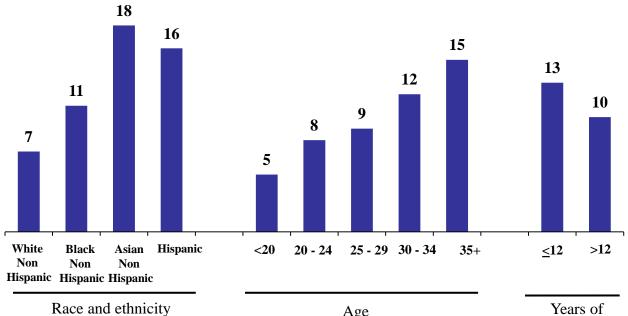
GESTATIONAL DIABETES

Question 34: During your most recent pregnancy, were you told by a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker that you had gestational diabetes (diabetes that started during this pregnancy)?

Distribution of Mothers by Gestational Diabetes Status



Percentage of Mothers Who Had **Gestational Diabetes**



education*

Age

Health Care Coverage, WIC, Home Visiting, and Employment



"12 weeks of FMLA is just not enough. A 12 week old baby, especially one like mine who was 6 weeks premature is much too young to leave! I hate that I had to return to work so quickly."

"I really appreciate a nurse coming out to check on me while pregnant and after the pregnancy also."

"The WIC program also helps a lot so please don't take away those programs."

"I am a State of MD employee. Thanks to the leave bank I was able to be paid for my entire bed rest."

PRAMS mothers

HEALTH INSURANCE BEFORE PREGNANCY

Question 8: During the *month before* you got pregnant with your new baby, what kind of *health insurance* did you have?

Health Insurance Status Just Before Pregnancy**

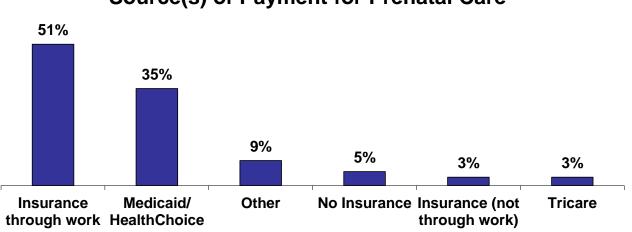
** Respondents were instructed to identify all sources of payment, therefore percentages do not sum to 100.

Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Having Medicaid/HealthChoice or No Health Insurance Just **Before Pregnancy** 5 ■ No Insurance ■ Medicaid/HealthChoice 33 36 33 30 21 22 16 4 11 11 White Black Hispanic Asian <20 20 - 24 25 - 29 30 - 34 35+ <12 >12 Non Non Non Hispanic Hispanic Hispanic Years of Race and ethnicity Age education*

*Includes only mothers ages 20 and above.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR PRENATAL CARE

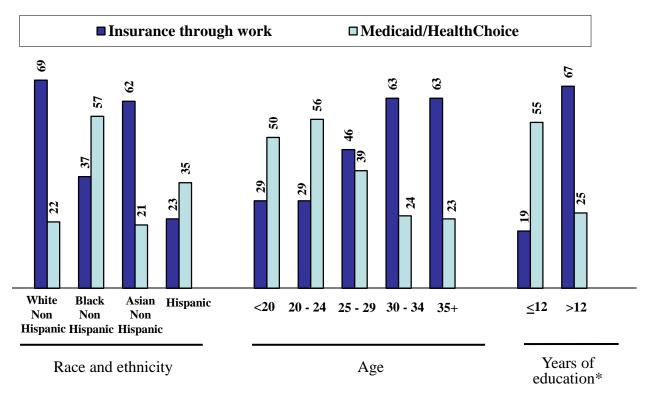
Question 22: During your most recent pregnancy, what kind of *health insurance* did you have to pay for your *prenatal care*?



Source(s) of Payment for Prenatal Care**

** Respondents were instructed to identify all sources of payment, therefore percentages do not sum to 100.

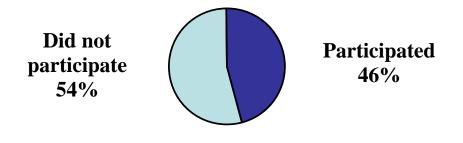
Percentage of Mothers Who Identified Insurance or Medicaid/HealthChoice as a Source of Payment for **Prenatal Care**



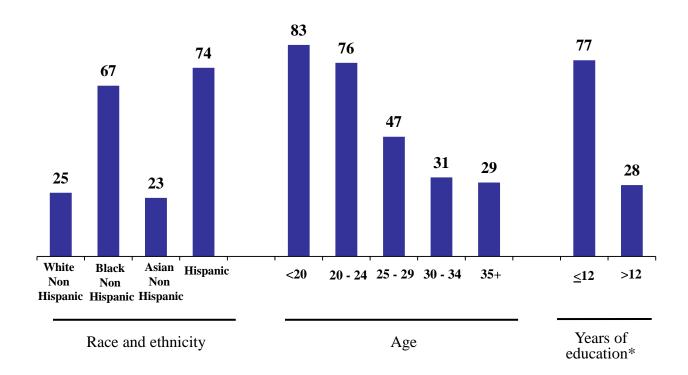
WIC PARTICIPATION

Question 33: During *your most recent* pregnancy, were you on WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)?

Distribution of Mothers by Participation in the WIC Program During Pregnancy



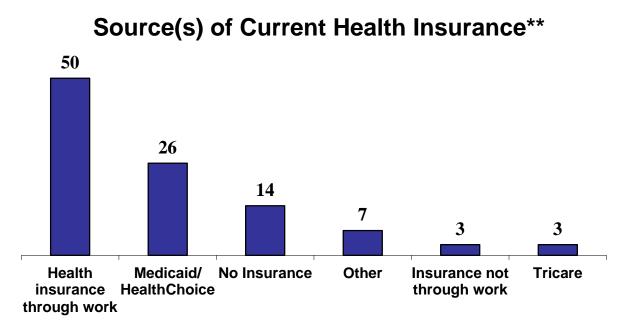
Percentage of Mothers Who Participated in the WIC Program During Pregnancy



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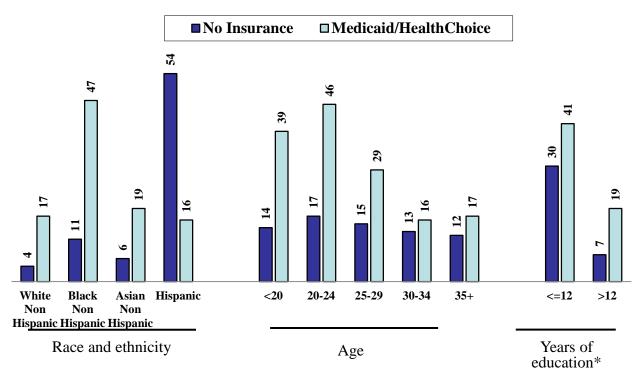
CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Question 68: What kind of *health insurance* do you have now? Check all that apply.



