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# COVID-19: Incidence of Preterm Birth During “Stay-at-Home” Orders and Predictors of Pediatric Vaccine Acceptance

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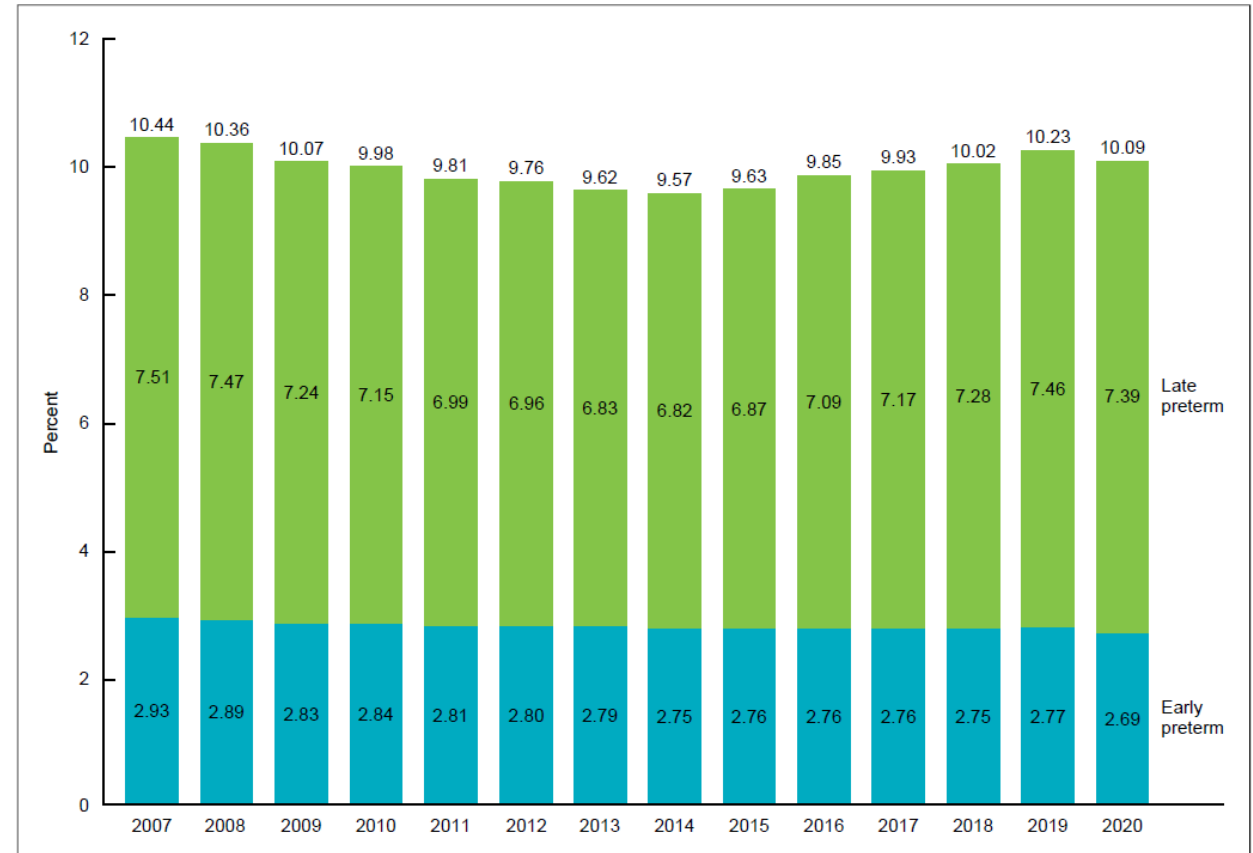


# Objectives

- Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to explain trends in preterm birth rates in Colorado before and after the stay-at-home COVID-19 restriction enactment.
- Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to explain trends in national pediatric COVID-19 cases and overall vaccination rates.
- Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to summarize prevalence and predictors of pediatric COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and hesitancy.



