



## Syracuse Healthy Start Evaluation - 2011

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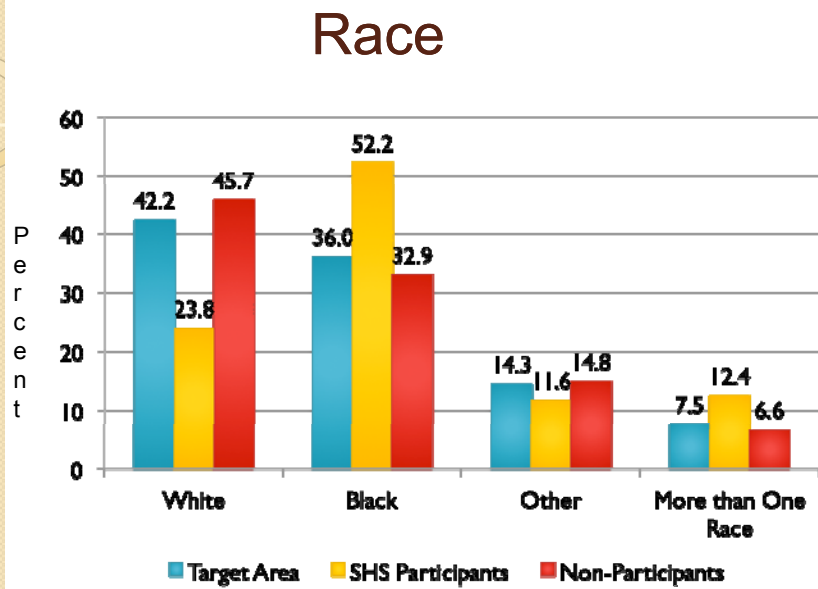
## Data Sources

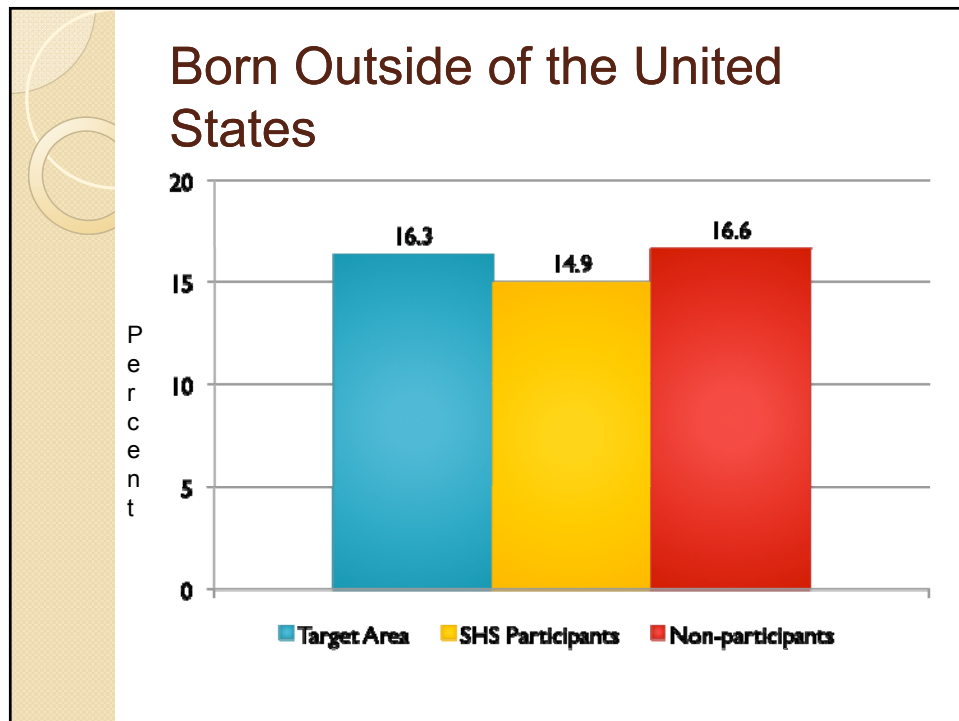
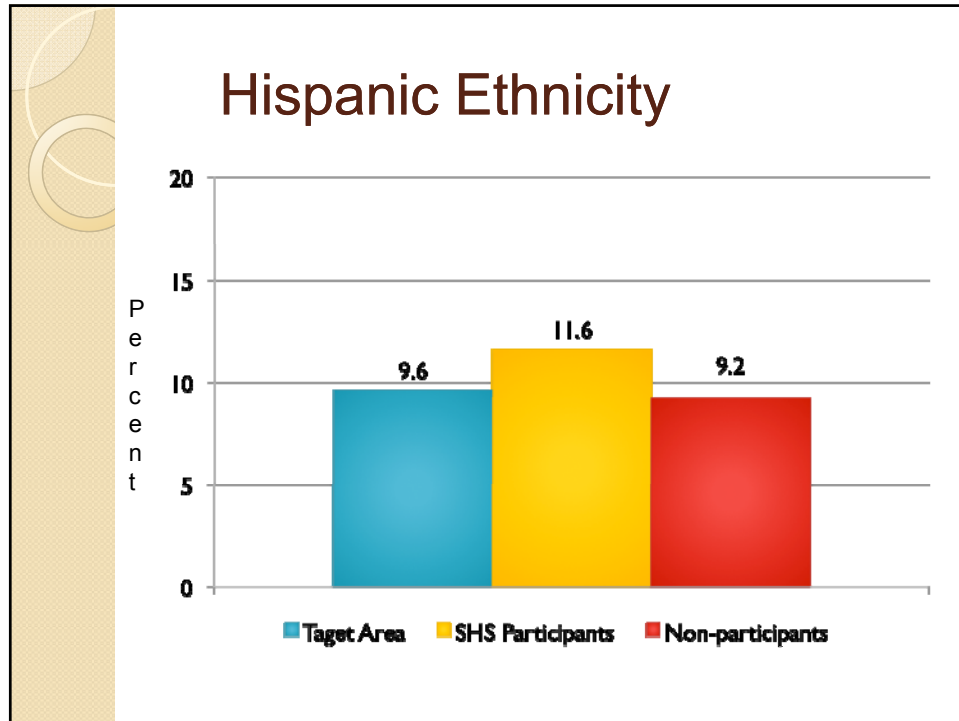
- Statewide Perinatal Data System (SPDS)
  - Population-based birth registry that captures data on maternal demographics, risk factors, prenatal care, labor and delivery characteristics, and birth outcomes
- Peer Place
  - Web-based data system that manages workflow and information from client referral to case closing
- The two data sources were linked by OCHD, Director of Surveillance and Statistics
  - Data from the linked file used for this presentation