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Percentage of Mothers Who Identified Currently Having No Insurance or Medicaid/HealthChoice



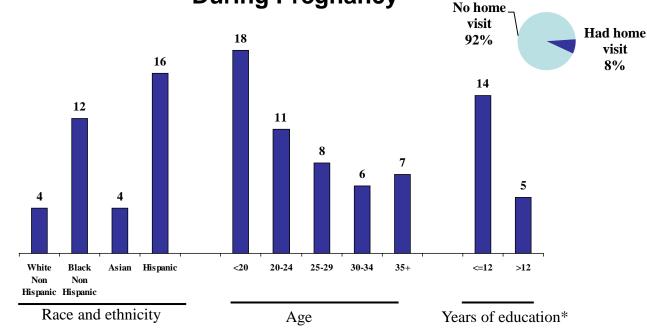
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HOME VISITING

Question 32: During *your most recent* pregnancy, did a home visitor come to your home to help you prepare for your new baby?

Question 61: *Since your new baby was born*, has a home visitor come to your home to help you learn how to take care of yourself or your new baby?

Distribution of Mothers who had a Home Visit During Pregnancy



Distribution of Mothers who had a Home Visit



Race and ethnicity

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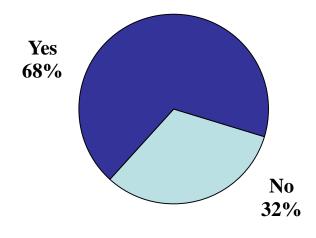
Age

Years of education*

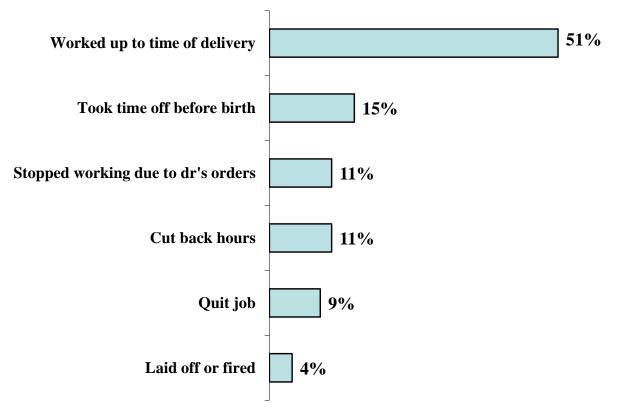
MATERNAL EMPLOYMENT

Question 76: At any time during *your most recent* pregnancy, did you work at a job for pay? Question 77: Which of the following best describes your work schedule during the *last month* of your most recent pregnancy?

Distribution of Mothers Who Worked At a Job For Pay During Pregnancy



Work Schedule During Last Month of Pregnancy



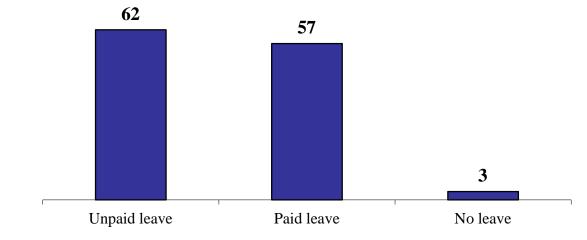
WORKPLACE LEAVE

Question 79: Which of the following describes the leave or time you took off from work *after* your

new baby was born?

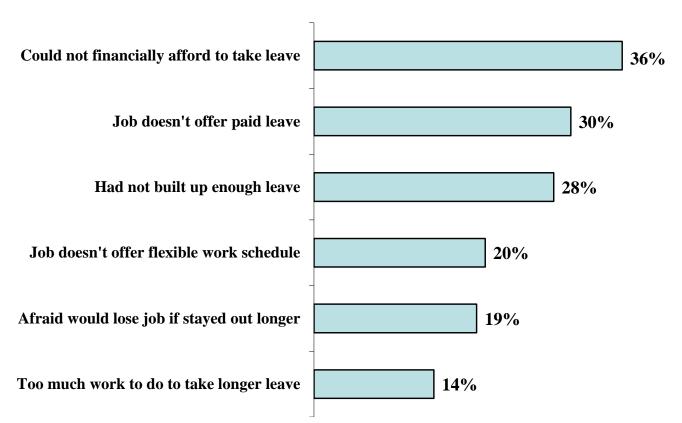
Question 80: Did any of the things listed below affect your decision about taking leave from work *after* your new baby was born?

Distribution of Leave That Mothers Took After Delivery*



*Respondents were instructed to check all that apply, therefore percentages do not sum to 100.

Factors Affecting Decision to Take Leave



Selected Risk Factors



"Before I got pregnant up until I found out I was pregnant at 3 weeks, I did smoke marijuana on a regular daily basis. Since then I haven't smoked so often or even as heavily."

"My experience around the time of this pregnancy was hard for me because I have been in an abusive relationship with two children from my husband and step children. I have been evicted from my house while I was pregnant and under the control of my husband."

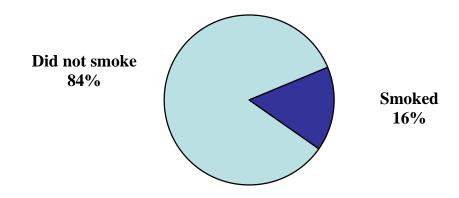
"I had several drinks when I was two days pregnant. I did not know I was pregnant (birthday celebration). I was very stressed and sad during my entire pregnancy due to problems in my relationship with my baby's father."

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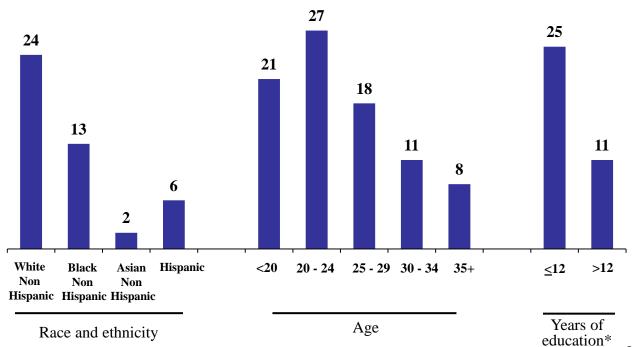
SMOKING BEFORE PREGNANCY

Question 36: In the *three months <u>before</u>* you got pregnant, how many cigarettes did you smoke on an average day?

Distribution of Mothers by Smoking Status During the Three Month Period Before Pregnancy Began



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported They Smoked During the Three Month Period Before Pregnancy Began

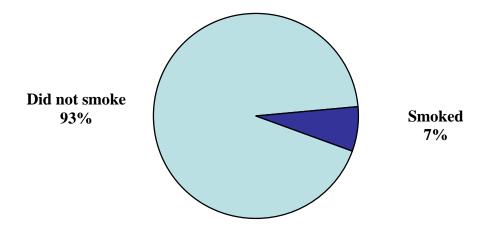


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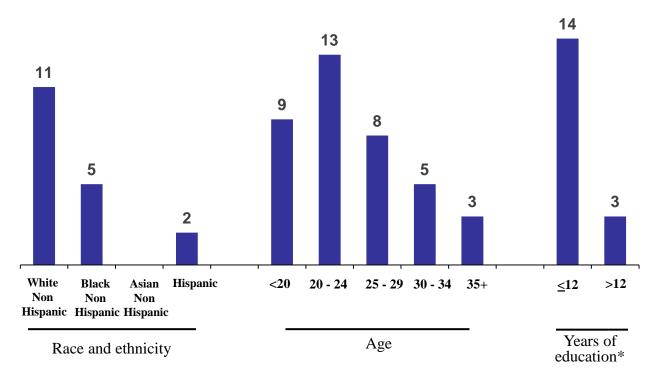
SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

Question 37: In the *last 3 months* of your pregnancy, how many cigarettes did you smoke on an average day?