# U.S. Preterm Birth Rates, 2007-2020

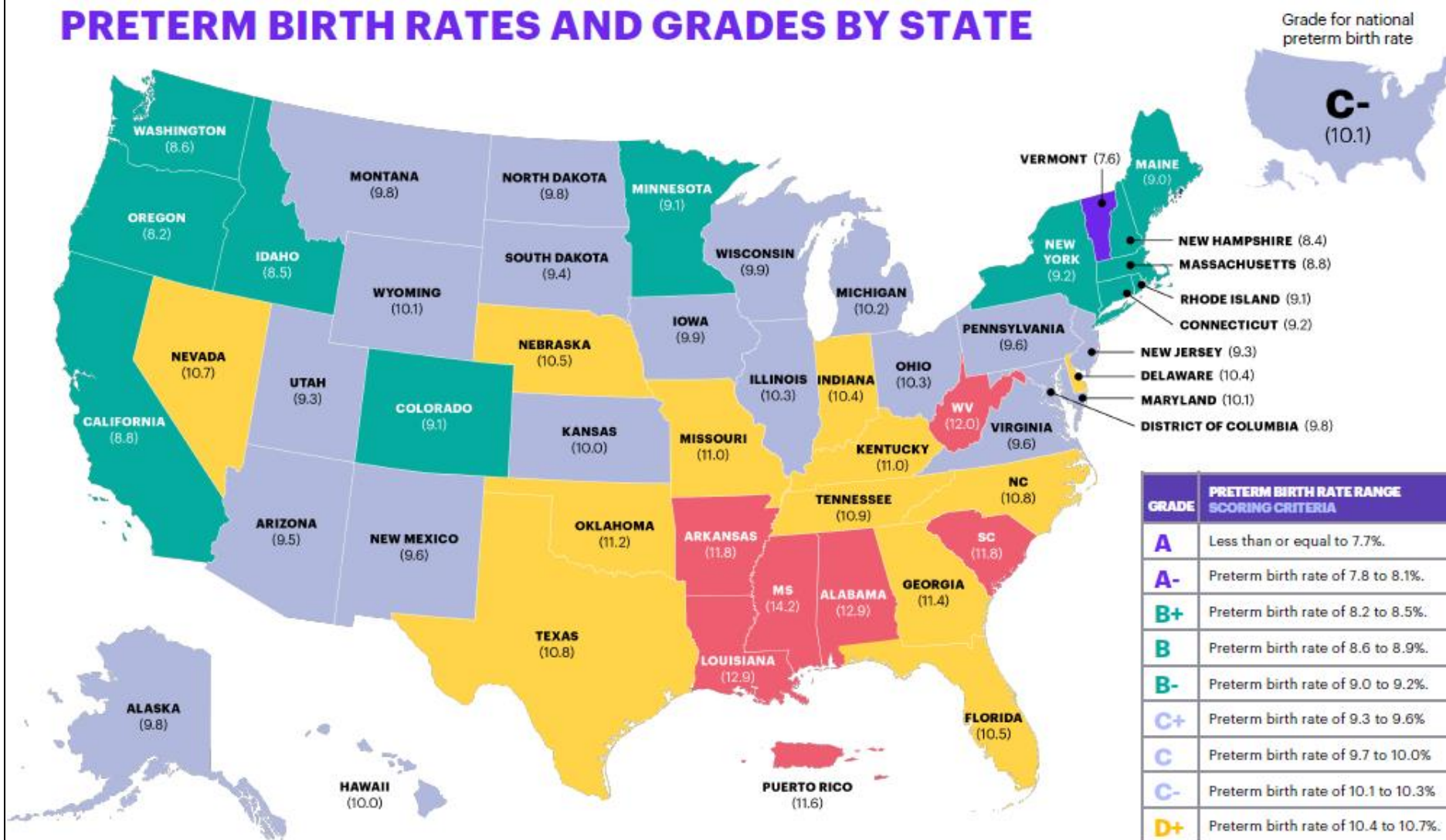


Hamilton BE, et al. Births: Provisional data for 2020. National Center for Health Statistics. May 2021.





# PRETERM BIRTH RATES AND GRADES BY STATE



GRADE	PRETERM BIRTH RATE RANGE SCORING CRITERIA
A	Less than or equal to 7.7%.
A-	Preterm birth rate of 7.8 to 8.1%.
B+	Preterm birth rate of 8.2 to 8.5%.
B	Preterm birth rate of 8.6 to 8.9%.
B-	Preterm birth rate of 9.0 to 9.2%.
C+	Preterm birth rate of 9.3 to 9.6%.
C	Preterm birth rate of 9.7 to 10.0%.
C-	Preterm birth rate of 10.1 to 10.3%.
D+	Preterm birth rate of 10.4 to 10.7%.
D	Preterm birth rate of 10.8 to 11.1%.
D-	Preterm birth rate of 11.2 to 11.4%.
F	Preterm birth rate greater than or equal to 11.5%.

Puerto Rico is not included in the United States total.

Preterm is less than 37 completed weeks of gestation, based on obstetric estimate of gestational age.

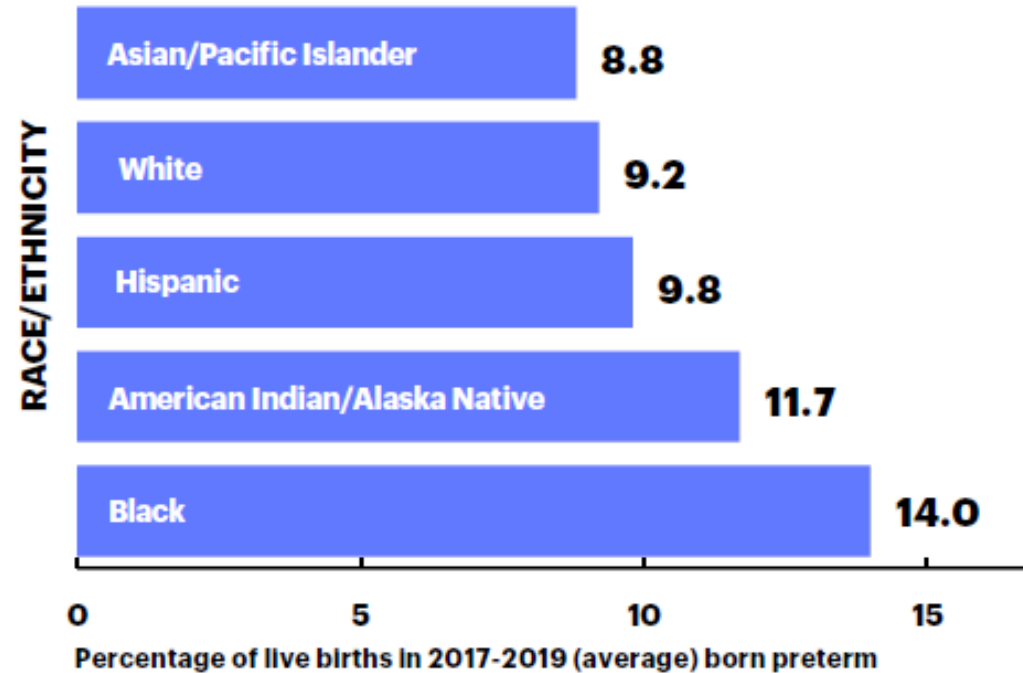
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2020 final natality data.

