

## Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 1996

Do you currently take any vitamin supplement with folic acid?  
(Weighted Column Percents)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Yes,supp w/acid.	35.0	19.3	35.5	40.1			
	Yes,supp w/acid?	11.9	19.3	8.8	11.6			
	Supp w/out acid	2.6	1.4	2.3	3.2			
	None	38.3	47.1	40.7	33.4			
	Don't know/Not sure	11.8	12.1	12.1	11.4			
	Refused	.5	.7	.7	.2			
Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45								

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(Unweighted Frequencies)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Total	851	140	307	404			
	Yes,supp w/acid.	298	27	109	162			
	Yes,supp w/acid?	101	27	27	47			
	Supp w/out acid	22	2	7	13			
	None	326	66	125	135			
	Don't know/Not sure	100	17	37	46			
	Refused	4	1	2	1			
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Some health experts recommend that certain women consume additional daily amounts of folic acid, one of the B vitamins.  
 Before today, have you ever heard of this recommendation?  
 (Weighted Column Percents)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Yes	54.5	46.4	57.7	55.0			
	No	43.9	52.9	40.7	43.3			
	Don't know/Not sure	1.3	.7	1.3	1.5			
	Refused	.2		.3	.2			
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		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Total	851	140	307	404			
	Yes	464	65	177	222			
	No	374	74	125	175			
	Don't know/Not sure	11	1	4	6			
	Refused	2		1	1			
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To the best of your knowledge, why is folic acid recommended for certain women?  
(Weighted Column Percents)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	For strong bones	3.2	3.6	2.6	3.5			
	Prevent defects	18.6	15.0	22.8	16.6			
	Prevent anemia	2.2	.7	1.6	3.2			
	Other reason	13.3	9.3	12.1	15.6			
	Don't know/Not sure	62.5	71.4	60.6	60.9			
	Refused	.2		.3	.2			
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(Unweighted Frequencies)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Total	851	140	307	404			
	For strong bones	27	5	8	14			
	Prevent defects	158	21	70	67			
	Prevent anemia	19	1	5	13			
	Other reason	113	13	37	63			
	Don't know/Not sure	532	100	186	246			
	Refused	2		1	1			
Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45								

## Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 1996

At the time you became pregnant, did you want to become pregnant then,  
did you want to wait until later, or did you want to become pregnant at all?  
(Weighted Column Percents)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Want pregnancy	53.3	33.3	72.2				
	Want wait	23.3	44.4	11.1	33.3			
	Did not want	16.7	22.2	11.1	33.3			
	Didn't care	6.7		5.6	33.3			

Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45 who are pregnant

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did you want to wait until later, or did you want to become pregnant at all?  
(Unweighted Frequencies)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Total	30	9	18	3			
	Want pregnancy	16	3	13				
	Want wait	7	4	2	1			
	Did not want	5	2	2	1			
	Didn't care	2		1	1			

Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45 who are pregnant

## Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 1996

Did you take multivitamins or vitamins containing folic acid before you were pregnant  
or did you start taking them after you knew you were pregnant?  
(Weighted Column Percents)

		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Before pregnancy	59.1	50.0	71.4				
	After pregnancy	36.4	50.0	21.4	100.0			
	Don't know/Not sure	4.5		7.1				
Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45 who are pregnant, taking vitamin supplements and knew about the folic acid recommendations								

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		Total	Age Groups					
			18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Female	Total	22	6	14	2			
	Before pregnancy	13	3	10				
	After pregnancy	8	3	3	2			
	Don't know/Not sure	1		1				
Denominator is: All female survey respondents under 45 who are pregnant, taking vitamin supplements and knew about the folic acid recommendations								