

Surveillance Update

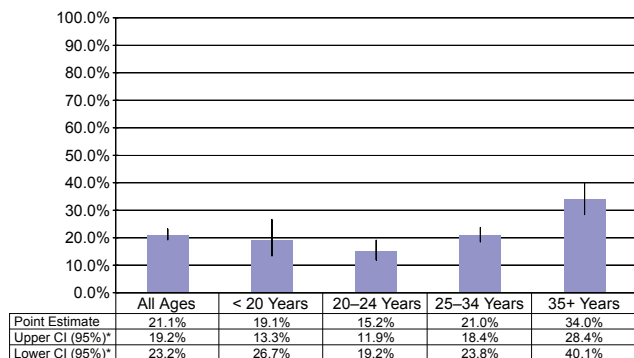
Prescription Medication Use Prior to Pregnancy by North Carolina Mothers



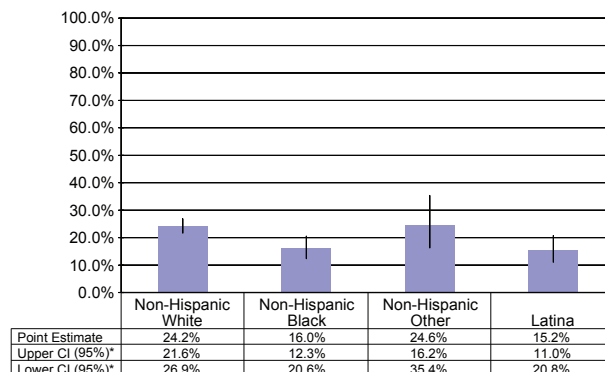
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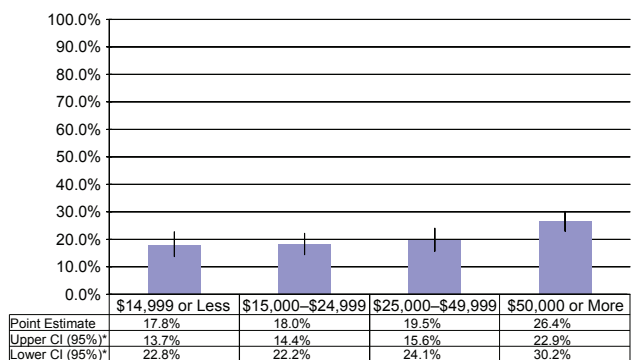
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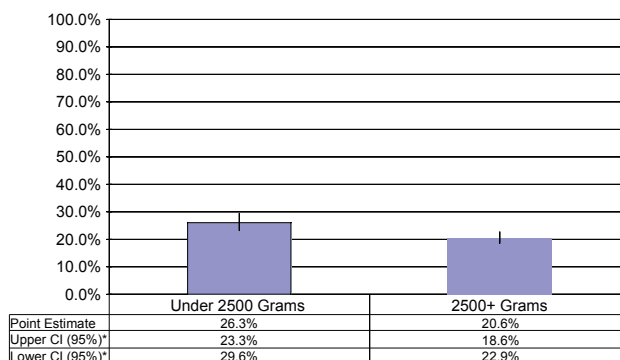
Percentage of N.C. Mothers Who Regularly Were Taking Prescription Medication (Other than Birth Control) 12 Months before Pregnancy, by Race — N.C. PRAMS 2009–10



Percentage of N.C. Mothers Who Regularly Were Taking Prescription Medication (Other than Birth Control) 12 Months before Pregnancy, by Income — N.C. PRAMS 2009–10



Percentage of N.C. Mothers Who Regularly Were Taking Prescription Medication (Other than Birth Control) 12 Months before Pregnancy, by Birth Weight — N.C. PRAMS 2009–10



The North Carolina Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative to reduce infant mortality and low birth weight. N.C. PRAMS is a random, stratified, monthly mail/telephone survey of North Carolina women who recently delivered a live-born infant. The PRAMS survey collects data on maternal behaviors and experiences before, during and after pregnancy for a sample of North Carolina women. This report is based on the responses of 2,126 mothers who delivered during 2009–2010 in the state of North Carolina and participated in the PRAMS survey two to four months after delivery. Specifically, this surveillance update focuses on mothers who responded to the question, “At any time during the 12 months before you got pregnant with your new baby, did you do any of the following things? I was regularly taking prescription medicines other than birth control.” For more detailed information please visit the N.C. PRAMS website at: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/prams.

* CI (95%) = Confidence Interval (at 95 percent probability level).



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