

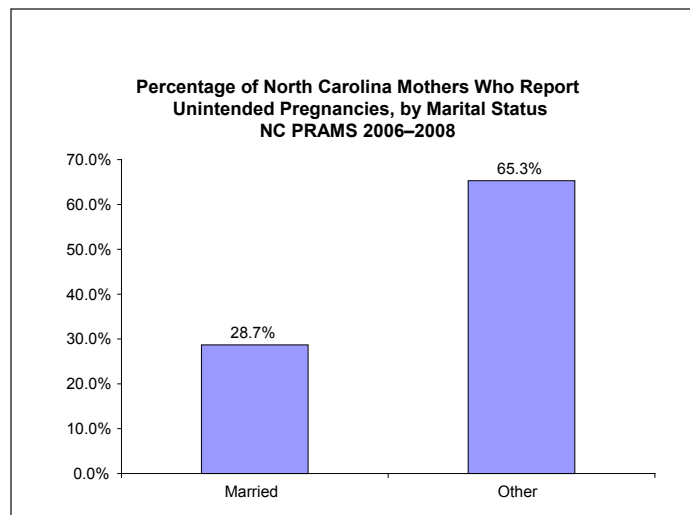
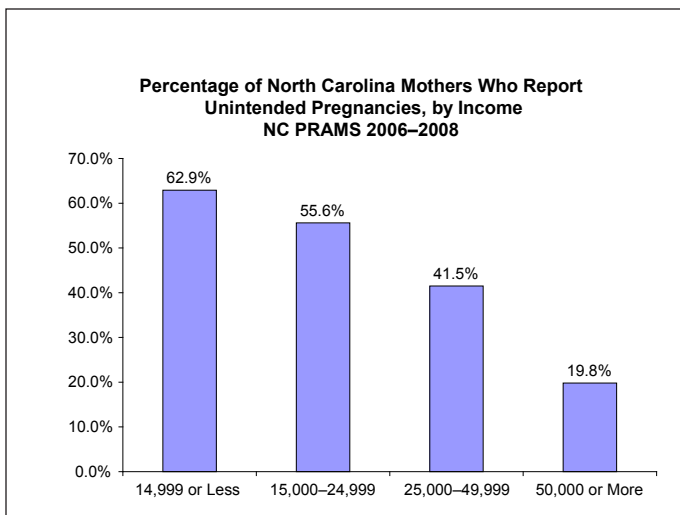
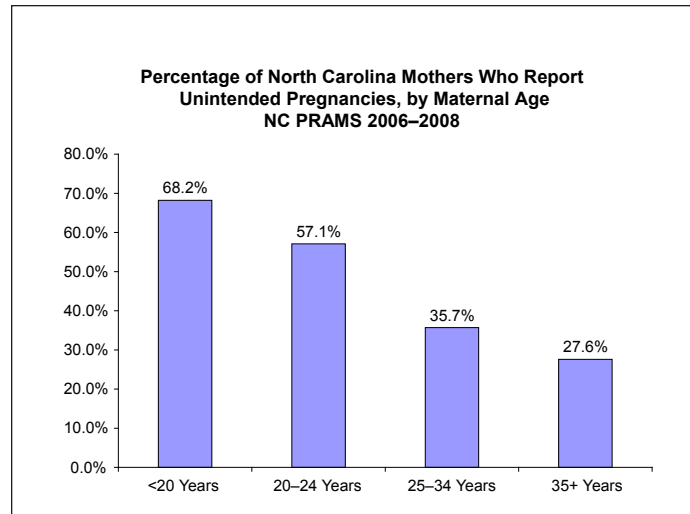
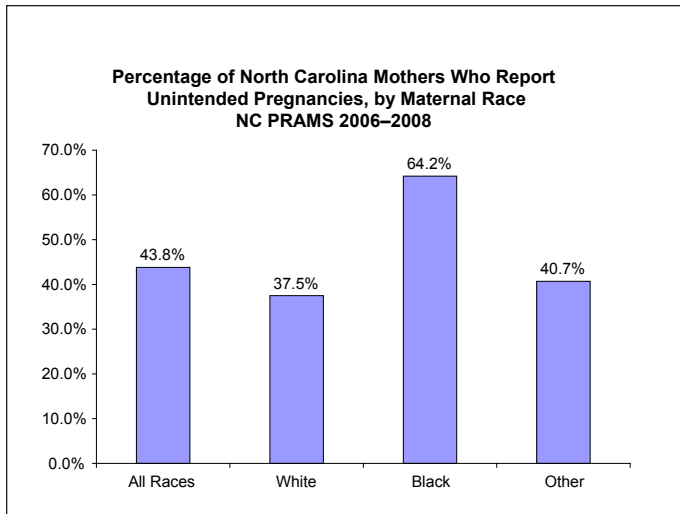
Surveillance Update

North Carolina Mothers Who Report Unintended Pregnancies



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The North Carolina Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative to reduce infant mortality and low birth weight. NC PRAMS is a random, stratified, monthly mail/telephone survey of North Carolina women who recently delivered a live-born infant. The PRAMS survey collects data on maternal behaviors and experiences before, during, and after pregnancy for a sample of North Carolina women. This report is based on the responses of 4,355 mothers who delivered between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2008 in the state of North Carolina and participated in the PRAMS survey two to four months after delivery. Specifically, this surveillance update focuses on mothers who responded to the question, “Thinking back to just before you got pregnant, how did you feel about becoming pregnant?” Options for answers included, “I wanted to be pregnant sooner; I wanted to be pregnant later; I wanted to be pregnant then; I didn’t want to be pregnant then or at any time in the future.” This surveillance update includes the following responses in defining unintended pregnancies: “I wanted to be pregnant later; I didn’t want to be pregnant then or at any time in the future.” For more detailed information than what is presented here, including confidence intervals for the prevalence rates reported above, please visit the NC PRAMS website at: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/prams.



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