

# Wisconsin PRAMS

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System



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## Prenatal Care in Wisconsin

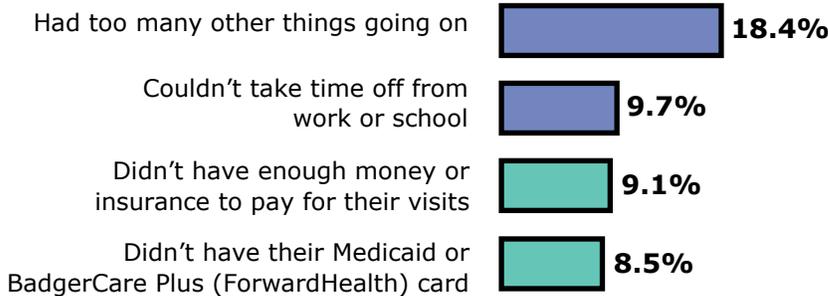
**12% of Wisconsin mothers did not get prenatal care as early as they wanted it. Why?**



The limitations of the [obstetric] coordinator made it very difficult to start my prenatal care, such as: making an [appointment] with an [obstetrician], getting an ultrasound, etc. I was very unhappy with that process.

- PRAMS mom

Wisconsin mothers also expressed concerns with **scheduling conflicts** and **money and insurance** getting in the way of early prenatal care.



**Satisfaction with prenatal care varied significantly by race and ethnicity.**



Non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic women of other races (non-white) were less likely to be satisfied with the amount of time the provider spent with them during prenatal care visits than White and Hispanic women.



Hispanic, Black, and women of other races were much less likely than White women to be satisfied with the understanding and respect shown to them by their prenatal care providers.

### PURPOSE

The PRAMS quarterly newsletters are designed to share project updates and highlight recent data with the Steering Committee and other organizations invested in maternal and infant health outcomes in Wisconsin.

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### Resource List

A resource list for new parents is available in both English and Spanish.

Please email us if you want to distribute to pregnant women and families you work with!



### UPCOMING

January 2019—Steering Committee meeting

January 2019—Continuing funding application due



We're always looking for ways to bring PRAMS data to action. If you're interested in using PRAMS data for your program, please see the sidebar on how to make a request! Please feel free to email if you have any questions or ideas!

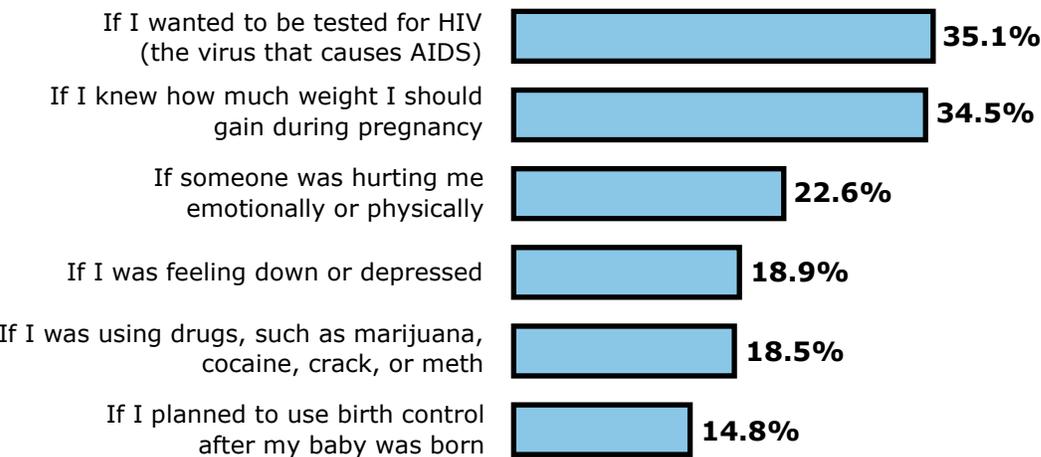
## Are Wisconsin mothers getting adequate information during their prenatal care visits?

Prenatal care visits give expectant mothers the opportunity to learn about how to have a healthy pregnancy, birth, and baby. However, not all Wisconsin women are being given the same information or asked the same questions by their health care providers during their pregnancy.



“Getting prenatal care is extremely helpful [and] important. Also, monthly checkups to monitor baby's health and growth during pregnancy are very important, especially if you (the mother) are high risk!”  
- PRAMS mom

**14-35% of Wisconsin mothers were not asked about the following things during their prenatal care visits. However, this varied significantly by race.**



Providers were significantly more likely to ask black women about wanting an HIV test, if they were experiencing emotional or physical abuse, and if they planned to use birth control postpartum than women of other races.

Health care providers were also significantly more likely to ask all non-white women about drug use during pregnancy than white women.



“I had a good experience with my prenatal care as a whole. However, I feel that [obstetric] clinics rely too heavily on pamphlets for important material. I wish the clinician or nurse would have vocalized and discussed more information.”  
- PRAMS mom

## REQUESTING DATA

### AGGREGATE DATA OR A PRESENTATION

If you would like to request aggregate data or a presentation on one of the many topics on which PRAMS collects information, please send an email to the PRAMS team with the details of your request. Aggregate data requests may require Division of Public Health Data Governance Board approval.

### ACCESS TO THE RESEARCH FILE

If you would like to access the PRAMS research file for your own analysis using appropriate statistical software, please email the PRAMS team to request an application.

Your completed application will be reviewed by the Division of Public Health Data Governance Board. Upon approval, a Data Use Agreement will be drafted granting you access to PRAMS data for your stated purpose.

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about what type of data request would be appropriate based on your research question, [email Wisconsin PRAMS](#) and someone from the team will get back to you!

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