Grades assigned by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center.



## INFANT HEALTH

Aggregate 2017-2019 preterm birth rates are shown for each of the five bridged racial and ethnic groups. The racial/ethnic group with the highest rate is compared to the combined rate for all other racial/ethnic groups

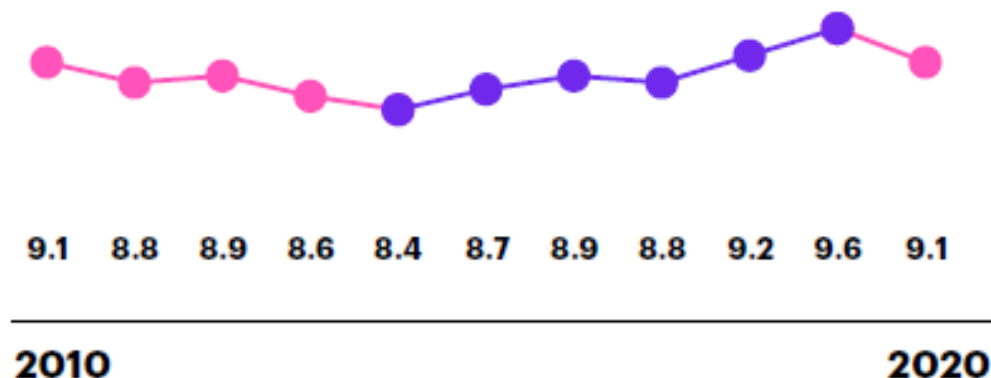


*In the United States, the preterm birth rate among Black women is 51% higher than the rate among all other women.*

# PRETERM BIRTH RATE

# 9.1%

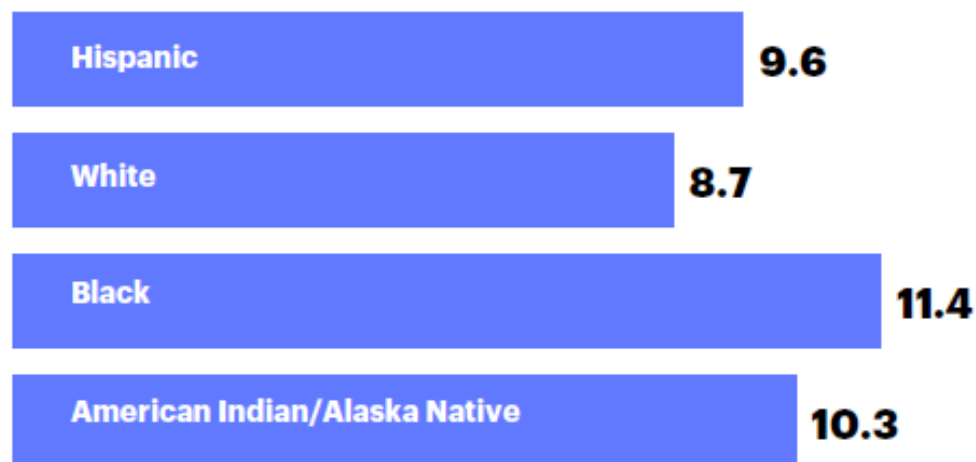
Percentage of live  
births born preterm



Purple (darker) color shows a significant trend ( $p \leq .05$ )



RACE/ETHNICITY



*In Colorado, the preterm birth rate among Black women is 27% higher than the rate among all other women.*

**DISPARITY RATIO:**

- Of all live births in Colorado during 2017-2019 (average), 28.5% were Hispanic, 59.0% were white, 5.6% were black, 0.7% were American Indian/Alaska Native and 4.7% were Asian/Pacific Islander.

Percentage of live births in 2017-2019 (average) born preterm

**No Improvement**



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# COVID-19-related “Exposure” and Perinatal Health Outcomes



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# Association of Preterm Birth Rate With COVID-19 Statewide Stay-at-Home Orders in Tennessee

- Statewide stay-at-home orders announced March 22 and expired on April 30
- Odds of preterm birth in Tennessee during the 2020 stay-at-home order compared with the same periods in 2015 to 2019

