

Prenatal Care

Percentage (%) of recent mothers in Illinois who reported they have heard or read about folic acid preventing birth defects

Survey Question 25: Have you ever heard or read that taking a vitamin with folic acid can help prevent some birth defects? Response: Yes

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²		Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
No	27.0	24.3	29.9	1,222	35,413
Yes	73.0	70.1	75.7	1,222	95,668

Reported sources of folic acid information

Among women who reported hearing or reading about folic acid

Survey Question 26: Have you ever heard about folic acid from any of the following? Response: Yes

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²		Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
Doctor, nurse, or other health care worker	82.0	79.1	84.7	904	79,083
Family or friends	36.4	33.0	39.9	904	35,077
Book	23.5	20.6	26.7	904	22,664
Magazine or newspaper article	21.2	18.4	24.3	904	20,418
Radio or television	7.5	5.8	9.6	904	7,224

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage

²CI = Confidence interval lower/upper bounds -- Indicates denominator <30 respondents or numerator <6 respondents

³Respondents = The total number who responded to the survey question

⁴Estimated Population Affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers/infants with characteristic or condition