

**(PRAMS) Proposal Application Form**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Are you requesting summary data or analyses that PRAMS calculates for you for program development, education, or program review?

If yes, fill out PAGE TWO. (Public Records Request Form)

**Public Records Requests should be emailed to:**

1. DHHS Public Records Office: [DHHS.PublicRecords@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.PublicRecords@nebraska.gov)
2. Carbon copy (CC) PRAMS Program Manager: [Masoomah.HajizadehOghaz@nebraska.gov](mailto:Masoomah.HajizadehOghaz@nebraska.gov)

Are you requesting a data set that you will use to analyze data for research and/or publication?

If yes, fill out the attached Approved Researcher Application.

\*\*Tips for completing the Approved Researcher Application can be found on page on pages 3-4 of this document.

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PRAMS is an ongoing, population-based surveillance system designed to identify and monitor selected maternal experiences and behaviors that occur before and during pregnancy and during the child's early infancy among a stratified sample of women delivering a live birth. PRAMS began in 1987 as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative to reduce infant mortality and low birthweight. In recent years, PRAMS has been expanded in support of CDC's Safe Motherhood Initiative to promote healthy pregnancies and the delivery of healthy infants.

PRAMS was initiated to help state health departments establish and maintain an epidemiologic surveillance system of selected maternal behaviors and experiences. PRAMS supplements data from vital records and generates data for planning and assessing perinatal health programs in each participating jurisdiction. Findings from PRAMS are used to enhance understanding of maternal behaviors and their relationship with adverse pregnancy outcomes. PRAMS data can also be used to aid in the development and assessment of programs designed to identify high-risk pregnancy and reduce adverse pregnancy outcomes and to inform policy in each participating jurisdiction.

In Nebraska, PRAMS provides data on mothers and infants that are generalizable to all Nebraska residents who have a live birth in a given year. Nebraska PRAMS stratifies our sample by race/ethnicity and has representative data at the state level for White, Hispanic, African American, Asian, and Native American mothers. We have annual data from 2000-2021.

<b>(PRAMS) Public Records Request Form</b>	
<b>Please complete one form per proposal.</b>	
Main contact name, title and affiliation:	
Contact information (address, phone, email address):	
Description of Data Use: Please briefly describe how you'll be using PRAMS data:	
Submission information:	<p><b>Check all that apply and complete applicable instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a new proposal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proposal was previously submitted and approved           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requesting additional year(s) of data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specify year(s):</li> <li>• Indicate the primary author's name and date you received your previous dataset</li> <li>• Include the PDF of the previously approved proposal application form in your submission</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requesting additional indicator(s)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specify variable(s):</li> <li>• Indicate the primary author's name and date you received your previous dataset</li> <li>• Update the abstract to include a justification for these additional questionnaire variables</li> <li>• Include the PDF of the previously approved proposal application form in your submission</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new investigator be added               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit an updated and signed data sharing agreement</li> <li>• Include the PDF of the previously approved proposal application form in your submission</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proposal was previously submitted but not approved               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicate the primary author's name and title of the previously submitted proposal</li> <li>• Indicate the date the proposal was previously submitted</li> <li>• Include the PDF of the previously submitted proposal in your submission</li> <li>• Please clearly mark the changes that have been made in your new proposal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Nebraska PRAMS Data Request**

Date data is needed:	
Project partners (affiliations):	
<b>Years of PRAMS data requested:</b> Phase 8 (2016-2021) Phase 7 (2012-2015) Phase 6 (2009–2011) Phase 5 (2004–2008) Phase 4 (2000–2003) Phase 3 (1996–1999) Phase 2 (1990–1995) Phase 1 (1988–1989) *You may request single and/or aggregate years of data	
<b>Topics/Questions:</b> List the topics and/or questions (with question numbers) from each phase of survey for which you are requesting data.  *Topics and questions are included in the PRAMS Survey Topics & Questions document.  **PRAMS staff will follow up with you to confirm and clarify your request.	

**(PRAMS) Approved Researcher Tips**

**Principal Investigator & Title:**

Write the name of the principal investigator/researcher, and include their credentials and title (e.g., Jane Doe, Ph.D, Associate Professor). This person will be the primary point of contact regarding the proposal. Students should also list their supervisory faculty.

**Principal Investigator Affiliation:**

Write the affiliation of the principal investigator (e.g. Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health).

**Names and Affiliations of Other Researchers:**

List the names, credentials and affiliations of any additional researchers.

**Submission Information:**

Indicate in the Request for Data which ONE of the 3 categories your proposal falls into:

- 1) a new submission
- 2) a resubmission with a request for additional years of data, additional indicators, or additional researchers
- 3) a resubmission of a proposal that was not approved.

For a new submission, include the application form, abstract, and data sharing agreement.