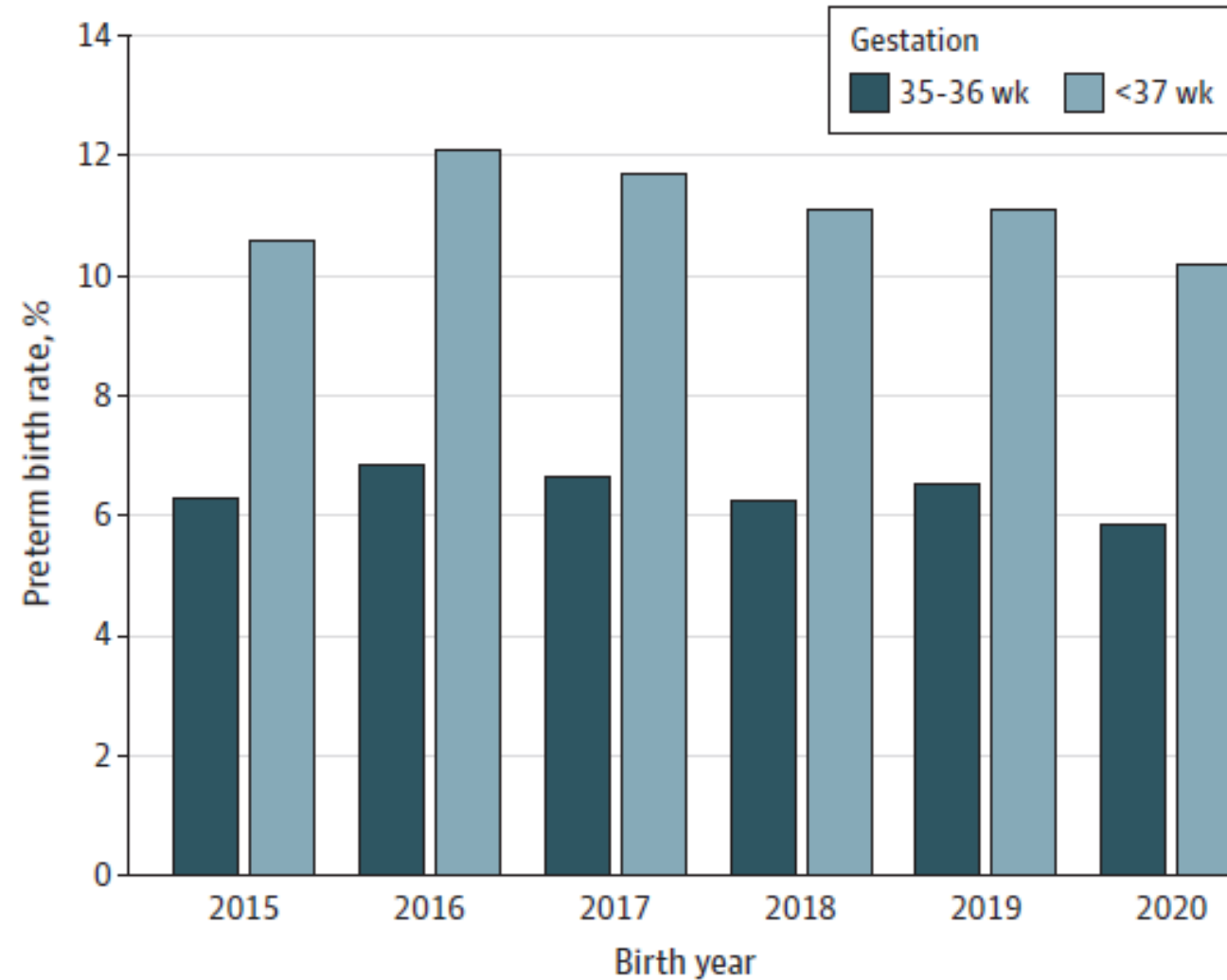


**Table. Characteristics of All Births and Preterm Births During March 22 to April 30, 2020, Compared With the Corresponding Periods in 2015 to 2019, Tennessee**

Characteristic	All births			Preterm births (<37 weeks' gestation)		
	No./total No. (%)		P value	No. (%)		P value
	2015-2019	2020		2015-2019	2020	
Maternal race/ethnicity						
Hispanic	3893/41 577 (9.4)	952/7553 (12.6)	<.001	367/4693 (7.8)	99/762 (13.0)	<.001
Non-Hispanic White	27 742/41 577 (66.7)	4881/7553 (64.6)		2876/4693 (61.3)	438/762 (57.5)	
Non-Hispanic Black	8147/41 577 (19.6)	1364/7553 (18.1)		1256/4693 (26.8)	184/762 (24.1)	
Non-Hispanic Asian	973/41 577 (2.3)	192/7553 (2.5)		94/4693 (2.0)	20/762 (2.6)	
Non-Hispanic other	822/41 577 (2.0)	164/7553 (2.2)		100/4693 (2.1)	21/762 (2.8)	



Figure. Overall Preterm and Late-Preterm Birth Rates in Tennessee From March 22 to April 30 by Birth Year, 2015 to 2020