## SHS Participants - 2011

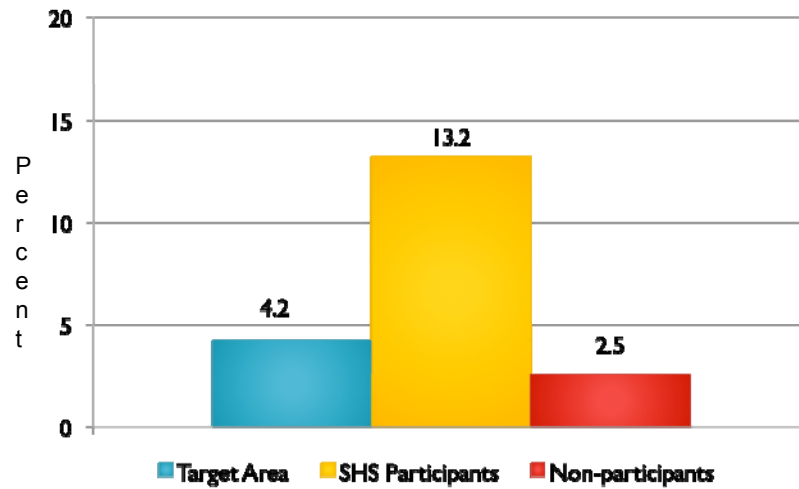
- 2284 live births to women residing in the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse Healthy Start target area
- 681 pregnant women were enrolled in Syracuse Healthy Start
- SHS participants delivered 370 live births (354 singletons) during calendar year 2011
- In addition, 312 women who delivered prior to 2011 received SHS services
- Approximately, 1000 women receive SHS services on an annual basis

## Demographic Characteristics

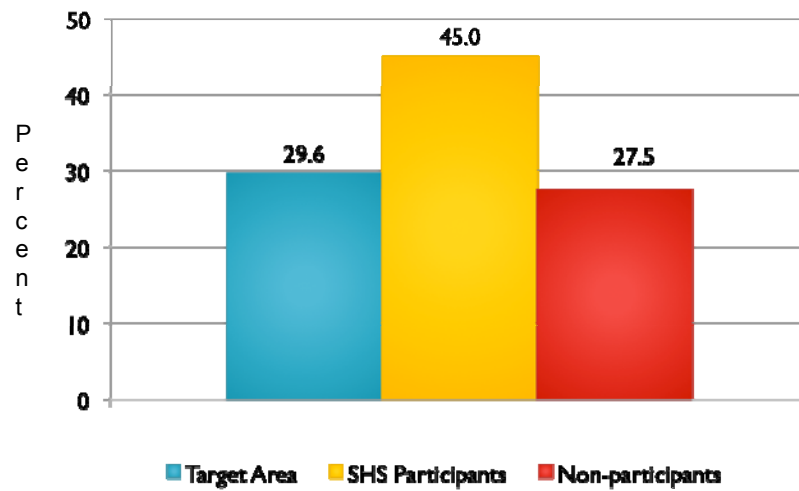




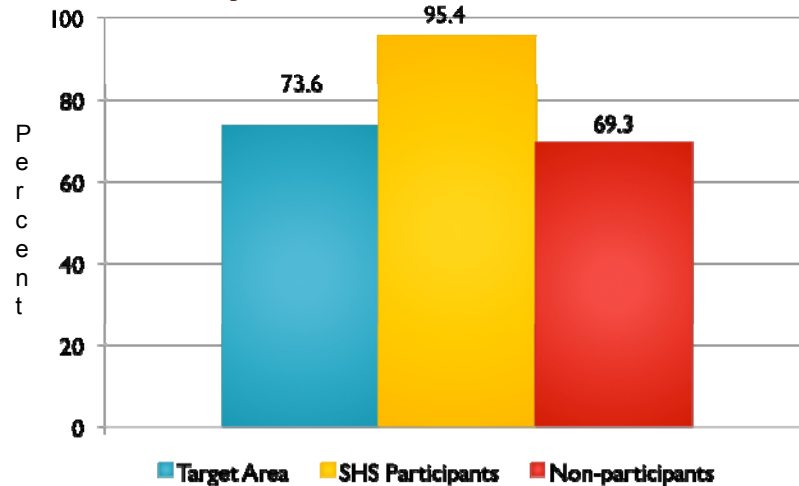
## Adolescents (Age<18)



## Education Less than High School – Among Women $\geq 20$



## Medicaid – Paid for the Delivery



## Summary of Demographic Characteristics

- SHS are more socioeconomically disadvantaged when compared with residents of the target area
- They are
  - *More likely to self-identify as black or more than one race*
  - *Less likely to self-identify as white*
  - *More likely to be adolescents (age<18)*
  - *Less likely to have completed high school (among women aged 20 and higher)*
  - *More likely to have Medicaid insurance*



## Core Services

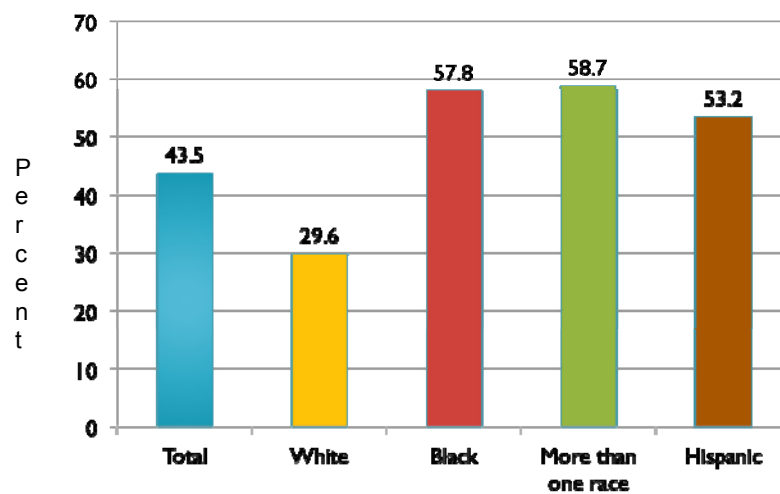


## Outreach and Recruitment

## Enrollment Rate

- The enrollment rate captures the proportion of eligible women in the target area who enrolled in SHS
  - Numerator – number of women enrolled in SHS in the calendar year
  - Denominator – number of pregnant women residing in Syracuse who deliver in the calendar year

