

Births to Mothers Lacking Adequate Prenatal Care

Nevada

Approximately 43.0 percent of Nevada mothers ages 19 and younger in 2002 had delayed care (began in second or third trimester) or no prenatal care. The average number of prenatal-care visits for teens ages 15 to 17 was 8.9 visits. Of the racial/ethnic groups, whites were the most likely to have received prenatal care in the first trimester (66.9 percent), followed by Native Americans (56.7 percent), blacks (African Americans) (54.4 percent), Asians (51.5 percent), and Hispanics (50.5 percent).¹

Significant Factors

Prenatal care increases the likelihood that mothers will have healthy babies. In the U.S., the use of early prenatal care, care in the first trimester of pregnancy, rose from 83.4 percent in 2001 to 83.8 percent in 2002.²

Percentage of Nevada Mothers Ages 19 and Less with Inadequate Prenatal Care: 2002

<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>
1,289	37.6	193	5.6

Note: Of the 3,685 live births to teen mothers in 2002, information regarding prenatal-care status is not available for 6.8 percent (252). Therefore, the figures presented are based on the number of live births in which prenatal-care status is available (3,433).

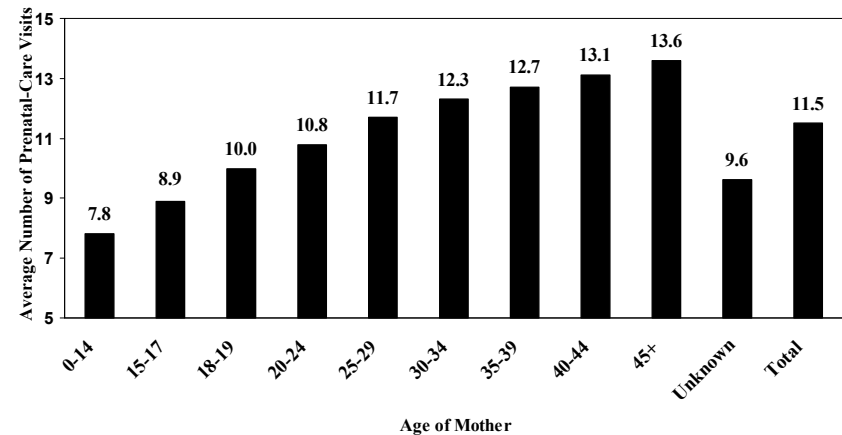
*Delayed prenatal care is defined as prenatal care begun by mothers in the second or third trimester.

Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2002.

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: 2002



Note: Births for which the total number of prenatal-care visits are unknown are not included in this graph.

Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2002.

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Nevada Teen (Ages 19 and under) Births by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Trimester Beginning Prenatal Care: 2002

<i>Mother's Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>Trimester Beginning Prenatal Care</i>								<i>Total Births</i>
	<i>No Care</i>		<i>First Trimester</i>		<i>Delayed Prenatal Care*</i>		<i>Unknown</i>		
	<i>Births</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Black (African American)	34	7.7	239	54.4	166	37.8	40	---	479
Hispanic	91	5.8	786	50.5	679	43.6	122	---	1,678
White	51	4.3	803	66.9	347	28.8	66	---	1,267
Asian	7	---	69	51.5	58	43.3	11	---	145
Native American	2	---	34	56.7	24	40.0	2	---	62
Other /Unknown	8	---	19	44.2	16	37.2	11	---	54
TOTAL	193	5.6	1,950	56.8	1,290	37.6	252	---	3,685

*Delayed prenatal care is defined as prenatal care begun by mothers in the second or third trimesters.

Note: Percentages are adjusted for unknown trimesters. The percentages for those categories where the number of births was less than 10 are not shown.

Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2002.