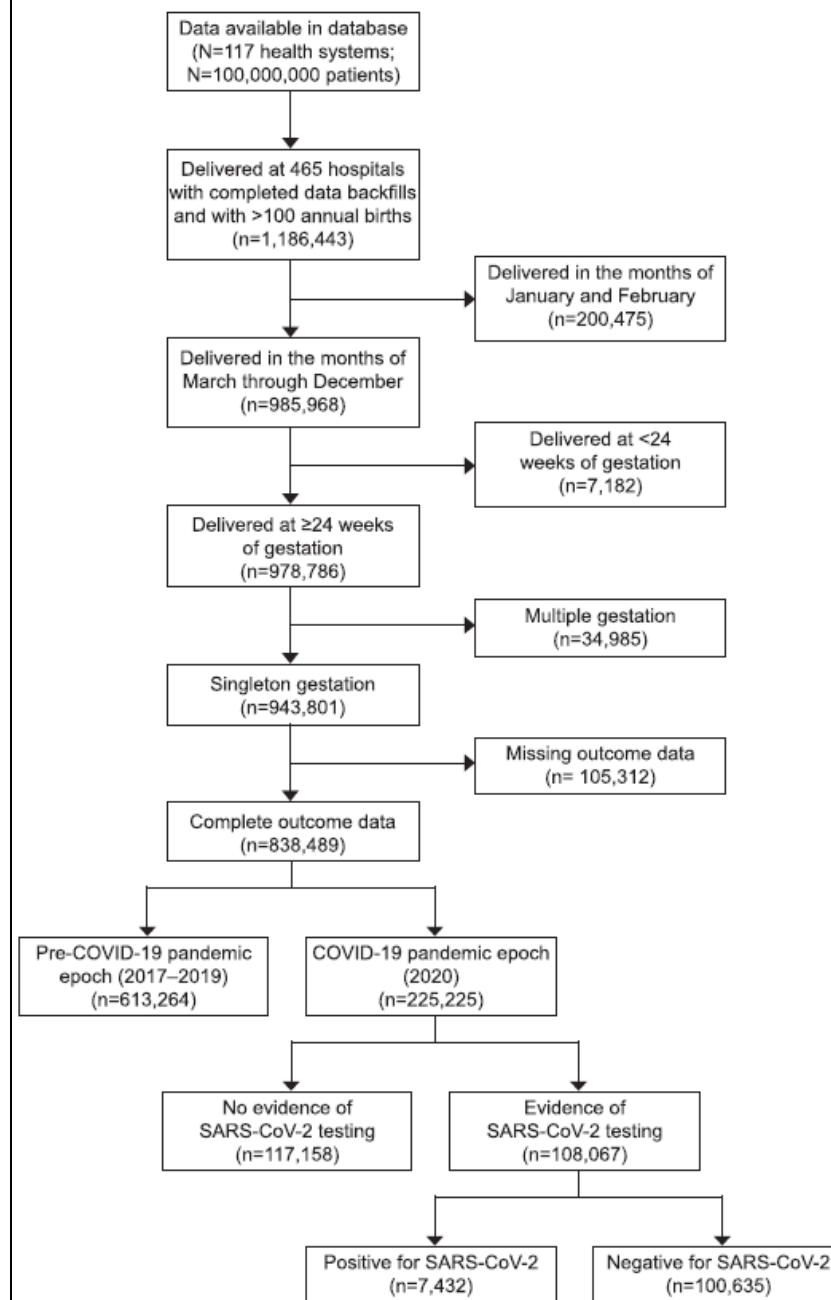


*Original Research*

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic and Pregnancy Outcomes in a U.S. Population

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**Fig. 1.** Study cohort identification flow diagram. COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; SARS-CoV-2, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

**Table 2. Neonatal and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Before and During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic**

Outcome	Epoch		Standardized Difference
	Pre-COVID-19 Pandemic (n=613,264)	COVID-19 Pandemic (n=225,225)	
Preterm birth*	47,286 (7.7)	17,205 (7.6)	0.003
Stillbirth	2,039 (0.3)	772 (0.3)	-0.002
Birth weight category			
SGA	41,760 (6.8)	14,657 (6.5)	0.012
AGA	525,152 (85.6)	193,075 (85.7)	-0.003
LGA	46,352 (7.6)	17,493 (7.8)	-0.008
HDP	83,764 (13.7)	34,573 (15.4)	-0.048
Placental abruption	2,355 (0.4)	907 (0.4)	-0.003
Cesarean birth	189,080 (30.8)	66,042 (29.3)	0.033
PPH	14,280 (2.3)	6,137 (2.7)	-0.025

COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; SGA, small for gestational age; AGA, appropriate for gestational age; LGA, large for gestational age; HDP, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy; PPH, postpartum hemorrhage.

Data are n (%) unless otherwise specified.

\* Preterm birth is defined as birth before 37 weeks of gestation.





**Table 5. Mixed Effects Logistic Regression Models to Evaluate the Association Between Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Positivity and Pregnancy Outcomes**

Outcome	Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)*
Preterm birth <sup>†</sup>	1.12 (1.01–1.26)	1.11 (0.98–1.25)
Cesarean birth	1.09 (1.02–1.16)	1.06 (0.99–1.13)

OR, odds ratio.

\* Adjusted for maternal age, race and ethnicity, insurance type, high-risk Social Vulnerability Index, obesity, chronic hypertension, pregestational diabetes, heart disease, urban area, and hospital system as a random intercept.

<sup>†</sup> Preterm birth is defined as birth before 37 weeks of gestation.





# Stay-At-Home Orders and Preterm Birth in Colorado



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# Objectives

- To provide a larger evidence base for if and how COVID-19 restrictions affected the birthing population at a state level, we sought to:
  - 1) compare preterm birth rates during the periods before and after COVID-19 stay-at-home orders were issued
  - 2) assess whether change in preterm birth rates varied across racial/ethnic groups in Colorado.





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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Ordering Coloradans to Stay at Home  
Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering Coloradans to stay at home whenever possible due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the State.