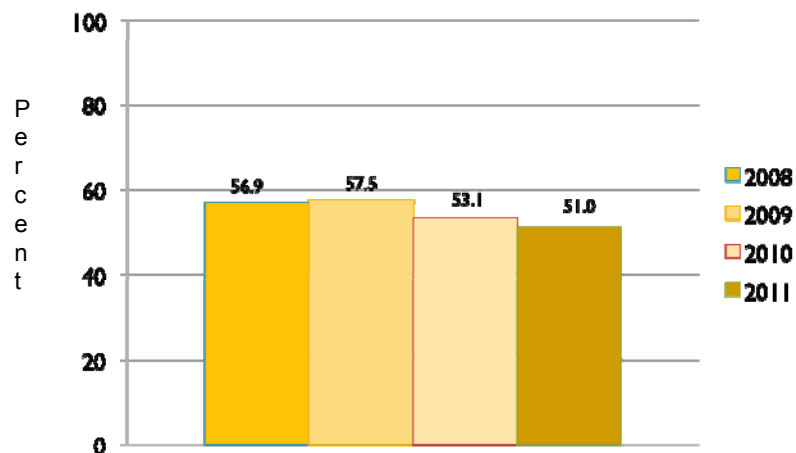
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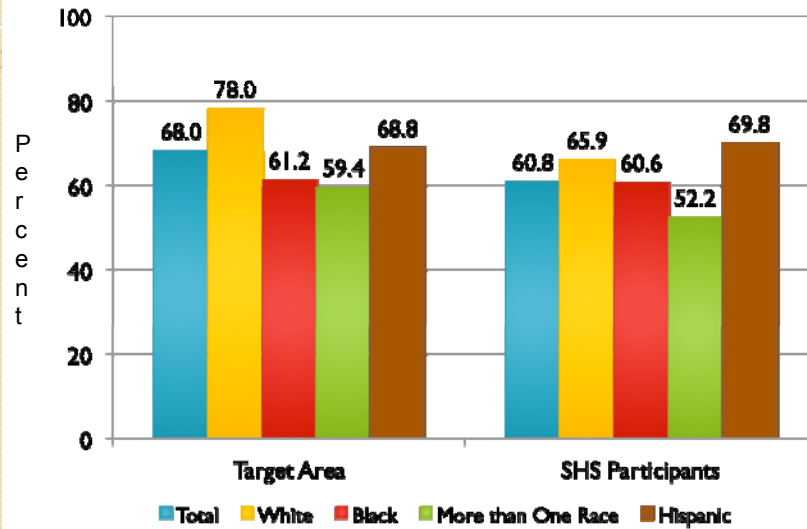
## Enrollment Rate – Adolescents (<18)

- The enrollment rate for adolescents (<18) captures the proportion of eligible adolescents in the target area who enrolled in SHS
  - Numerator – number of adolescents who enrolled in SHS and delivered a live birth in the calendar year
  - Denominator – number of adolescents who resided in Syracuse and delivered a live birth in the calendar year

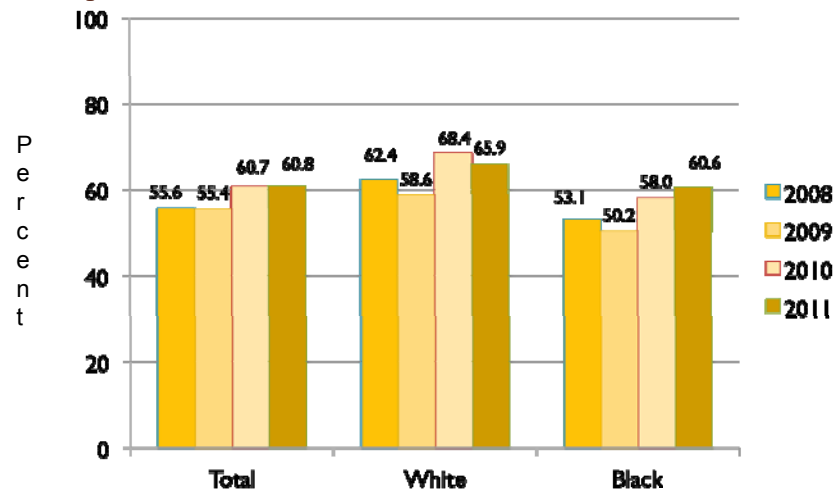
## Enrollment Rate Adolescents (<18), 2008-2011



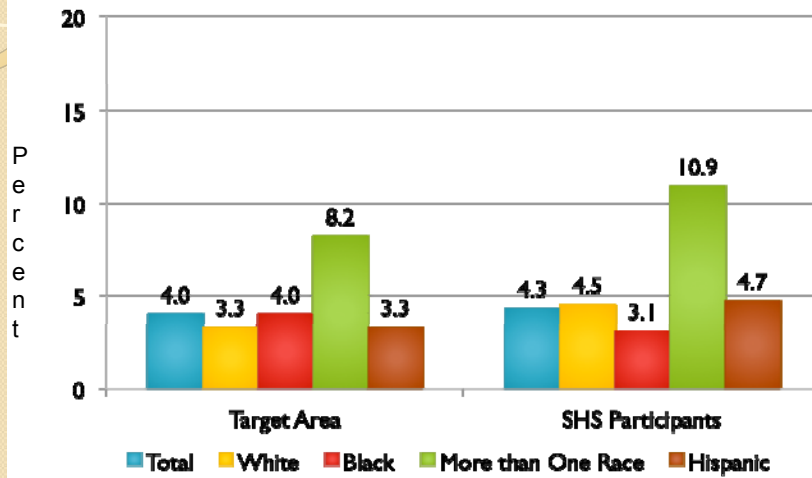
## First Trimester Prenatal Care - 2011



## First Trimester Prenatal Care Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011

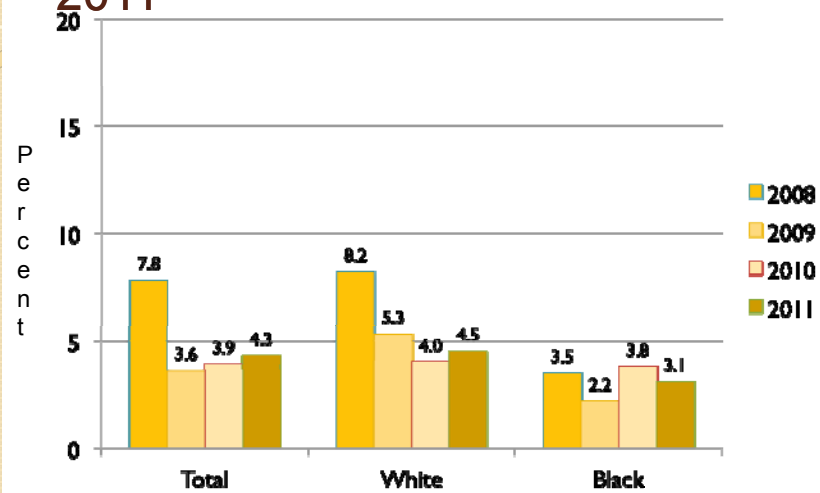


## Late/No Prenatal Care -2011

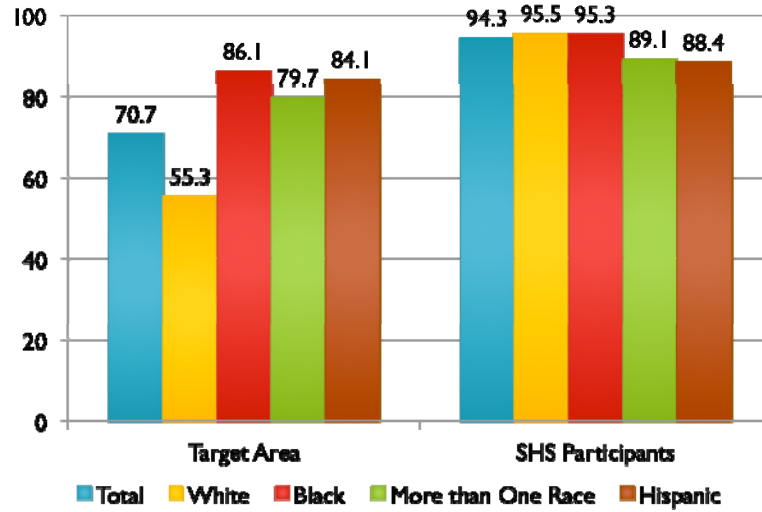


No statistically significant differences in late/no prenatal care rates.

