

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	28.3	25.7	31.1	1,299	38,531
Yes	71.7	68.9	74.3	1,299	97,417

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	80.7	77.8	83.3	931	79,159
Family or friends	39.8	36.4	43.2	931	39,012
Magazine or newspaper article	25.5	22.6	28.6	931	24,987
Book	23.7	20.9	26.8	931	23,287
Radio or television	8.7	6.9	10.9	931	8,538

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