# Methods: Data Source

- *Colorado birth certificate records*
- *April to December 2015 - 2020 to account for seasonality in the pre and post-COVID-19 stay-at-home orders*
  - Pre-period: April-December 2015-2019
  - Post-period: April-December 2020



# Methods: Cohort Selection

- *Excluded records with missing/unreasonable values:*
  - birth weight (<300g)
  - gestational age (<20 or >44 weeks)
  - infant sex
  - delivery method
  - insurance type
  - maternal race/ethnicity
  - maternal age
  - highest education
  - marital status





# Methods: Outcomes

- Preterm birth, defined as gestational age < 37 weeks.
- Gestational age on birth certificates is typically calculated from clinical estimates by first trimester ultrasound.
- If ultrasound not available or missing, the gestational age is calculated based upon estimated date of last menstrual period.

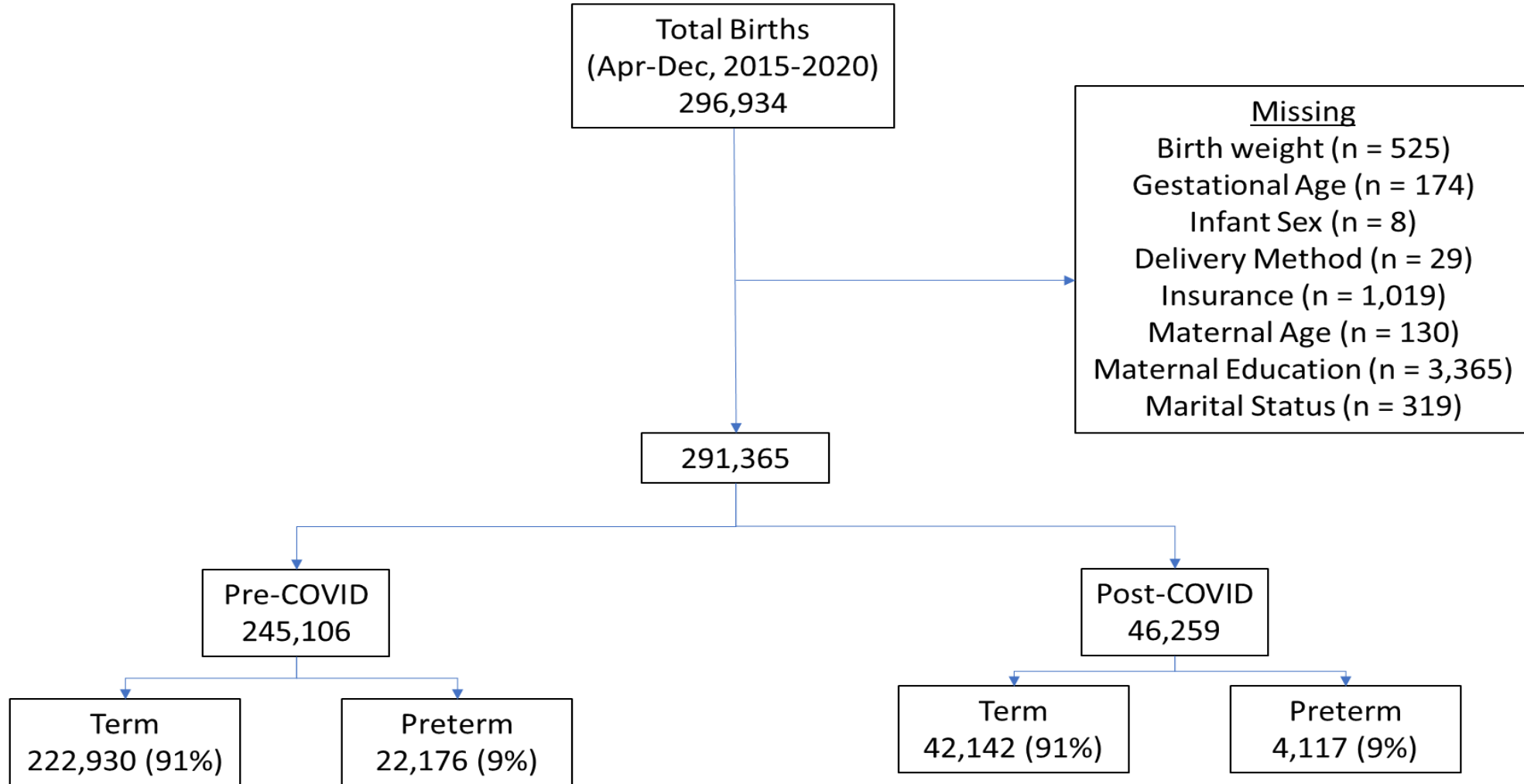


# Methods: Analysis

- Compared maternal and infant characteristics for all and preterm births for pre and post periods via  $\chi^2$  tests
- Logistic regression models to assess **adjusted odds of preterm birth**, comparing pre to post birth cohorts
  - All variables significant in bivariate analysis were included.
- **Interaction** term between maternal race/ethnicity and pre-/post periods to compare the difference in mean preterm birth rates between NHW and each racial/ethnic group
- **Stratification** by race/ethnicity
  - Crude difference in preterm birth between 2015-2019 and 2020 via  $\chi^2$  tests
  - Adjusted odds ratios for preterm birth in post-period with logistic regression models adjusting for the same covariates as in the overall model.