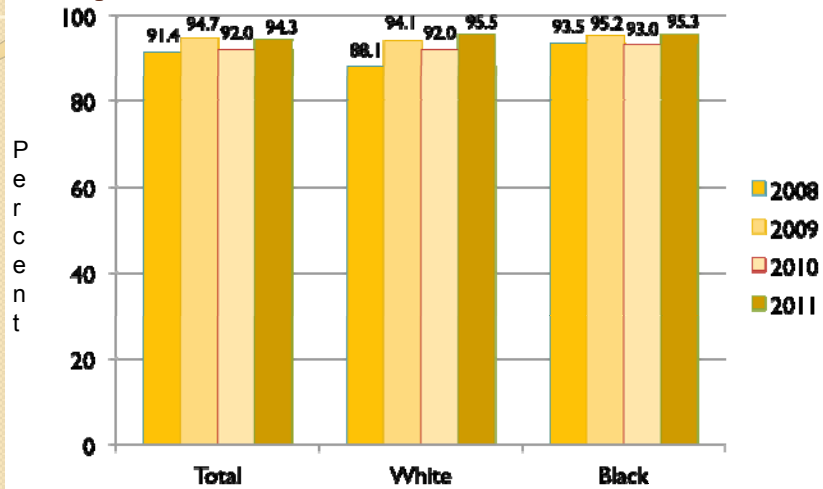
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## WIC Participation - 2011



## WIC Participation Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011



## Reorganization of Outreach Services

- SHS reorganized the delivery of outreach services and hired a new outreach worker in February 2011.
  - 48 referrals during the period March-December 2011

## Summary of Outreach and Recruitment

- Approximately one half of adolescents who delivered a live birth were not enrolled in SHS
  - Decrease in enrollment rate over time
  - May be the result of a reduction in community programs and resources devoted to adolescent pregnancy
- First trimester prenatal care initiation rates are far from the year 2020 goal of 77.9%
  - Improvement over time for SHS participants
  - Reduction in the black-white disparity
- Excellent WIC participation rates

## Case Management

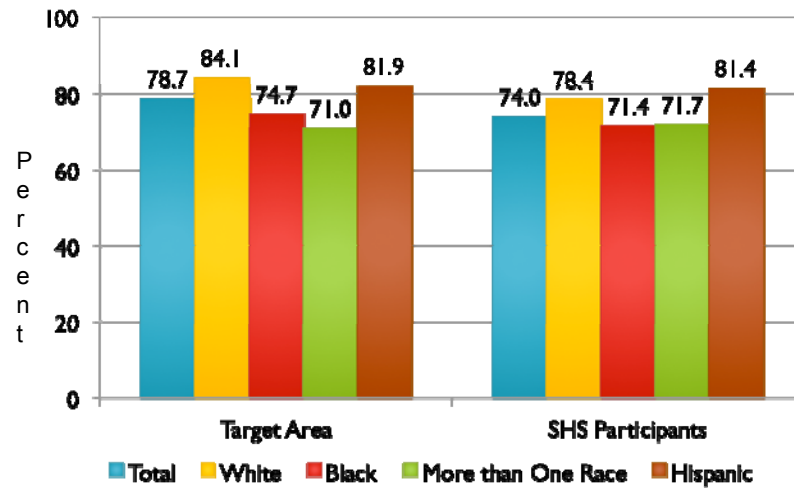
### Ultimately, Our Goal is to Reduce Infant Mortality

	City of Syracuse 2009-2011*	SHS Project 2009-2011
Infant Mortality Rate** (all races combined)	8.7	10.8
White Infant Mortality Rate	7.2	8.8
African-American Infant Mortality Rate	13.2	16.5

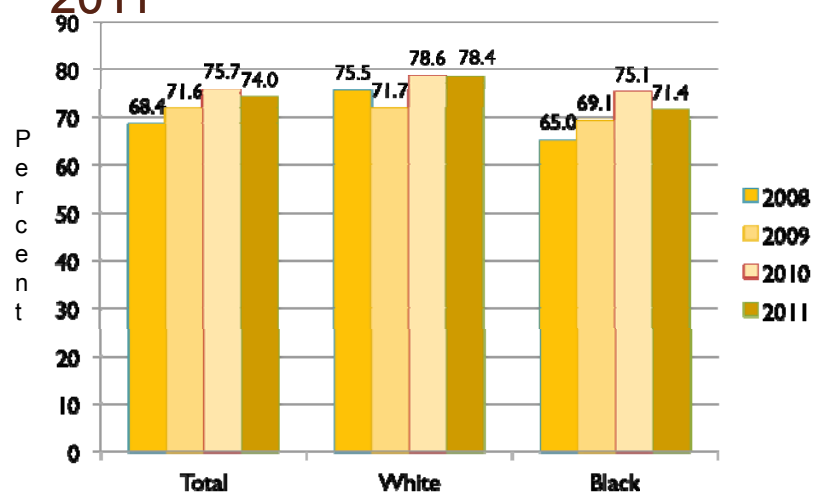
\*Data for 2010 and 2011 are provisional.

\*\* Rate per 1,000 live births.