Distribution of Mothers by Smoking Status During the Last Three Months of Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported They Smoked During the Last Three Months of Pregnancy

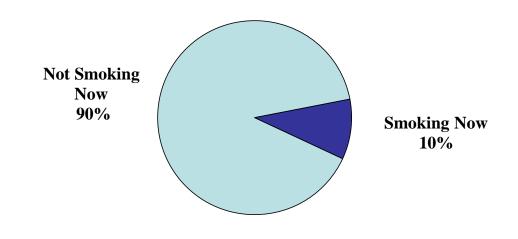


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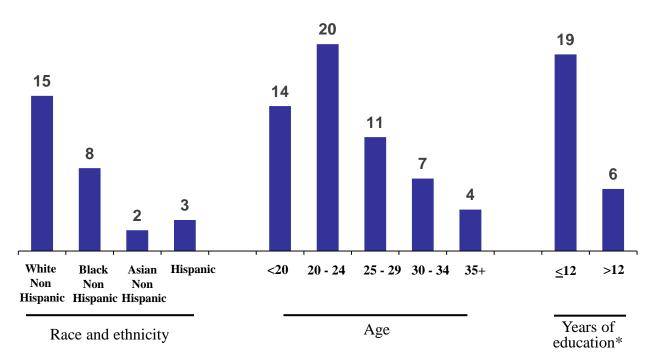
SMOKING AFTER PREGNANCY

Question 38: How many cigarettes do you smoke on an average day now?

Distribution of Mothers by Smoking Status in the Postpartum Period



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported They Smoked in the Postpartum Period

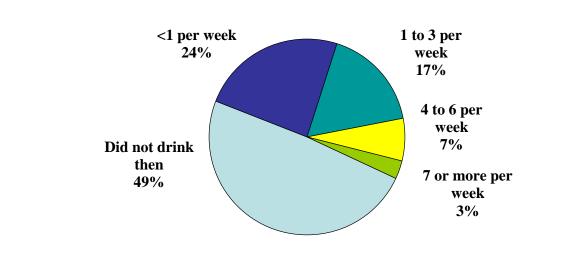


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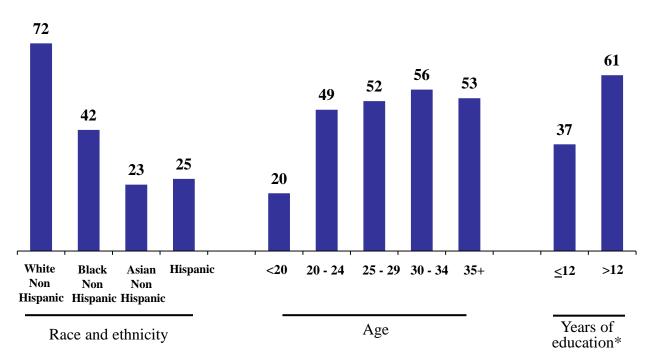
ALCOHOL USE BEFORE PREGNANCY

Question 40: During the *3 months <u>before</u>* you got pregnant, how many alcoholic drinks did you have in an average week?

Distribution of Mothers by the Number of Alcoholic Drinks During the Three Month Period Preceding Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Any Alcohol Use in the Three Months Preceding Pregnancy



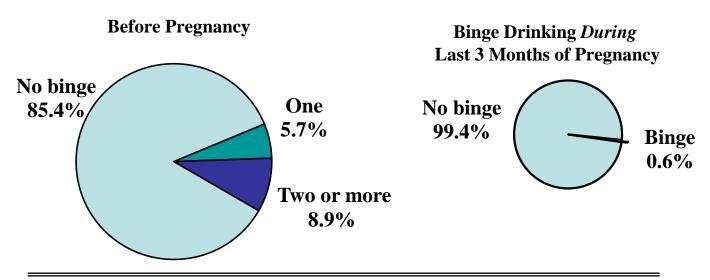
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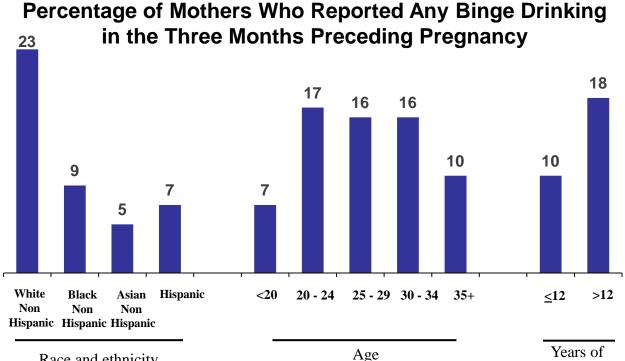
ALCOHOL BINGES BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY

Question 41: During the 3 months before you got pregnant, how many times did you drink 4 alcoholic drinks or more in a two hour time span?

Question 43: During the *last 3 months* of your pregnancy, how many times did you drink 4 alcoholic drinks or more in a 2 hour time span?

Distribution of Mothers by the Number of Alcohol Binges (4+ Drinks in One Sitting) Before and During Pregnancy





Race and ethnicity

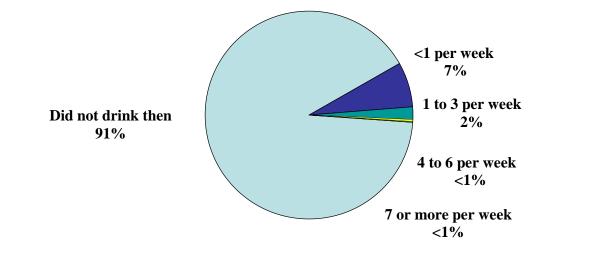
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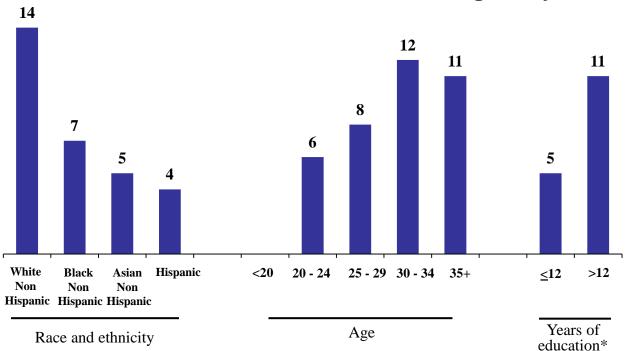
ALCOHOL USE DURING PREGNANCY

Question 42: During the *last 3 months* of your pregnancy, how many alcoholic drinks did you have in an average week?

