

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Prenatal Care Survey was a mailback survey sent to a random sample of 8,820 Wisconsin women who gave birth between April and June of 1996. (Similar, but not identical, surveys were conducted in 1985 and 1990.)

The overall response rate was 59%; the weighted response rate was 72%. The weighted response rate estimates what the response rate would have been if all Wisconsin women giving birth during this period had been surveyed.

Results of sample surveys are estimates, best understood in conjunction with margins of error (error due to random sampling variation). The margins of error for this survey (rounded to the nearest percent) were:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Margin of Error (±)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Margin of Error (±)</u>
Western	4	Mother <20	4
Northeastern	3	Mother 20+	2
Southern	3		
Southeastern	2		
Northern	4		

The variables “It was hard to make first prenatal care visit for one or more reasons” and “It was hard to get prenatal care for one or more reasons” were constructed from the reasons listed below each constructed variable.

Employment status during pregnancy was constructed with the following mutually-exclusive categories: “Full-time 9 months;” “Less than 9 months full-time and/or part-time” if the respondent checked the full-time box (but worked less than 9 months full-time) or the part-time box; “Did not work” if she checked neither the full-time nor the part-time box.

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