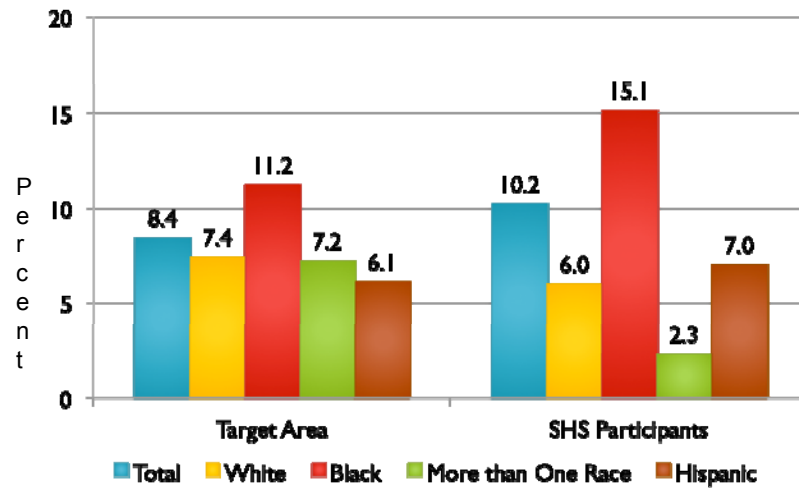
## Adequate Prenatal Care - 2011



## Adequate Prenatal Care Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011

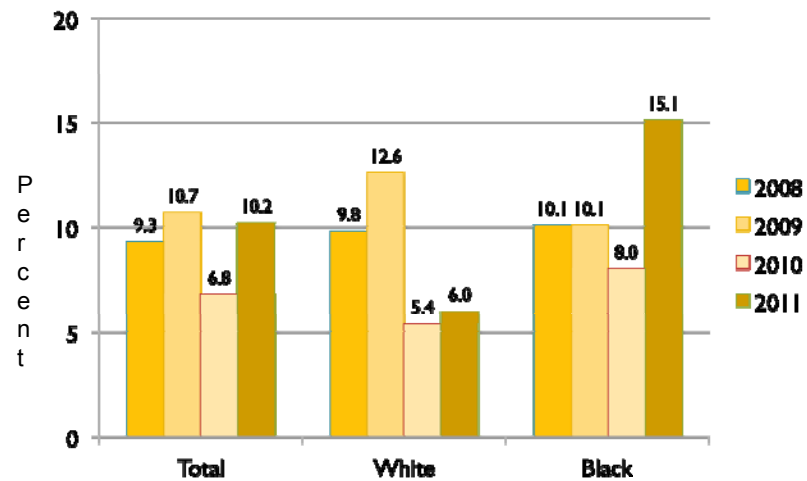


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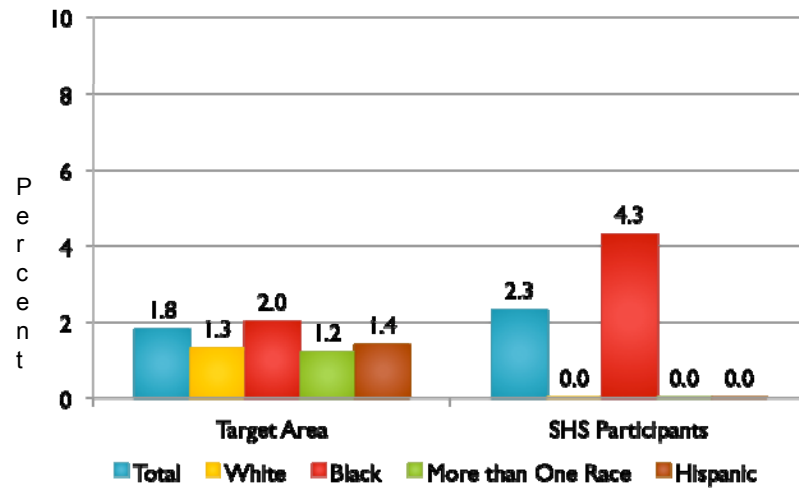


SHS black LBW rate significantly higher than white rate  $p < .05$ .

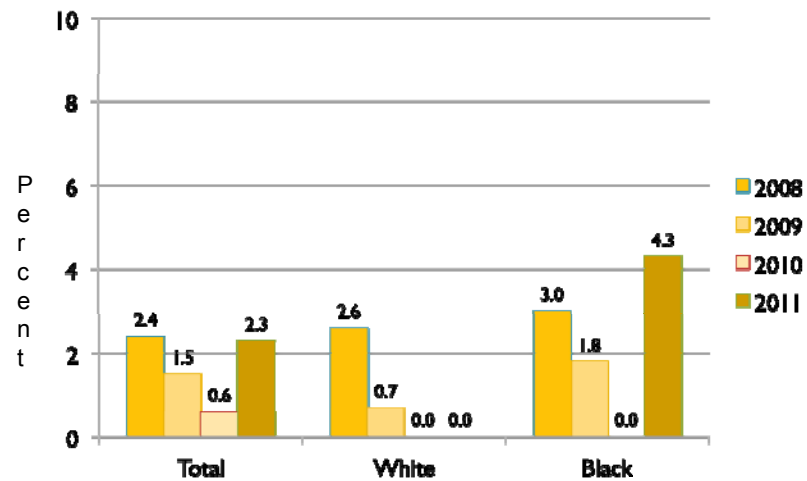
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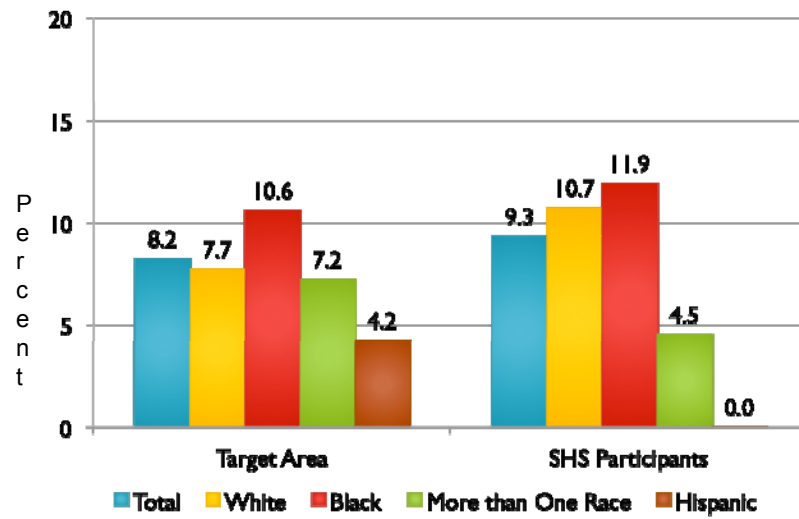
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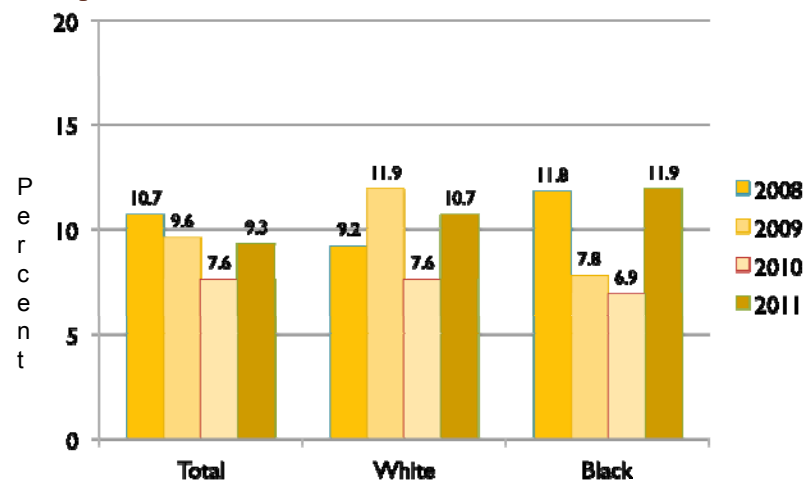
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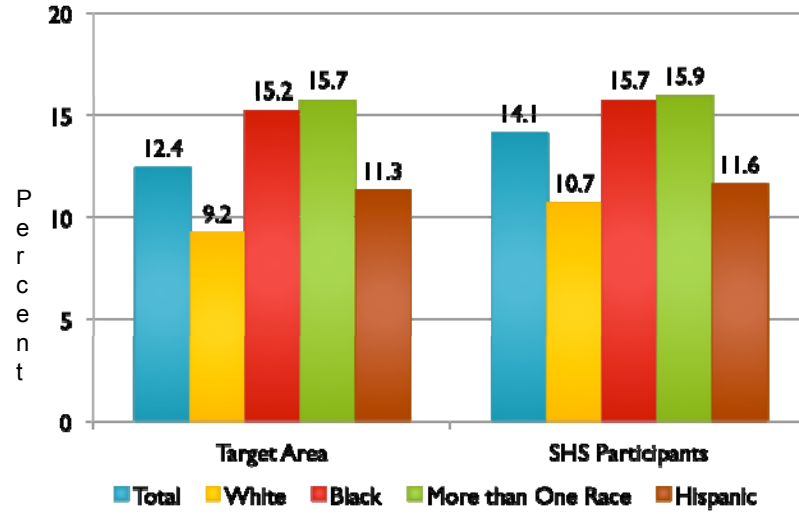
## Preterm (singletons) - 2011