Distribution of Mothers by the Number of Alcoholic Drinks During the Last Three Months of Pregnancy



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Any Alcohol Use in the Last Three Months of Pregnancy

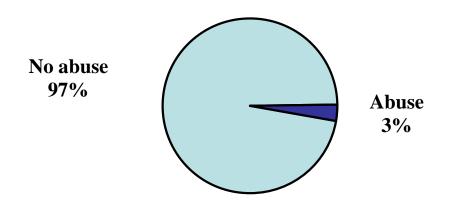


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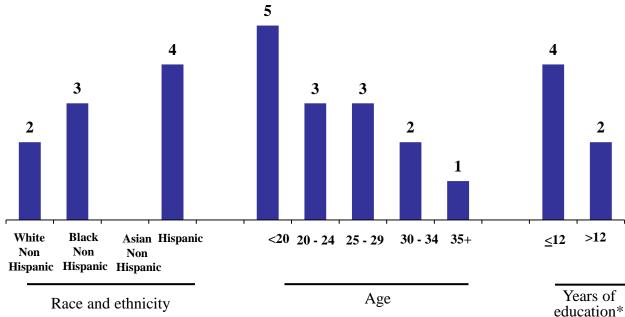
PHYSICAL ABUSE BEFORE PREGNANCY

Question 45: During the 12 months before you got pregnant with your new baby, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?

Distribution of Mothers by Abuse Before Pregnancy by Husband or Partner



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Being Physically Abused Before Pregnancy by a Husband or Partner

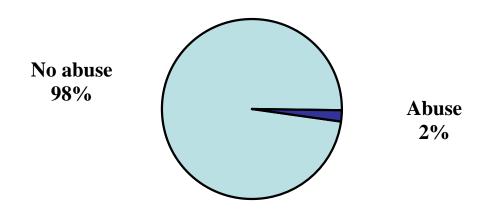


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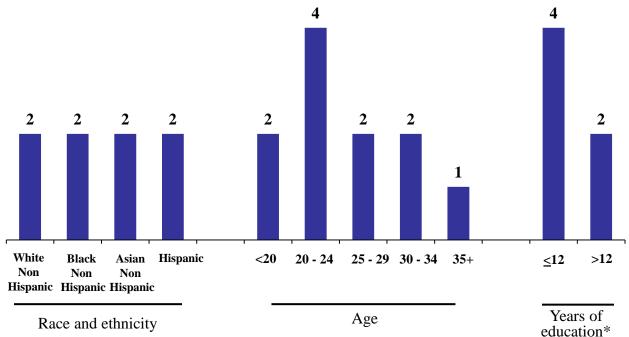
PHYSICAL ABUSE DURING PREGNANCY

Question 46: During *your most recent* pregnancy, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?

Distribution of Mothers by Abuse During Pregnancy by Husband or Partner



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Being Physically Abused During Pregnancy by a Husband or Partner



*Includes only mothers ages 20 and above.

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Postpartum Factors



"I never thought depression after birth was real, but it truly happens. I hope healthcare workers everywhere encourage women to come out and let them know when these women have symptoms of depression. Medication has truly, truly helped me to give better care to my daughter, and I'm glad I had the courage to share my problem with my doctor."

"My son was born premature due to severe preeclampsia and HELLP. The staff at (this) Labor and Delivery & NICU were great and promoted breastfeeding."

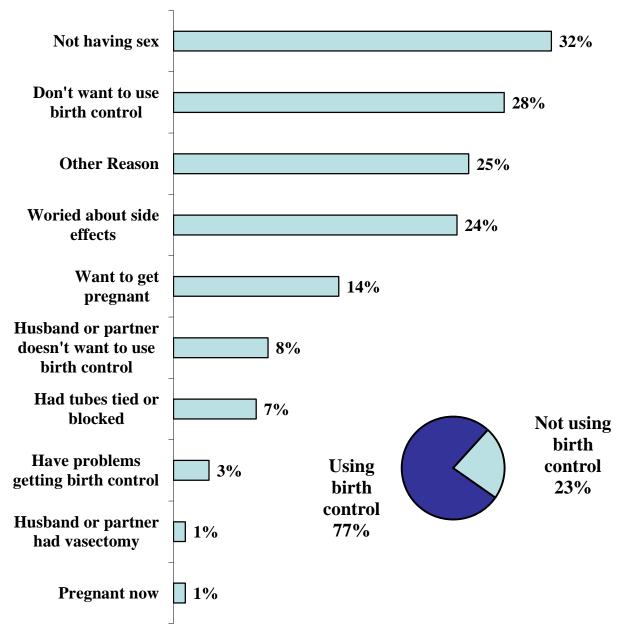
"I only lay him on his back to go to sleep because they made me watch a video about babies going to sleep on their stomach."

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REASONS FOR NO POSTPARTUM BIRTH CONTROL

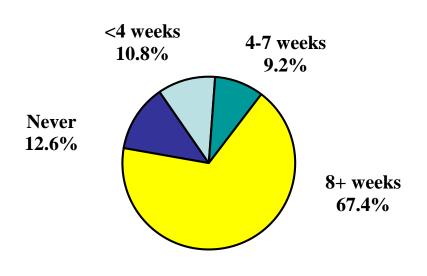
Question 62: Are you or your husband or partner doing anything *now* to keep from getting pregnant?Question 63: What are your reasons or your husband's or partner's reasons for not doing anything to keep from getting pregnant *now*? Check <u>all</u> that apply.



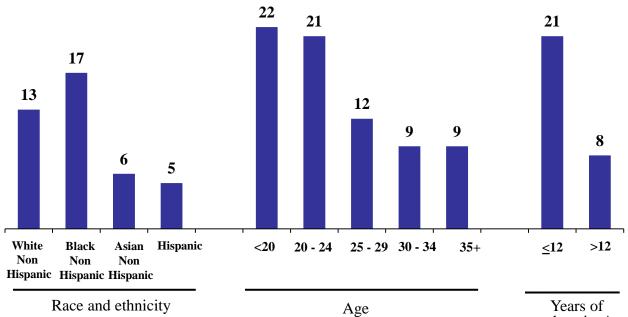


Question 58: How many weeks or months did you breastfeed or pump milk to feed your baby?

Distribution of Mothers by Length of Time Infant Was Breastfed



Percentage of Mothers Who Reported Never **Breastfeeding**

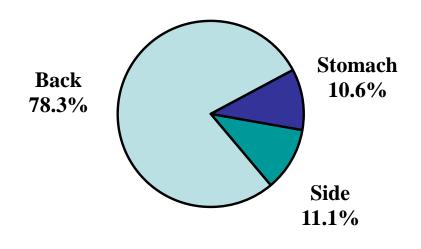


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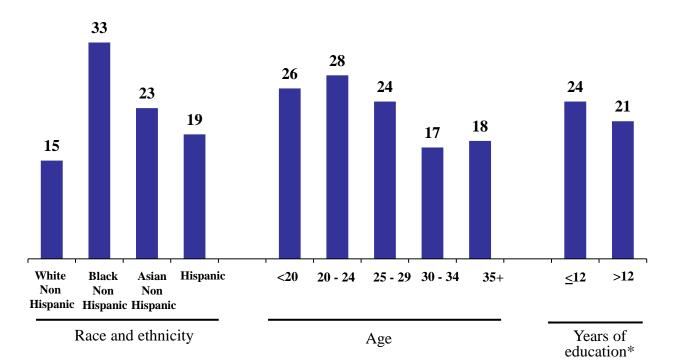
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Question 59: In which one position do you most often lay your baby down to sleep now?