# Results: Cohort Selection Figure



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**Table 1: Characteristics of All Births and Preterm Births**

Characteristic	All Births			Preterm Births		
	2015-2019	2020	p-value	2015-2019	2020	p-value
	N (%)	N (%)		N (%)	N (%)	
	245,106	46,259		22,176	4,117	
<i>Age</i>			<b>&lt;0.0001</b>			<b>0.0084</b>
<20	10,540 (4.3)	1,647 (3.6)		1,024 (4.6)	161 (3.9)	
20-24	42,365 (17.3)	7,495 (16.2)		3,826 (17.3)	657 (16.0)	
25-34	144,120 (58.8)	27,279 (59.0)		12,146 (54.8)	2,266 (55.0)	
≥35	48,081 (19.6)	9,838 (21.3)		75,180 (23.4)	1,033 (25.1)	
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>0.0009</b>
Non-Hispanic	143,708	26,329		12,324	2,172	
White	(58.6)	(56.9)		(55.6)	(52.8)	
Non-Hispanic Black	11,111 (4.5)	2,301 (5.0)		1,253 (5.7)	290 (7.0)	
Native	2,470 (1.0)	493 (1.1)		272 (1.2)	15 (0.4)	
Hispanic	67,837 (27.7)	13,374 (28.9)		6,327 (28.5)	1,224 (29.7)	
Other	19,980 (8.2)	3,762 (8.1)		2,000 (9.0)	376 (9.1)	



Characteristic	All Births			Preterm Births		
	2015-2019	2020	p-value	2015-2019	2020	p-value
<i>Education</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>0.1839</b>
<High School	27,626 (11.3)	4,727 (10.2)		2,824 (12.7)	511 (12.4)	
High School/GED	49,042 (20.0)	9,449 (20.4)		4,732 (21.3)	931 (22.6)	
Some College/Associate's	27,089 (29.4)	12,836 (27.7)		6,903 (31.1)	1,229 (29.9)	
≥ Bachelor's Degree	96,349 (39.3)	19,247 (41.6)		7,717 (34.8)	1,446 (35.1)	
<i>Marital Status</i>			<b>0.3059</b>			<b>0.0220</b>
Married	186,612 (76.1)	35,117 (75.9)		16,045 (72.4)	2,907 (70.6)	
Other	54,949 (23.9)	11,142 (24.1)		6,131 (27.7)	1,210 (29.4)	
<i>Insurance</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Public	108,652 (44.3)	19,238 (41.6)		10,635 (48.0)	1,917 (48.6)	
Other	129,092 (52.7)	25,097 (54.3)		10,819 (48.8)	1,977 (48.0)	
Self-Pay	7,361 (3.0)	1,924 (4.2)		722 (3.3)	223 (5.4)	

Characteristic	All Births			Preterm Births		
	2015-2019	2020	p-value	2015-2019	2020	p-value
<i>Previous Live Birth</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			0.3585
Yes	142,757 (60.1)	26,977 (58.3)		13,790 (62.1)	2,529 (61.4)	
No	97,849 (39.9)	19,282 (41.7)		8,386 (37.8)	1,588 (38.6)	
<i>Previous Preterm Birth</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>0.0001</b>
Yes	7,276 (3.0)	1,582 (3.4)		1,919 (8.7)	432 (10.5)	
No	237,830 (97.0)	44,677 (96.6)		20,257 (91.3)	3,685 (89.5)	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Prenatal Care</i>			<b>0.0003</b>			0.8840
Yes	191,704 (78.2)	36,530 (79.0)		16,054 (72.4)	2,985 (72.5)	
No	53,402 (21.8)	9,729 (21.0)		6,122 (27.6)	1,132 (27.5)	
<i>Any Diabetes</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>
Yes	13,698 (5.6)	3,335 (7.2)		2,158 (9.7)	490 (11.9)	
No	231,408 (94.4)	42,924 (92.8)		20,018 (90.3)	3,627 (88.1)	
<i>Any Hypertension</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>
Yes	20,542 (8.4)	5,226 (11.3)		4,428 (20.0)	948 (23.0)	
No	224,564 (91.6)	41,033 (88.7)		17,748 (80.0)	3,169 (77.0)	
<i>Delivery Method</i>			<b>&lt;.0001</b>			<b>0.0039</b>
Vaginal	180,331 (73.6)	33,627 (72.7)		11,826 (53.3)	2,095 (50.9)	
Cesarean	64,775 (26.4)	12,632 (27.3)		10,350 (46.7)	2,022 (49.1)	

