

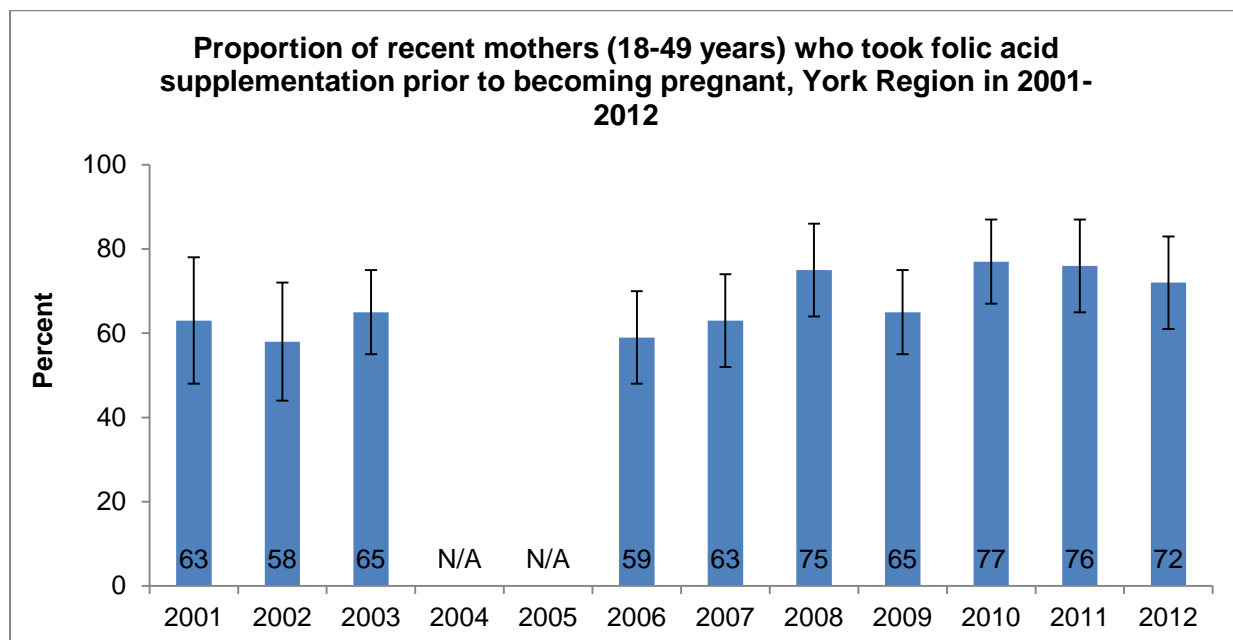
Reproductive Health: Folic Acid Supplementation

Indicator: Proportion of women (18-49 years) who gave birth in the past 5 years that took folic acid supplementation prior to pregnancyⁱ

Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS)

Key Findings

- In 2012, 72 (±11) percent of recent mothers in York Region took folic acid supplementation prior to becoming pregnant.
- The proportion of recent mothers who took folic acid supplementation prior to becoming pregnant was similar between age groups (data not shown).
- Due to small numbers, trends by municipality cannot be examined as part of this analysis.



Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), Waves 2 – 36, 61-96, and Cycles 1-12 (January 2001 – December 2012), York Region Community and Health Services.

Limitations

- A RRFSS provincial sample for comparison is not available.
- This specific module asks respondents about taking folic acid supplementation prior to pregnancy and does not necessarily include folic supplementation during pregnancy.
- This analysis only includes women aged 18 to 49 at the time of the survey, not at the time of pregnancy within the last five years.
- The data used for this indicator are self-reported and may be subject to errors in recall, over or under-reporting due to social desirability, and errors from proxy reporting.

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Relevant Time Period: 2001-2012; data updates every 1-3 years

Data Notes:

| Symbol | Description |
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| I and ± | Represents the 95% confidence interval, meaning 19 times out of 20 the results will fall into this range. |
| * | Represents high variability associated with the estimate. Interpret with caution. |
| ** | Estimate not released, does not meet data release standards. |
| N/A | Data was not collected. |

- 'Don't know' and 'refused' responses are excluded. Only women aged 18-49 years of age at the time of the survey are included in this analysis.
- Estimates are weighted to be representative of the population.
- Confidence intervals are reported as equal, though this is not always the case as the estimate approaches zero or 100%.

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ⁱ Association of Public Health Epidemiologist in Ontario (APHEO). Core Indicators. Accessed 2014-01-02 from <http://www.apheo.ca/index.php?pid=148>