Distribution of Infants by Sleep Position



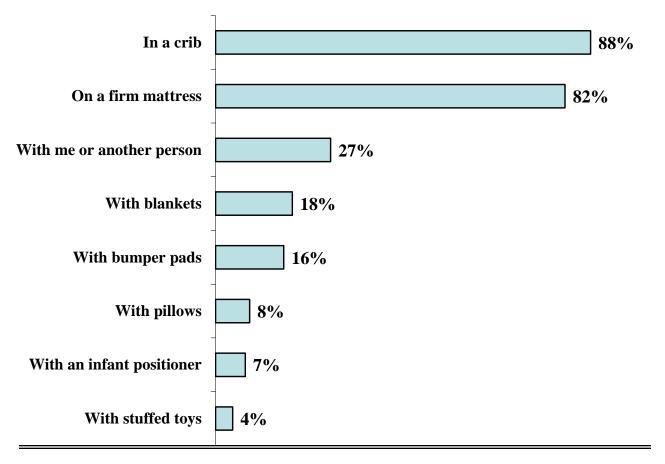




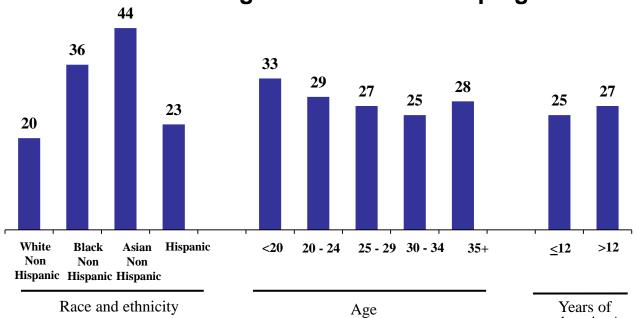
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SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Question 60: Listed below are some things that describe how your new baby usually sleeps. Check No if it doesn't usually apply to your baby or Yes if it usually applies to your baby.



Percentage of Infants Co-Sleeping



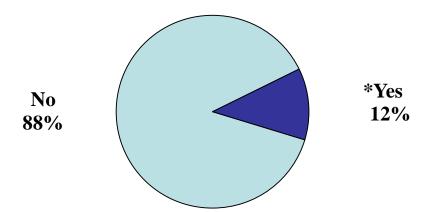
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SYMPTOMS OF POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

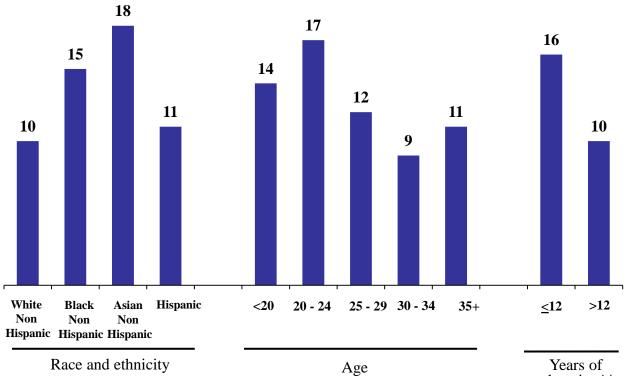
Question 66: Since your new baby was born, how often have you felt down, depressed, or hopeless? Question 67: Since your new baby was born, how often have you had little interest or little pleasure in doing things?

Distribution of Mothers by Postpartum Depression



*Includes mothers who reported having symptoms "Always" or "Often" to Questions 66 or 67





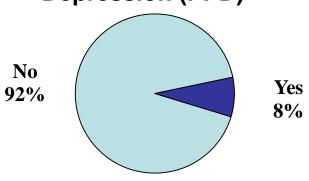
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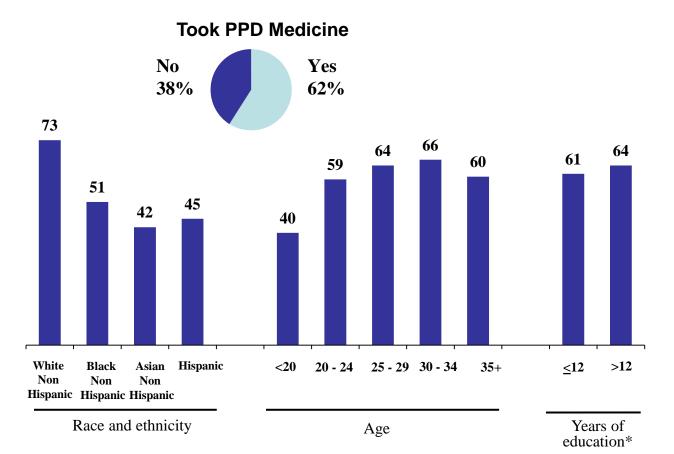
POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION DIAGNOSED

Question 74: *Since your new baby was born*, has a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker *told you that you had* depression? Question 75: Since your new baby was born, have you taken prescription medicine for your depression?

Distribution of Mothers by Diagnosis of Postpartum Depression (PPD)



Percentage of Mothers Diagnosed With Postpartum Depression Who Took Prescription Medicine



*Includes only mothers ages 20 and above.

Phase 7 Questionnaire



"I was happy to help others by filling the survey out despite the fact that I am busy with twins."

"I hope this survey and many others really do help in your research to make the babies healthier. I'm glad I could be a part of it."

"I am a social worker and really enjoyed taking this survey! Glad to see this information is being obtained!"

