

Year 2010 Objective:

Increase the proportion of pregnant women who receive early and adequate prenatal care to 90 percent of live births.

Note: The APNCU Index attempts to characterize prenatal care utilization on two independent and distinctive dimensions: Adequacy of Initiation of Prenatal Care and Adequacy of Received Services (once prenatal care has begun). The initial dimension, Adequacy of Initiation of Prenatal Care, characterizes the adequacy of the timing of initiation of care (month prenatal care began). The second dimension, Adequacy of Received Services, characterizes the adequacy of prenatal care visits (number of visits) received during the time the mother is actually in prenatal care (from initiation until delivery). The adequacy of prenatal care visits is based on the recommendations established by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics, 1993-2002.