## Preterm (singletons) Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011

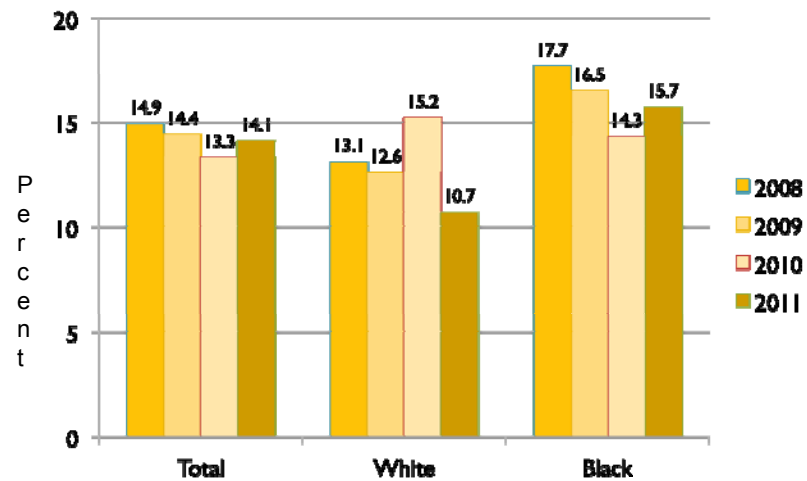


## SGA - Small for Gestational Age (singletons) - 2011

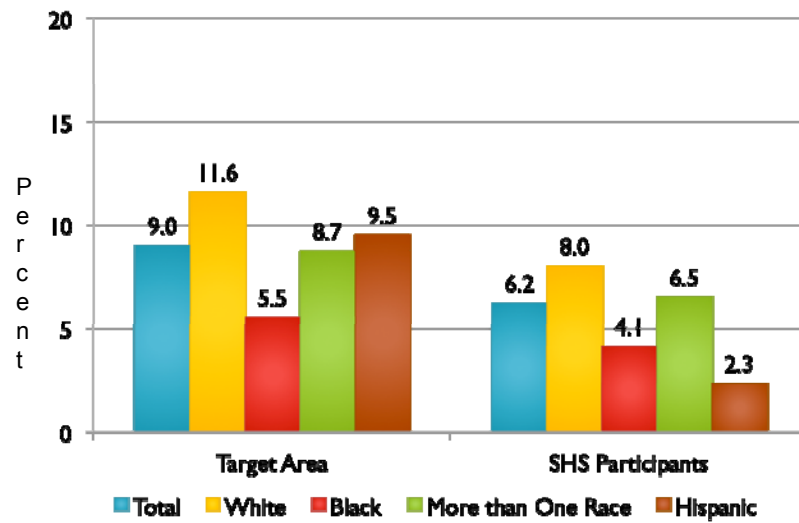


SHS black SGA rate not significantly different from white rate.

