

Births to Mothers Lacking Adequate Prenatal Care

Nevada

- ❖ Approximately 26 percent of Nevada mothers in 2000 had delayed or no prenatal care (see table below).
- ❖ The average number of prenatal visits for Nevada mothers who received prenatal care in 2000 was 11. Of the racial/ethnic groups, whites were the most likely to have received prenatal care in the first trimester (84.3 percent), followed by Asians (79.2 percent), blacks (65.2 percent), Native Americans (63.6 percent), and Hispanics (60.2 percent).¹

Significant Factors

- ❖ Women who receive early and consistent prenatal care are more likely to have healthier babies than those who do not. The early diagnosis of a pregnancy can lead to a plan of care which takes into consideration the medical, nutritional, psychosocial, and educational needs of the patient and her family.²
- ❖ The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that women receive at least 13 prenatal visits during a full-term, low-risk pregnancy.³

Percentage of Nevada Mothers with Inadequate Prenatal Care: 2000

<i>Number of Women with Delayed Prenatal Care</i>	<i>Percent of Women with Delayed Prenatal Care</i>	<i>Number of Women with No Prenatal Care</i>	<i>Percent of Women with No Prenatal Care</i>
5,938	20.7	1,410	4.9

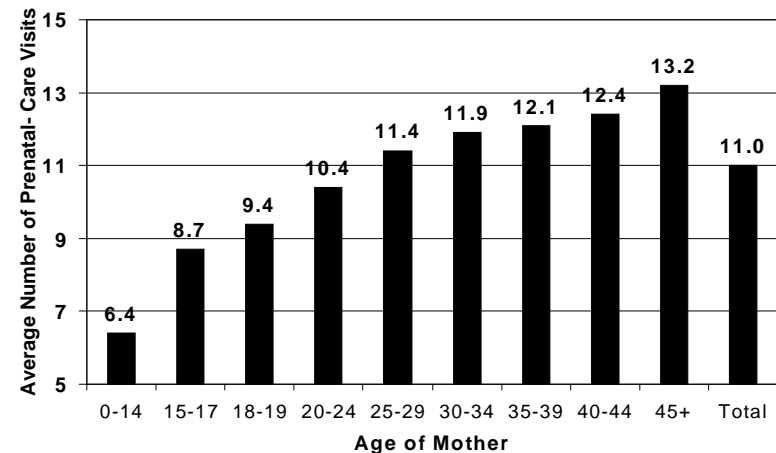
Note: Of the 30,130 live births to Nevada mothers in 2000, information regarding prenatal-care status is not available for nearly 5 percent (1,501). Therefore, the figures presented are based on the number of live births in which prenatal-care status is available (28,629).

Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2000.

Definition

Births to Mothers Lacking Adequate Prenatal Care is defined as the percentage of mothers beginning prenatal care in the second or third trimester of pregnancy or receiving no prenatal care at all. Data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of infant's birth, and include only those women who gave birth, not all women who were pregnant.

Average Number of Prenatal-Care Visits by Age of Mother, Nevada Residents: 2000



Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2000.