PRAMS mothers

Please check the box next to your answer or follow the directions included with the question. You may be asked to skip some questions that do not apply to you. BEFORE PREGNANCY	 6. Was the baby <i>just before</i> your new one born <i>earlier</i> than 3 weeks before his or her due date? No Yes
The first questions are about <i>you</i> . 1. How tall are <i>you</i> without shoes?	The next questions are about the time <i>before</i> you got pregnant with your <i>new</i> baby.
Feet Inches OR Centimeters	7. At any time during the 12 months before you got pregnant with your new baby, did you do any of the following things? For each item, check No if you did not do it or Yes if you did it.
 2. Just before you got pregnant with your new baby, how much did you weigh? Pounds OR Kilos 3. What is <u>your</u> date of birth? Month Day Year 	No Yes a. I was dieting (changing my eating habits) to lose weight b. I was exercising 3 or more days of the week c. I was regularly taking prescription medicines other than birth control d. I visited a health care worker and was checked for diabetes e. I visited a health care worker and was checked for high blood pressure
 4. Before you got pregnant with your new baby, did you ever have any other babies who were born alive? □ No → Go to Question 7 □ Yes 5. Did the baby born just before your new one weigh 5 pounds, 8 ounces (2.5 kilos) or less 	 f. I visited a health care worker and was checked for depression or anxiety g. I talked to a health care worker about my family medical history h. I had my teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist
at birth? Image: No Image: Yes	

8. During the *month before* you got pregnant with your new baby, what kind of *health* insurance did vou have? Check ALL that apply Private health insurance from my job or the job of my husband, partner, or parents Private health insurance purchased directly from an insurance company Medicaid or HealthChoice TRICARE or other military health care □ Some other kind of health insurance \rightarrow Please tell us: □ I did not have any health insurance during the month before I got pregnant During the *month before* you got pregnant 9. 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 in the month before I got pregnant □ 1 to 3 times a week \Box 4 to 6 times a week Every day of the week 10. Before you got pregnant with your new baby, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker talk to you about how to improve your health before pregnancy? \square No **Y**es

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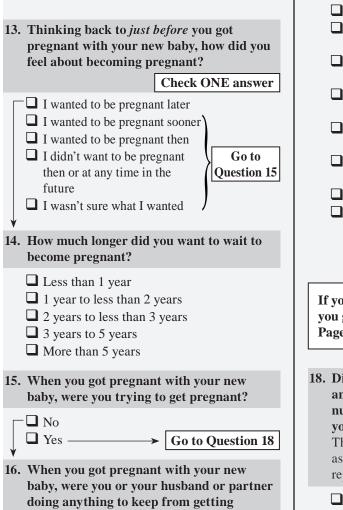
11. *Before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker tell you that you had any of the following health conditions? For each one, check No if you did not have the condition or Yes if you did.

No Yes

- a. Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes (<u>NOT</u> the same as gestational diabetes or diabetes that starts during pregnancy).....
 b. High blood pressure or hypertension...
 c. Depression
- 12. During the *3 months before* you got pregnant with your new baby, did you have any of the following health conditions? For each one, check **No** if you did not have the condition or **Yes** if you did.

		No	Yes
a.	Asthma	🗖	
b.	Anemia (poor blood, low iron)	🗖	
c.	Heart problems	🗖	
d.	Epilepsy (seizures)	🗖	
e.	Thyroid problems		
	Anxiety		

The next questions are about the time when you got pregnant with your new baby.



pregnant? Some things people do to keep from getting pregnant include using birth control pills, condoms, withdrawal, or natural family planning.



- 17. What were your reasons or your husband's or partner's reasons for not doing anything to keep from getting pregnant?

 Check ALL that apply
 I didn't mind if I got pregnant
 I thought I could not get pregnant at that time
 I had side effects from the birth control method I was using
 I had problems getting birth control when I needed it
 I thought my husband or partner or I was sterile (could not get pregnant at all)
 - My husband or partner didn't want to use anything
 - □ I forgot to use a birth control method

If you were <u>not trying</u> to get pregnant when you got pregnant with your new baby, go to Page 4, Question 20.

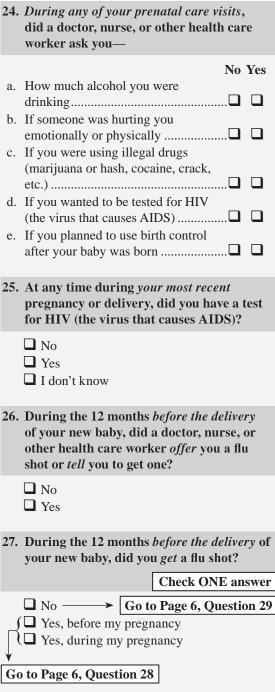
18. Did you take any fertility drugs or receive any medical procedures from a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker to help you get pregnant with your new baby? This may include infertility treatments such as fertility-enhancing drugs or assisted reproductive technology.

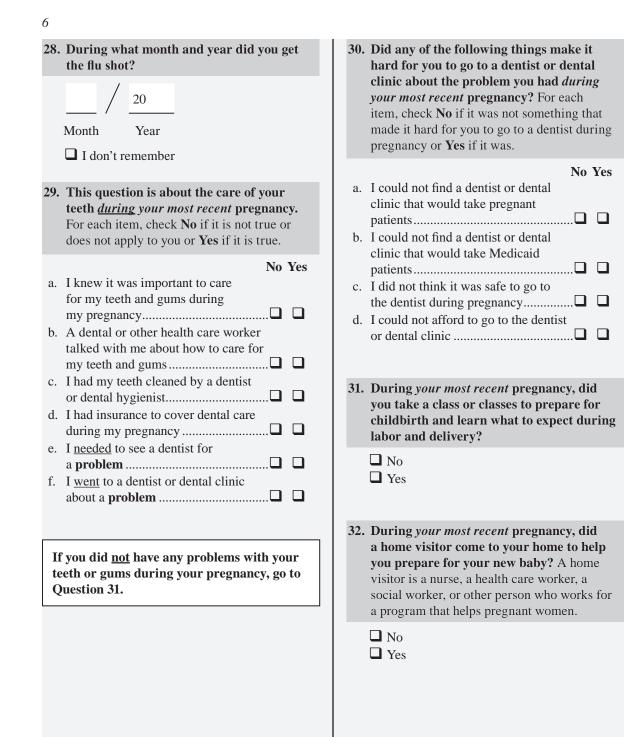


19. Did you use any of the following fertility 20. How many weeks or months pregnant treatments during the month you got were you when you were sure you were pregnant with your new baby? pregnant? For example, you had a pregnancy test or a doctor or nurse said you were Check ALL that apply pregnant. Fertility-enhancing drugs prescribed by a doctor (fertility drugs include Clomid[®], Serophene[®], Pergonal[®], or other drugs that Weeks **OR** _____ Months stimulate ovulation) □ I don't remember Artificial insemination or intrauterine insemination (treatments in which sperm, 21. How many weeks or months pregnant but NOT eggs, were collected and were you when you had your first visit for medically placed into a woman's body) **prenatal care?** Do not count a visit that was Assisted reproductive technology only for a pregnancy test or only for WIC (the (treatments in which BOTH a woman's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for eggs and a man's sperm were handled in Women, Infants, and Children). the laboratory, such as in vitro fertilization [IVF], gamete intrafallopian transfer [GIFT], zygote intrafallopian transfer Weeks **OR** _____ Months [ZIFT], intracytoplasmic sperm injection [ICSI], frozen embryo transfer, or donor I didn't go for embryo transfer) prenatal care -→ Go to Question 25 \Box Other medical treatment \rightarrow Please tell us: 22. During *your most recent* pregnancy, what kind of health insurance did you have to □ I wasn't using fertility treatments *during* pay for your *prenatal care*? the month that I got pregnant with my Check ALL that apply new baby Private health insurance from my job or the job of my husband, partner, or parents Private health insurance purchased directly from an insurance company **DURING PREGNANCY** Medicaid or HealthChoice The next questions are about the prenatal TRICARE or other military health care care you received during your most Some other kind of recent pregnancy. Prenatal care includes \rightarrow Please tell us: health insurance visits to a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker before your baby was born to get checkups and advice about I did not have any health insurance pregnancy. (It may help to look at the to pay for my *prenatal care* calendar when you answer these questions.)