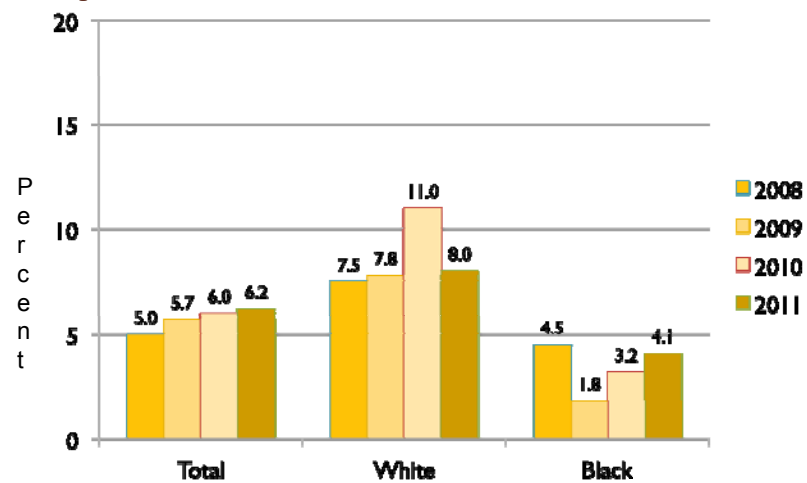
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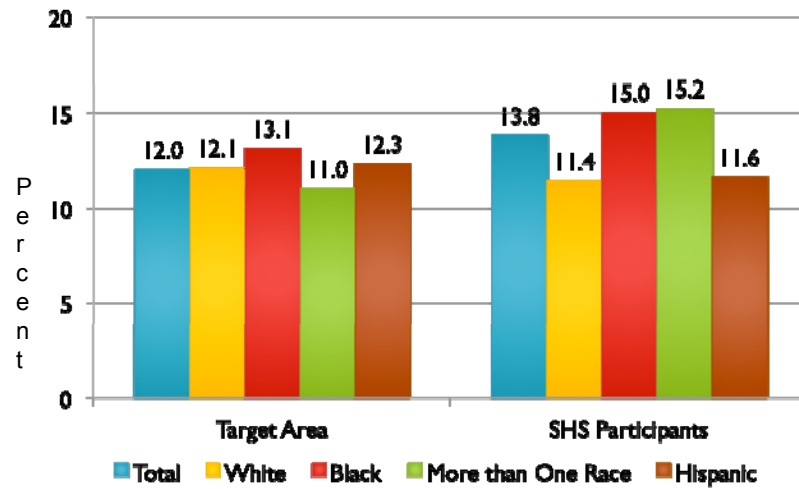
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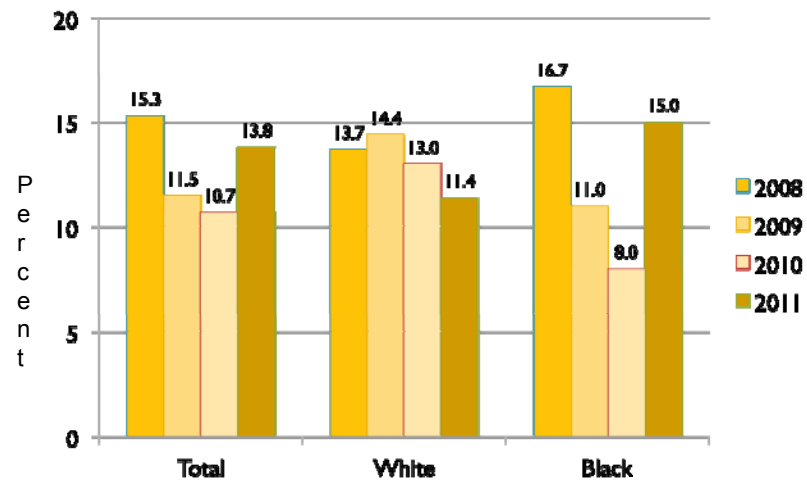
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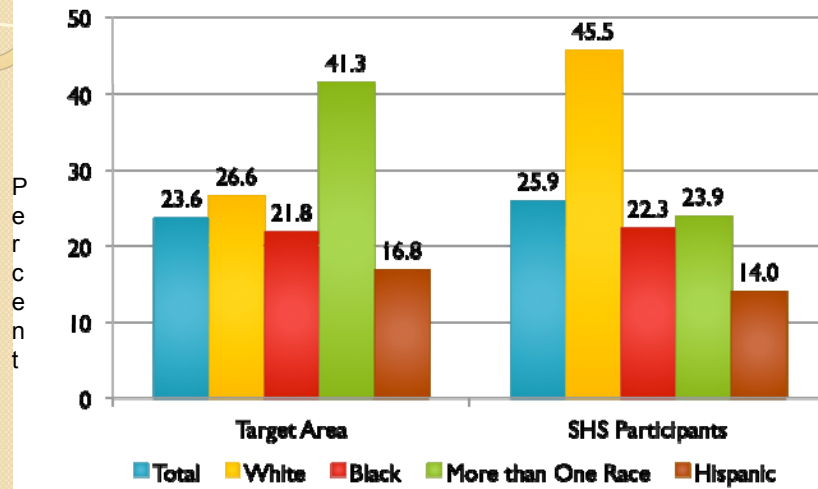
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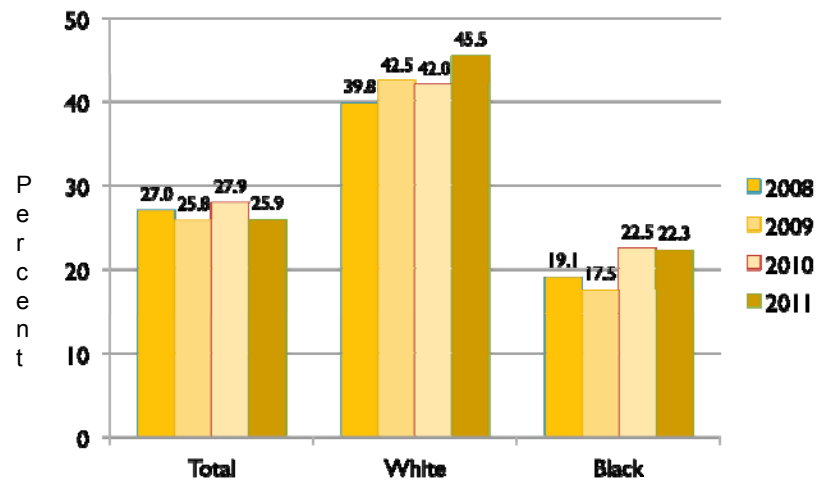
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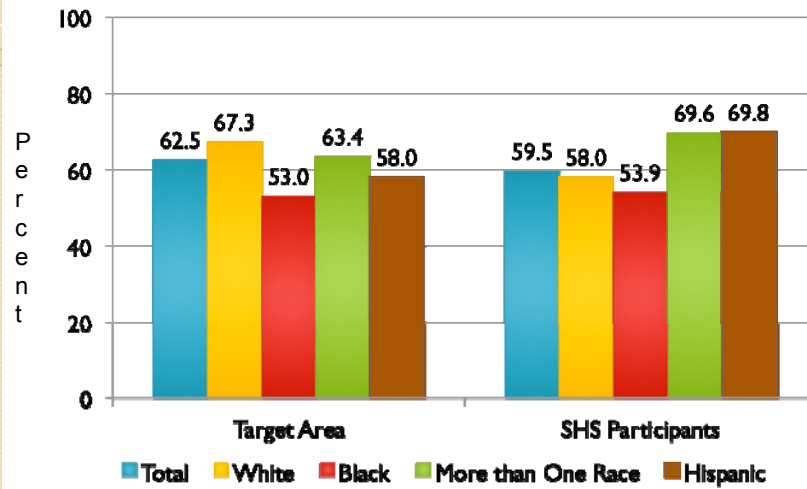
## Smoking During Pregnancy - 2011



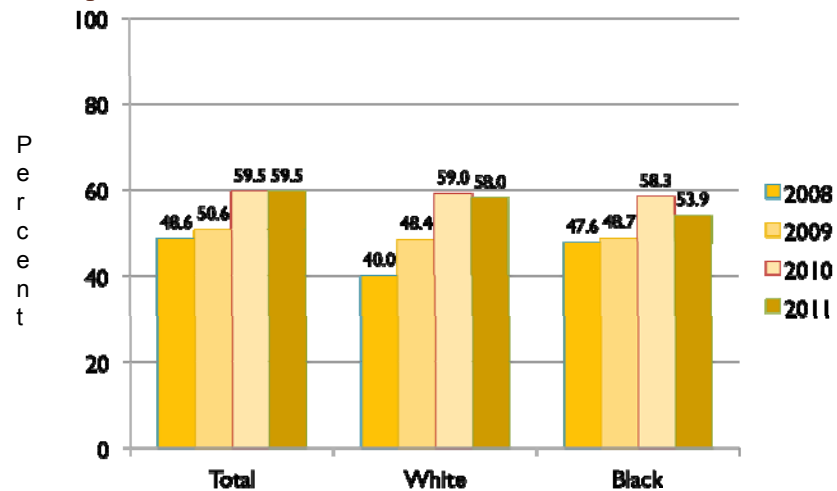
## Smoking During Pregnancy Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011



## Breastfeeding - 2011



## Breastfeeding Trends for SHS Participants 2008-2011



Total rate higher than white and black rates because of high rates other groups

## Case Management Summary

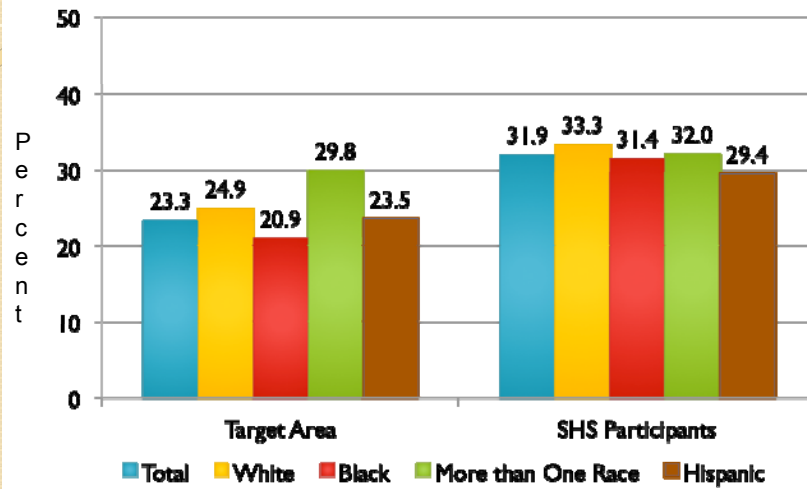
- Disparity in low birthweight and very low birthweight between white and black SHS participants
  - The difference in preterm delivery rates between white and black SHS participants is not as large as differences in birthweight
  - Big difference in SGA rates between white and black participants
- Very high smoking rates among white SHS participants
- Breastfeeding rates relatively unchanged

