

Key Findings from the Indiana Access Prenatal Consumer Surveys

This represents a preliminary summary of findings from selected questions included in a face to face survey conducted with 525 women during their post partum stay at Wishard and Methodist Hospitals from July 03 – Feb. 04

Intent of Pregnancy

- 7% wanted to be pregnant sooner
- 18% wanted to be pregnant then
- 45% wanted to be pregnant later
- 27% did not want to be pregnant then or at any time in the future
- 3% don't know / not sure

Family Planning

72% were not using any kind of birth control at the time of their pregnancy

Reasons: (check all that apply)

- 27% wanted to be pregnant
- 10% had side effects from birth control they were using
- 14% did not think they could get pregnant
- 11% did not want to use birth control
- 11% did not know / were not sure
- 4% did not think they were going to have sex
- 3% husband / partner did not want them to use birth control
- 2% refused to answer

Entry Into Prenatal Care

45% said they took a home pregnancy test to make sure they were pregnant
13% saw their provider 7 or fewer times

24% DID NOT get prenatal care as early as they wanted

Reasons: (check all that apply)

- 32% did not know they were pregnant
- 20% could not get an earlier appointment
- 12% did not have enough money or insurance
- 12% had too many other things going on
- 5% did not want to find out they were pregnant
- 4% had no way to get to the doctor
- 4% had no one to care for other children
- 1% did not want prenatal care
- 1% could not find a doctor or midwife to take me
- 15% other

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Stressors During Pregnancy (check all that apply)

Moved to a new address	52%
Argued with husband / partner more than usual	33%
Had a lot of bills I couldn't pay	34%
Close family member sick and hospitalized	30%
Someone close to me died	31%
Lost job even though I wanted to keep on working	26%
Husband / partner lost job	24%
Someone close to me had a problem with drinking or drugs	22%
Moved more than once during pregnancy	19%
Got separated / divorced from husband / partner	18%
I or my husband / partner went to jail	15%
Husband / partner said he did not want me to be pregnant	13%
I was involved in a physical fight	8%
I was homeless	8%
	333%

Waiting Time

50% said they usually waited 30 or more minutes to see their provider
5% waited more than 1 hour
22% said their provider spent 10 minutes or less with them

Satisfaction

96% said their provider's race or ethnic group did not make a difference in the type of care they received
87% said they would recommend their provider to a pregnant friend or relative
28% said they would change providers if it were easy to do

Transportation

94% said it was easy to travel to their provider's office

Religious / Cultural Beliefs

79% said their provider never or rarely discussed their religious beliefs and practices related to health care

Pediatric Care

54% said their prenatal provider did not help them find a health care provider for their new baby
29% said they had not picked a health care provider for their baby

Demographics of Respondents

81% covered by Medicaid
49% African American
37% Caucasian
12% considered themselves Hispanic / Latino
70% never married
72% unemployed
47% had less than a high school diploma – 5% had 8 yrs. or less of education
60% were on WIC during their pregnancy