**Surveillance Update**

**Child Prescription Medication Use for Chronic Conditions — North Carolina 2006–2007**

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**Percentage Of NC Parents Who Reported That Their Child Currently Needs Or Uses Medicine Prescribed By A Doctor For A Chronic Condition, By Child’s Sex**

- **Total:** 22%
- **Males:** 20%
- **Females:** 22%

**Percentage Of NC Parents Who Reported That Their Child Currently Needs Or Uses Medicine Prescribed By A Doctor For A Chronic Condition, By Child’s Race**

- **White:** 20%
- **African American:** 22%
- **Other:** 13%

**Percentage Of NC Parents Who Reported That Their Child Currently Needs Or Uses Medicine Prescribed By A Doctor For A Chronic Condition, By Child’s Age Group**

- **Under 5 Years:** 11%
- **5–10 Years:** 23%
- **11–13 Years:** 23%
- **14–17 Years:** 23%

**Percentage Of NC Parents Who Reported That Their Child Currently Needs Or Uses Medicine Prescribed By A Doctor For A Chronic Condition, By Parent’s Education Level**

- **Less than High School:** 13%
- **High School:** 18%
- **Some College:** 23%
- **College Graduate:** 19%

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The North Carolina Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program (NC CHAMP) is a surveillance system that collects information about the health characteristics of children from birth to age 17. NC CHAMP is a follow-up survey of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) which is a telephone survey of adults, ages 18 and older. All adult respondents with children living in their household are invited to participate in the CHAMP survey. One child is randomly selected from the household and the adult most knowledgeable about the health of the selected child is interviewed in a follow-up survey. This surveillance update includes data collected in 2006 and 2007 on 5,737 parental surveys of children ages birth to 17. Results presented here are for parents who reported that their child currently needs or uses medicine prescribed by a doctor, other than vitamins, because of a medical, behavioral, or other health condition that has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months. Percentages are weighted to population characteristics. For further information about NC CHAMP, please visit www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/champ.