For resubmissions requesting additional years of data or additional variables, clearly specify these requested additions in the appropriate spaces on the application form. In addition, include a PDF of the originally approved proposal.

For resubmissions requesting the addition of a researcher to the proposal, include an updated data sharing agreement signed by the additional researcher(s). Also include the PDF of the original proposal.

For resubmissions of proposals not previously approved, send a PDF of the original proposal, and a PDF of the revised proposal. Please clearly distinguish the 2 files by labeling the revised file with the new date and word "REVISED" in the file name. Revised proposals will be reviewed for response to original reviewer feedback.

**Proposal Title:**

Provide the proposed or working title of the project.

**Timeline of Project:**

Describe the timeline of the project, including when you plan to access data and when you will complete your analysis / share your results with PRAMS.

**Years of PRAMS Data Requested:**

Indicate the years of data that you would like to request. The PRAMS data has undergone a series of revisions over the years. With each revision, some of the questions change. While most indicators can be compared across phases, it is often easiest to analyze data within a single phase.

Phase 8 (2016-2021)

Phase 7 (2012-2015)

Phase 6 (2009–2011)

Phase 5 (2004–2008)

Phase 4 (2000–2003)

\*You may request single and/or aggregate years of data

was launched, legislation was introduced and passed, a new program was funded, a program was changed to better address client needs, etc.

**Topics/Questions:**

PRAMS questions and topics vary slightly across phases. All phases of the survey are available in the PRAMS Survey Topics & Questions document available from the PRAMS Coordinator. When detailing the exact data needed, list the topics, questions and/or question numbers for which you're requesting data. If requesting data from multiple phases, please note the phase of data with the question number/topic. Staff will follow-up to confirm and clarify your request.

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

Once the project is completed, PRAMS is interested in outcomes and materials developed using PRAMS data. PRAMS is specifically interested in understanding, "How is life different as a result of the activity/project?" through the lens of short-term, intermediate, and long-term outcomes. Below are examples of each type of outcome. When detailing the purpose of the research project, please include the following where applicable:

**Short-Term Outcomes:**

- Include early outputs of the process such as relevant publications, meetings with stakeholders and other MEASURABLE products or activities.

**Intermediate Outcomes:**

- Results of the short-term outcomes– what did those products or activities lead to? For example, a media campaign was launched, legislation was introduced and passed, a new program was funded, a program was changed to better address client needs, etc.

**Long-Term Outcomes:**

- This includes the measurable changes in the behaviors or health outcomes of the target population.
- (e.g., increase in breast feeding in Hospital A, increase knowledge of folic acid use among teens surveyed by PRAMS, expanded coverage of health care for low income women using Title X clinics, etc.)
- Or plans to monitor or evaluate the impact of the described activity so that a long-term outcome can be documented in the future.

Additionally, PRAMS requests copies of the following types of materials developed using PRAMS data.

- Testimonials
- Quote from Partner/Participant
- Sample of Materials Produced
- Press Release
- Promotional Materials
- Photo(s) of Project
- Video/Audio Clip

In addition to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health and Nebraska PRAMS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must receive written credit within any publication utilizing the data resulting from this request.

**Abstract:**

Include in the Request for Data an abstract of 500 words or less describing the study. Include the following:

- 1) Introduction: Briefly describe the public health problem that will be addressed and why it is important. Specify the affected population(s).
- 2) Research question(s): Clearly state the research questions you plan to address with your study.
- 3) Methods: Briefly describe the methods you intend to use. Include, when possible, the dependent or outcome variable, independent variables, control or stratifying variables. Detail the descriptive or analytic statistical methods for each research question.
- 4) Discussion of the intended purpose of your project: Describe the importance in terms of contribution to gaps in the literature or public health impact.
- 5) Rationale for using PRAMS data: PRAMS is a rich data source, but may not be appropriate for addressing all research questions; please indicate why PRAMS would be a good source of data for your study.
- 6) Intended products: Please specify type of intended product (e.g., presentation, journal article, MMWR, fact sheet, thesis, dissertation)
- 7) Keywords: Include the keyword "PRAMS" on any abstracts, or journal articles

**Data Sharing Agreement:**

When the Approved Researcher documentation is complete, all researchers who are listed on the proposal will sign a Data Sharing agreement and submit the form to the PRAMS Program Manager with the proposal via scanned electronic copy. Approval to analyze PRAMS data applies only to the topic described in the research proposal. If a researcher desires to conduct additional analyses, a separate application is required.

**Nebraska PRAMS Guidelines for Proposals to Receive Datasets to Conduct Analyses:**

Further documentation related to the statistical manipulation of individual-level Nebraska PRAMS data when conducted by persons not in the direct employment of the Nebraska PRAMS project can be found in a separate document titled "Nebraska PRAMS Guidelines for Proposals to Receive Datasets to Conduct Analyses".