

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System



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The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a joint ongoing, site-specific, and population-based surveillance program between state, territorial, and/or local health. Developed in 1987, PRAMS was created to reduce infant morbidity and mortality by influencing maternal behaviors before, during, and immediately after live birth.

PRAMS is designed to:

- Identify groups of pregnant patients and infants who may be high risk for health problems
- Monitor changes in health status
- Measure progress towards goals in improving the health of mothers and infants.

As of 2024, 46 states, the District of Columbia, New York City, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico currently participate in PRAMS. The births in the 50 jurisdictions that participate in PRAMS surveillance are **81% of all live births** in the United States.