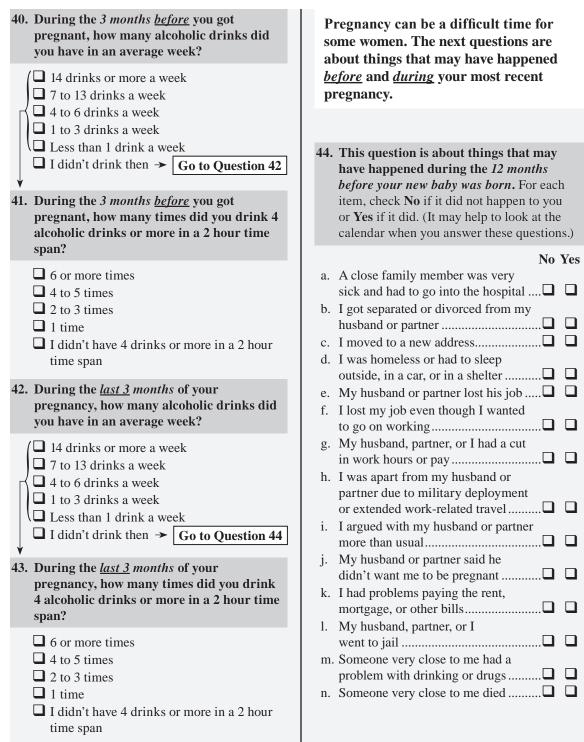
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23. During any of your prenatal care visits, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker talk with you about any of the worker ask youthings listed below? Please count only discussions, not reading materials or videos. For each item, check No if no one talked with you about it or Yes if someone did. No Yes a. How much weight I should gain during my pregnancy 🛛 🗖 b. How smoking during pregnancy could affect my baby..... c. Breastfeeding my baby d. How drinking alcohol during pregnancy could affect my baby...... e. Using a seat belt during my pregnancy..... f. Medicines that are safe to take during my pregnancy..... g. How using illegal drugs could affect **No** my baby **Y**es h. Doing tests to screen for birth defects □ I don't know or diseases that run in my family \Box i. The signs and symptoms of preterm labor (labor more than 3 weeks before the baby is due)...... \Box j. Getting tested for HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) \Box k. What to do if I feel depressed during **No** my pregnancy or after my baby **Ves** is born 🔲 🔲 1. Physical abuse to women by their husbands or partners

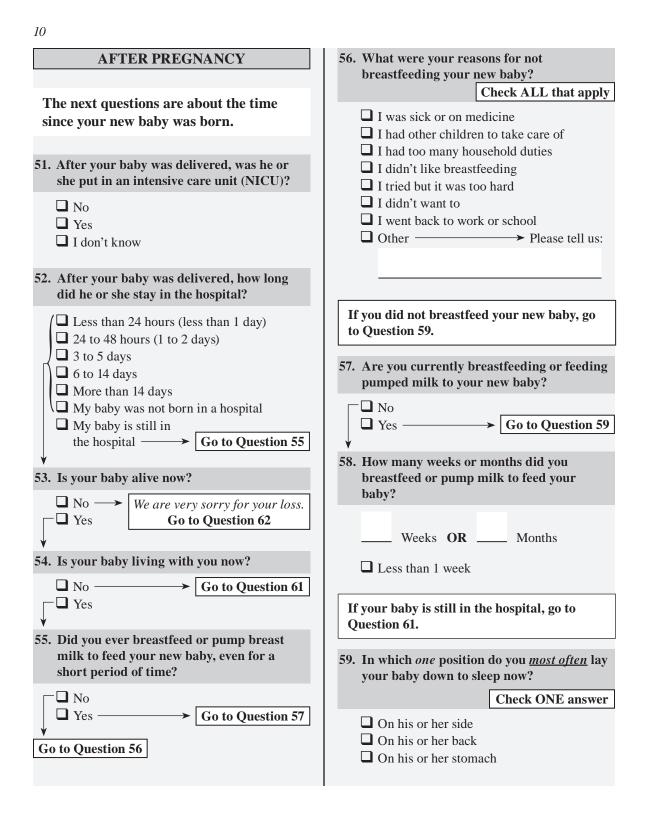




33. During <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, were you on WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)?	 37. In the <i>last 3 months</i> of your pregnancy, how many cigarettes did you smoke on an average day? A pack has 20 cigarettes. 41 cigarettes or more
 No Yes 34. During <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, were you told by a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker that you had gestational diabetes (diabetes that started during <i>this</i> pregnancy)? 	 21 to 40 cigarettes 11 to 20 cigarettes 6 to 10 cigarettes 1 to 5 cigarettes Less than 1 cigarette I didn't smoke then
 No Yes 	 38. How many cigarettes do you smoke on an average day now? A pack has 20 cigarettes. 41 cigarettes or more 21 to 40 cigarettes 11 to 20 cigarettes
The next questions are about smoking cigarettes around the time of pregnancy (before, during, and after).	 6 to 10 cigarettes 1 to 5 cigarettes Less than 1 cigarette I don't smoke now
35. Have you smoked any cigarettes in the <i>past</i> 2 years?	The next questions are about drinking
$\square \text{ No} \longrightarrow \text{Go to Question 39}$ $\bigvee \text{Yes}$	alcohol around the time of pregnancy (before and during).
 36. In the 3 months before you got pregnant, how many cigarettes did you smoke on an average day? A pack has 20 cigarettes. 41 cigarettes or more 21 to 40 cigarettes 11 to 20 cigarettes 6 to 10 cigarettes 1 to 5 cigarettes Less than 1 cigarette I didn't smoke then 	 39. Have you had any alcoholic drinks in the <i>past 2 years</i>? A drink is 1 glass of wine, wine cooler, can or bottle of beer, shot of liquor, or mixed drink. □ No → Go to Page 8, Question 44 ✓ Yes Go to Page 8, Question 40



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45. During the 12 months before you got pregnant with your new baby, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any	49. Why did your doctor, nurse, or other health care worker try to induce your labor (start your contractions using medicine)?
other way?	Check ALL that apply
NoYes	 My water broke and there was a fear of infection I was past my due date My health care provider worried about the
46. During <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, did your husband or partner push, hit, slap, kick, choke, or physically hurt you in any other way?	 size of the baby My baby was not doing well and needed to be born I had a complication in my pregnancy (such
 No Yes 	 as low amniotic fluid or preeclampsia) Labor stopped or was not progressing I wanted to schedule my delivery I wanted to give birth with a specific health care provider
The next questions are about your labor and delivery.	$\Box \text{ Other } \longrightarrow \text{Please tell us:}$
47. When was your new baby born?	50. By the end of <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, how much weight had you gained?
/ / _20	Check ONE answer and fill in blank if needed
Month Day Year	
 48. Did your doctor, nurse, or other health care worker try to induce your labor (start your contractions using medicine)? □ No → Go to Question 50 □ Yes □ I don't know → Go to Question 50 Go to Question 49 	 I gained pounds I didn't gain any weight, but I lost pounds My weight didn't change during my pregnancy I don't know



60. Listed below are some things that describe how your new baby *usually* **sleeps.** For each item, check **No** if it doesn't usually apply to your baby or **Yes** if it usually applies to your baby.