## Health Education

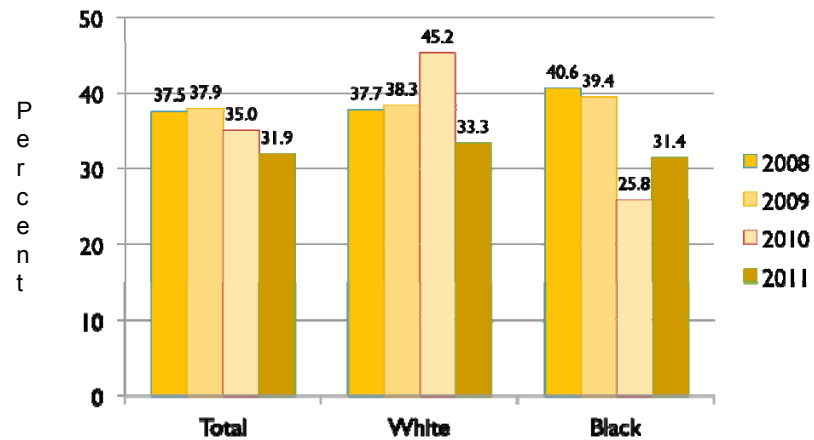
- SHS paired a traditionally trained public health educator with a home visitor to make up the health education team.
- This pairing has improved efficiency and allows SHS to reach more families and help identify and enroll women into needed services.
- 65 group health education sessions held reaching 416 community and SHS participants.
- Sessions included a variety of topics, such as safe sleep, nutrition, smoking cessation, and substance abuse during pregnancy.

## Interconceptional Care

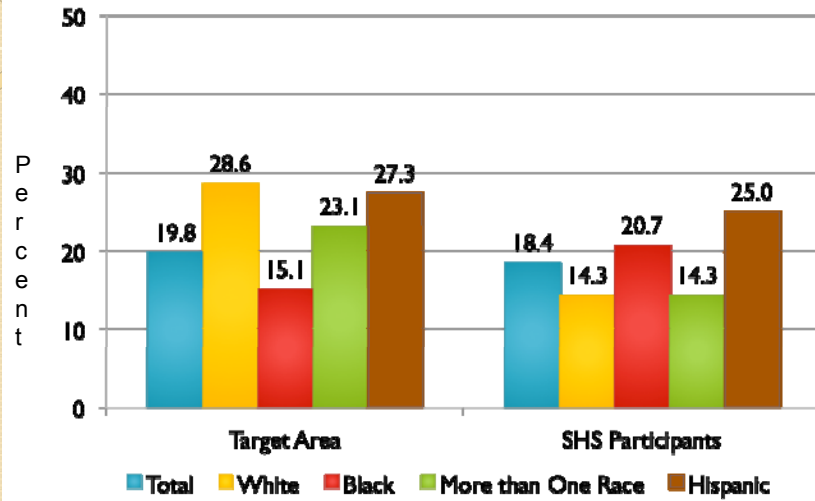
## Spacing < 24 months - 2011



## Spacing < 24 Months Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011

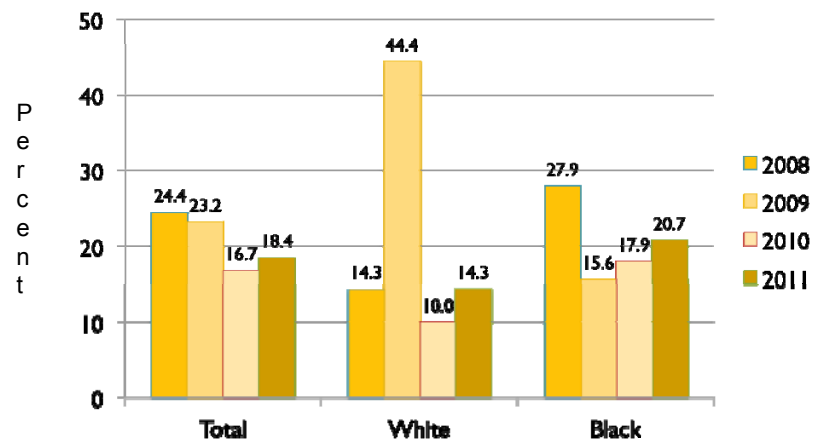


## Repeat Teen Pregnancy - 2011



Differences among SHS participants not statistically significant.

## Repeat Teen Pregnancy Trends for SHS Participants, 2008-2011




Large changes in percents because of small numbers in the denominators.

## More Interconceptional Care Indicators

- Unintended pregnancy
  - 42% of women served by SHS reported unintended pregnancies
- Usual source of care
  - 88% of women served by SHS reported a medical home for their primary care
  - 88% of children, ages 0-2, born to SHS participants had a medical home

## Interconceptional Care Summary

- A higher proportion of SHS participants had less than the optimal spacing between pregnancies, when compared with the target area
  - Over time, movement in the right direction among SHS participants
- Large variation in repeat teen pregnancy rates is due to small numbers of teens with repeat pregnancies
  - Not statistically significant
- High proportion of SHS participants reported an unintended pregnancy





## Depression Screening and Referral

- Perinatal Depression Clinic served 17 SHS clients
  - 9 started services prior to 2011, 8 were new patients
  - 14 admissions and 6 discharges from the service
  - 5 referrals did not follow through for treatment

## Recommendations

- Increase enrollment in SHS, especially for certain groups who could benefit from services
  - Partner with community members that can facilitate outreach
- SHS has developed a tool that quantifies the risk (both socioeconomic and medical) of a poor pregnancy outcome
  - Compare SHS participants with non-participants who have the same risk score to evaluate the difference that SHS program is making in our community

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- Conduct multivariate analyses to study the determinants of poor newborn outcomes, especially small for gestational age and preterm delivery
    - Include risk factors not previously included in the analyses, such as weight gain during pregnancy, drug and other substance use during pregnancy

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- Expert panels recommend employing a “life course” perspective to address persistent disparities in maternal and newborn outcomes
    - These include preconception and interconception initiatives:
      - Preconception health screening
      - Health promotion activities to modify knowledge, attitudes and behaviors for both women and their partners
      - Reducing risks indicated by previous adverse outcomes by interventions during the interconception period