

Maternal and Infant Health

Prenatal Care

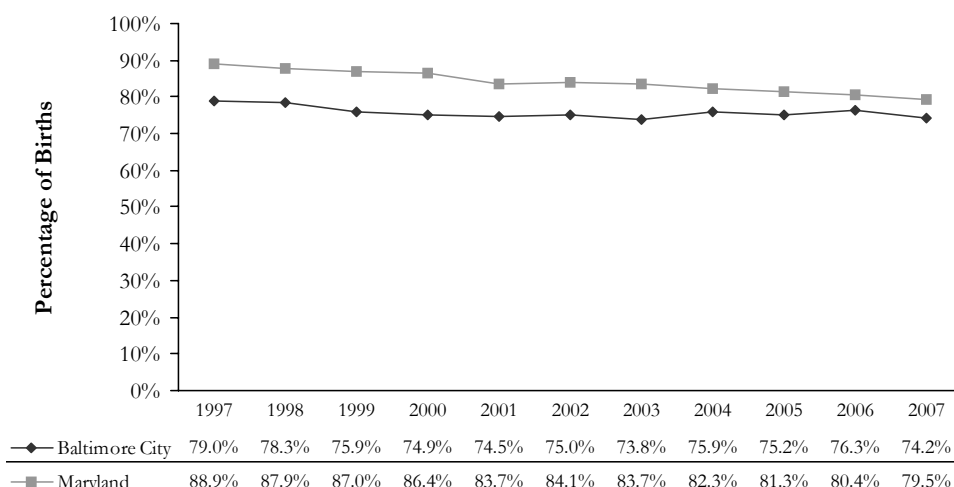
First Trimester Care: Initial visit within first three months of pregnancy

Importance: Early prenatal care promotes healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes (prevention of birth defects, preterm birth, etc.)

National statistic: In 2005, 83.9% of mothers received care **Healthy People 2010 goal:** 90%

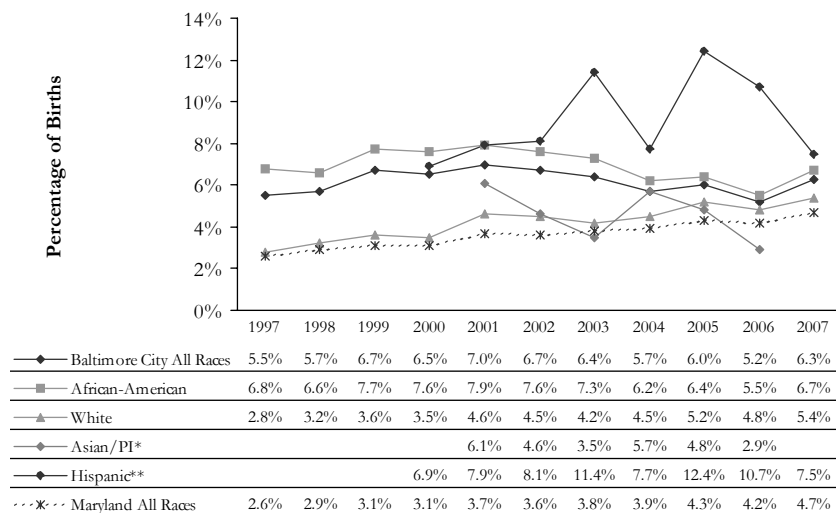
- In 2007, approximately three-quarters of Baltimore City mothers received prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy.
- From 1997 to 2007, the percentage of births to mothers who received first trimester prenatal care decreased by 2% in Baltimore City. State-wide, this percentage decreased by 9% .

Percentage of Births to Pregnant Women Receiving Prenatal Care During First Trimester, Baltimore City and Maryland 1997-2007



Source: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Annual Vital Statistics Report (2007 data are preliminary).

Percentage of Births to Pregnant Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, Baltimore City by Race and Maryland 1997-2007



Late or no prenatal care - care beginning in 3rd trimester or no prenatal care.

Source: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Annual Vital Statistics Report (2007 data are preliminary).

*Data for Asian and Pacific Islanders not available prior to 2001 (not yet available for 2007).

**Includes all births to mothers of Hispanic origin of any race, data not available prior to 2000.

- In 2007, 6% of Baltimore City mothers received late or no prenatal care.
- Compared to 1997, the percentage of African American mothers who received late or no prenatal care has decreased by 2%. Among whites and Hispanics, this percentage has increased—by 93% and 9%, respectively (comparing 2000 to 2007 for Hispanics). Since 2001, the percentage of Asian/Pacific Islander mothers who received late or no prenatal care decreased by 53% (comparing 2001 to 2006).
- In Maryland, the percentage of births to women who had late or no prenatal care increased by 81% since 1997.