

Indicator & Source

% of Pregnancies Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care (Texas Department of State Health Services)

Indicator Notes

This indicator includes all pregnancies resulting in a live birth. Late or prenatal care is defined as care beginning after the first trimester.

Evidence & Source

Prenatal visits are important for the health of both infant and mother. Health care providers can educate mothers on important health issues, such as their diet and nutrition, exercise, immunizations, weight gain, and abstaining from drugs and alcohol. Health professionals also have an opportunity to instruct expecting parents on nutrition for their newborn, the benefits of breastfeeding, and injury and illness prevention, as well as monitor for health-compromising conditions, and help them prepare for the new emotional challenges of caring for an infant. Mothers who receive late (or no prenatal care) are more likely to have babies with health problems. Mothers who do not receive prenatal care are three times more likely to give birth to a low-weight baby, and their baby is five times more likely to die. Prenatal care does not always address, and may not be as effective among, women with specific social and medical risks. (Child Trends Databank, 2016)

For more information see: <http://www.childtrends.org/indicators/late-or-no-prenatal-care/>

OVERALL TREND: Bexar County, 2010-2014

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Late or No Care	5,987	23.0%	6,494	25.2%	8,533	32.5%	10,124	37.8%	10,175	36.6%
<i>Second Trimester</i>	4,247	16.3%	4,875	18.9%	5,037	19.2%	5,068	18.9%	4,948	17.8%
<i>Third Trimester</i>	1,005	3.9%	985	3.8%	1,310	5.0%	1,364	5.1%	1,266	4.6%
<i>None</i>	735	2.8%	634	2.5%	2,186	8.3%	3,692	13.8%	3,961	14.3%
Early Care	15,742	60.4%	15,923	61.7%	15,844	60.3%	15,035	56.1%	15,854	57.1%
Unknown	4,345	16.7%	3,402	13.2%	1,900	7.2%	1,645	6.1%	1,752	6.3%
Live Births	26,074	100%	25,819	100%	26,277	100%	26,804	100%	27,781	100%

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, 2010-2014.

RACE/ETHNICITY: Bexar County, 2014

	White		Black		Hispanic		Other	
Late or No Care	1,611	25.0%	761	42.5%	7,277	40.6%	526	32.7%
<i>Second Trimester</i>	1,000	15.5%	368	20.6%	3,267	18.2%	313	19.5%
<i>Third Trimester</i>	222	3.4%	111	6.2%	836	4.7%	97	6.0%
<i>None</i>	389	6.0%	282	15.8%	3,174	17.7%	116	7.2%
Early Care	4,527	70.2%	956	53.4%	9,396	52.4%	975	60.6%
Unknown	311	4.8%	73	4.1%	1,260	7.0%	108	6.7%
Live Births	6,449	100%	1,790	100%	17,933	100%	1,609	100%

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, 2014.

AGE: Bexar County, 2014

	15-17		18-19		20-29		30-39		40+	
Late or No Care	400	54.9%	831	48.9%	5,869	39.2%	2,846	29.3%	211	32.8%
<i>Second Trimester</i>	170	23.3%	355	20.9%	2,787	18.6%	1,523	15.7%	102	15.8%
<i>Third Trimester</i>	68	9.3%	104	6.1%	729	4.9%	337	3.5%	26	4.0%
<i>None</i>	162	22.2%	372	21.9%	2,353	15.7%	986	10.2%	83	12.9%
Early Care	248	34.0%	731	43.0%	8,119	54.2%	6,344	65.3%	402	62.4%
Unknown	81	11.1%	137	8.1%	981	6.6%	518	5.3%	31	4.8%
Live Births	729	100%	1,699	100%	14,969	100%	9,708	100%	644	100%

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, 2014.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION: Bexar County, 2013