No Yes

•	new baby sleeps in a crib or	
porta	able crib	
b. My	new baby sleeps on a firm or	
hard	l mattress	
c. My	new baby sleeps with pillows	
d. My	new baby sleeps with bumper	
pads	sl	
e. My	new baby sleeps with plush or	
thick	k blankets	
f. My	new baby sleeps with stuffed	
toys	l	
g. My	new baby sleeps with an infant	
posi	tioner	
h. My	new baby sleeps with me or	
anot	ther person	

61. Since your new baby was born, has a home visitor come to your home to help you learn how to take care of yourself or your new baby? A home visitor is a nurse, a health care worker, a social worker, or other person who works for a program that helps mothers of newborns.

Yes

62. Are you or your husband or partner doing anything *now* to keep from getting pregnant? Some things people do to keep from getting pregnant include using birth control pills, condoms, withdrawal, or natural family planning.

 $\int_{V} \bigcirc No$ $Ves \longrightarrow Go \text{ to Page 12, Question 64}$ Go to Question 63

63. What are your reasons or your husband's or partner's reasons for not doing anything to keep from getting pregnant *now*?

Check ALL that apply

I am not having sex
I want to get pregnant
I don't want to use birth control
□ I am worried about side effects from birth
control
□ My husband or partner doesn't want to use
anything
□ I have problems getting birth control when
I need it
I had my tubes tied or blocked
□ My husband or partner had a vasectomy
I am pregnant now
$\Box \text{ Other } \longrightarrow \text{Please tell us:}$

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If you or your husband or partner is <u>not doing</u> anything to keep from getting pregnant <i>now</i> , go to Question 65.		67. <i>Since your new baby was born</i> , how often have you had little interest or little pleasure in doing things?		
64	What kind of birth control are you or your husband or partner using <i>now</i> to keep from getting pregnant? Check ALL that apply Tubes tied or blocked (female sterilization,	 Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never 		
Essure [®] , Adiana [®]) Vasectomy (male sterilization)		68. What kind of <i>health insurance</i> do <u>you</u> have <i>now</i> ?		
	Birth control pill	Check ALL that apply		
	 Condoms Injection (Depo-Provera®) Contraceptive implant (Implanon®) Contraceptive patch (OrthoEvra®) or vaginal ring (NuvaRing®) IUD (including Mirena® or ParaGard®) Natural family planning (including rhythm method) Withdrawal (pulling out) Not having sex (abstinence) Other ->> Please tell us: 	 Private health insurance from my job or the job of my husband, partner, or parents Private health insurance purchased directly from an insurance company Medicaid or HealthChoice TRICARE or other military health care Some other kind of health insurance —> Please tell us: I do not have health insurance <i>now</i> 		
65.	<i>Since your new baby was born,</i> have you had a postpartum checkup for yourself? A	OTHER EXPERIENCES		
	postpartum checkup is the regular checkup a woman has about 4-6 weeks after she gives birth.	The next questions are on a variety of topics.		
	NoYes	69. How did you feel when you found out you were pregnant with your new baby?		
66	Since your new baby was born, how often have you felt down, depressed, or hopeless?	Were you—		
	 Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never 	 Very unhappy to be pregnant Unhappy to be pregnant Not sure Happy to be pregnant Very happy to be pregnant 		

70. <i>Before</i> you got pregnant with your new baby, did your husband or partner ever try to keep you from using your birth control so that you would get pregnant when you didn't want to? For example, did he hide your birth control, throw it away or do	 74. Since your new baby was born, has a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker told you that you had depression? □ No → Go to Question 76 □ Yes
anything else to keep you from using it? No Yes 	 75. Since your new baby was born, have you taken prescription medicine for your depression?
71. During any of the following time periods, did your husband or partner threaten you, limit your activities against your will, or make you feel unsafe in any other way? For each time period, check No if it did not happen then or Yes if it did.	 No Yes 76. At any time during <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, did you work at a job for pay? No> Go to Page 14, Question 81 Yes
 No Yes a. During the 12 months before I got pregnant	 77. Which of the following best describes your work schedule during the <i>last month</i> of your most recent pregnancy? Check ONE answer
72. At any time <u>during</u> <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker <i>tell you that you had</i> anxiety?	 I worked up to the time of delivery with no change in schedule I cut back on my work hours I took time off before the birth of my baby I stopped working due to doctor's orders I quit my job - Go to Page 14,
NoYes	☐ I was laid off or fired from my job → Go to Page 14, Question 81 Go to Page 14, Question 81
73. At any time <u>during</u> <i>your most recent</i> pregnancy, did a doctor, nurse, or other health care worker <i>tell you that you had</i> depression?	 78. Have you returned to the job you had during your most recent pregnancy? Check ONE answer □ No → Go to Page 14, Question 81
 No Yes 	Go to Page 14, Question 79

79. Which of the following describes the leave or time you took off from work *after* your new baby was born?

Check ALL that apply

- □ I took *paid* leave from my job
- □ I took *unpaid* leave from my job
- I did not take leave
- **80.** Did any of the things listed below affect your decision about taking leave from work *after* your new baby was born? For each item, check **No** if it does not apply to you or **Yes** if it does.
- No Yes a. I could not financially afford to take leave b. I was afraid I'd lose my job if I took leave or stayed out longer...... \Box c. I had too much work to do to take leave or stay out longer..... d. My job does not have paid leave e. My job does not offer a flexible work schedule f. I had not built up enough leave time to take any or more time off..... \Box
- 81. Thinking about when you were growing up, would you say your family was well-off financially, average or poor?
 - U Well-off financially
 - Average
 - Department Poor
 - L It varied
 - I don't know

The last questions are about the time during the *12 months before* your new baby was born.

- 82. During the 12 months before your new baby was born, what was your yearly total household income before taxes? Include your income, your husband's or partner's income, and any other income you may have received. All information will be kept private and will not affect any services you are now getting.
 - \$0 to \$15,000
 \$15,001 to \$19,000
 \$19,001 to \$22,000
 \$22,001 to \$26,000
 \$22,001 to \$29,000
 \$29,001 to \$37,000
 \$37,001 to \$44,000
 \$44,001 to \$52,000
 \$52,001 to \$56,000
 \$56,001 to \$67,000
 \$67,001 to \$79,000
 \$79,001 or more
- 83. During the *12 months before* your new baby was born, how many people, *including yourself*, depended on this income?
 - ____ People
- 84. What is today's date?



Please use this space for any additional comments you would like to make about your experiences around the time of your pregnancy or the health of mothers and babies in Maryland.

Thanks for answering our questions!

Your answers will help us work to make Maryland mothers and babies healthier.





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