• PRAMS 2015 response rate fell short of the 55% rate that PRAMS has regarded as the epidemiologically valid threshold.

• More NC babies are born with a low birth weight (9.2%) than the Healthy People 2020 target of 7.8%. African American women are more likely than other ethnicities to experience premature birth and have babies with a lower birth weight. Preterm birth and low birth weight can have lifelong implications for the health and well-being of families.

10.4% Premature Birth (<37 Weeks)

9.2% Low birth weight (<2500 grams)

84% Received prenatal care in first trimester

90% Have had a postpartum checkup since baby was born

85% Initiated breastfeeding

50% Exclusive breastfeeding at 4 or more weeks

39% Did not want to breastfeed