**Figure 2: Preterm Birth by Birth Year: Overall, Early, Late Preterm Births, Apr-Dec 2015-2020**

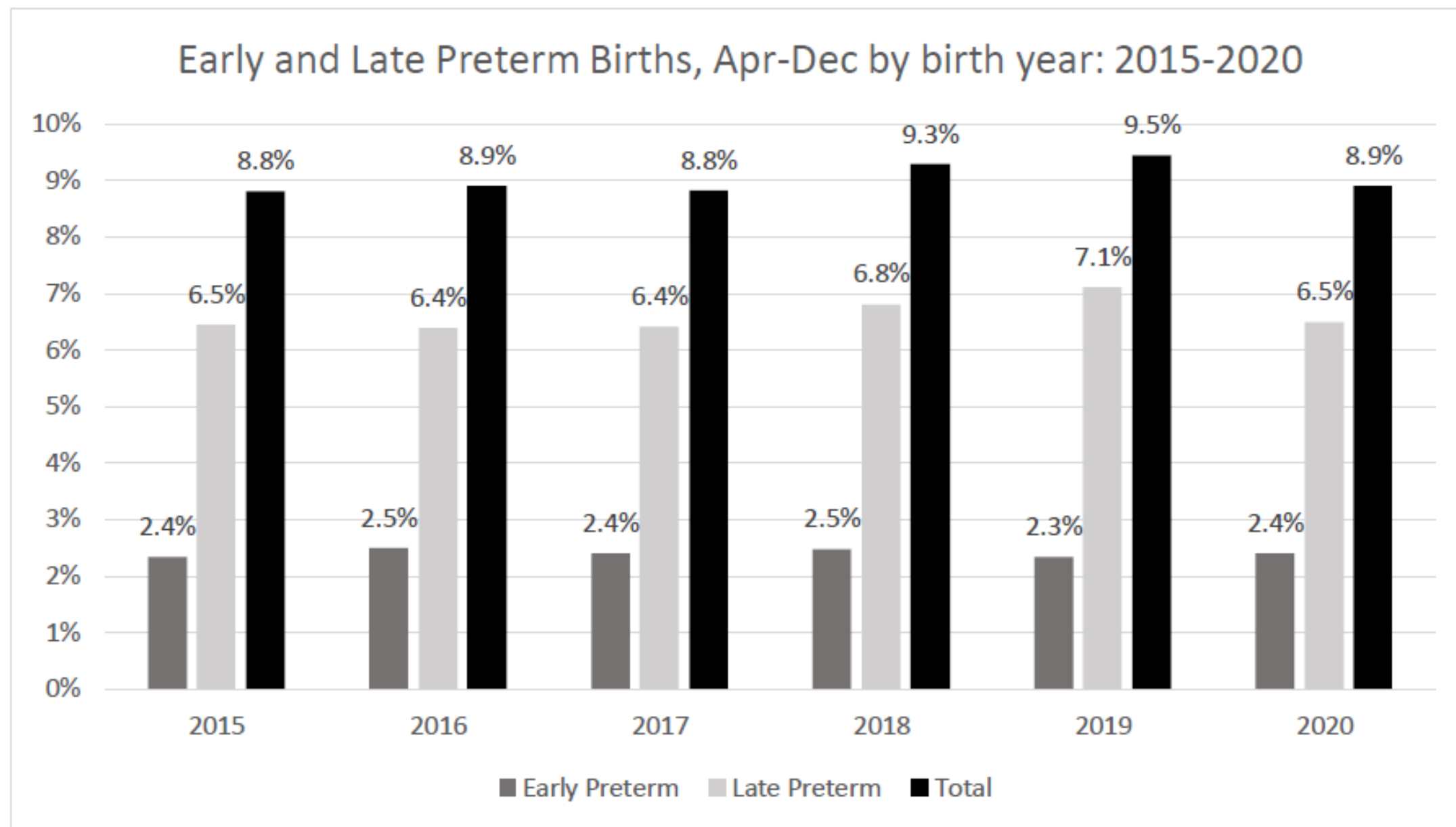


Table 2: Adjusted Odds Ratios for Preterm Term by Maternal Race/Ethnicity

Maternal Race/Ethnicity	Total Live Births Count (N)	Overall	2015-2019	2020	p-value <sup>+</sup>	Adjusted OR (95% CI) <sup>*</sup>
		N (%)	N (%)	N (%)		
Total	291,365	26,293 (9.0)	22,176 (9.0)	4,117 (8.9)	0.3095	<b>0.923</b> <b>(0.901, 0.957)</b>
Non-Hispanic white	170,037	14,496 (8.5)	12,324 (8.6)	2,172 (8.3)	0.0814	<b>0.911</b> <b>(0.867, 0.956)</b>
Non-Hispanic Black	13,142	1,543 (11.5)	1,253 (11.3)	290 (12.6)	0.0696	1.055 (0.917, 1.213)
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,963	327 (11.0)	272 (11.0)	55 (11.2)	0.9258	0.983 (0.713, 1.355)
Hispanic	81,211	7,551 (9.3)	6,327 (9.3)	1,224 (9.2)	0.5249	<b>0.910</b> <b>(0.852, 0.956)</b>
Other	23,742	2,237 (10.0)	2,000 (10.0)	376 (10.0)	0.9771	0.951 (0.844, 1.072)

<sup>+</sup>unadjusted chi-sq

<sup>\*</sup>adjusted for maternal age, education, marital status, insurance, previous preterm birth, 1<sup>st</sup> trimester prenatal care, diabetes and hypertension





# Take Home Points

- While NHW and Hispanic mothers experienced lower preterm birth rates in the post-stay-at-home period, NHB and AI/AN mothers did not experience this decline.
- The Black-White disparity in preterm birth increased during our study period.



# Limitations

- The focus on births from one state, limiting potential generalizability beyond Colorado.
- Our analysis was limited to maternal race/ethnicity as captured by the birth certificates and did not account for country of origin or immigrant status.
- We also recognize the heterogeneity within each racial/ethnic group and that each subgroup may have been impacted by the COVID restrictions in different ways.



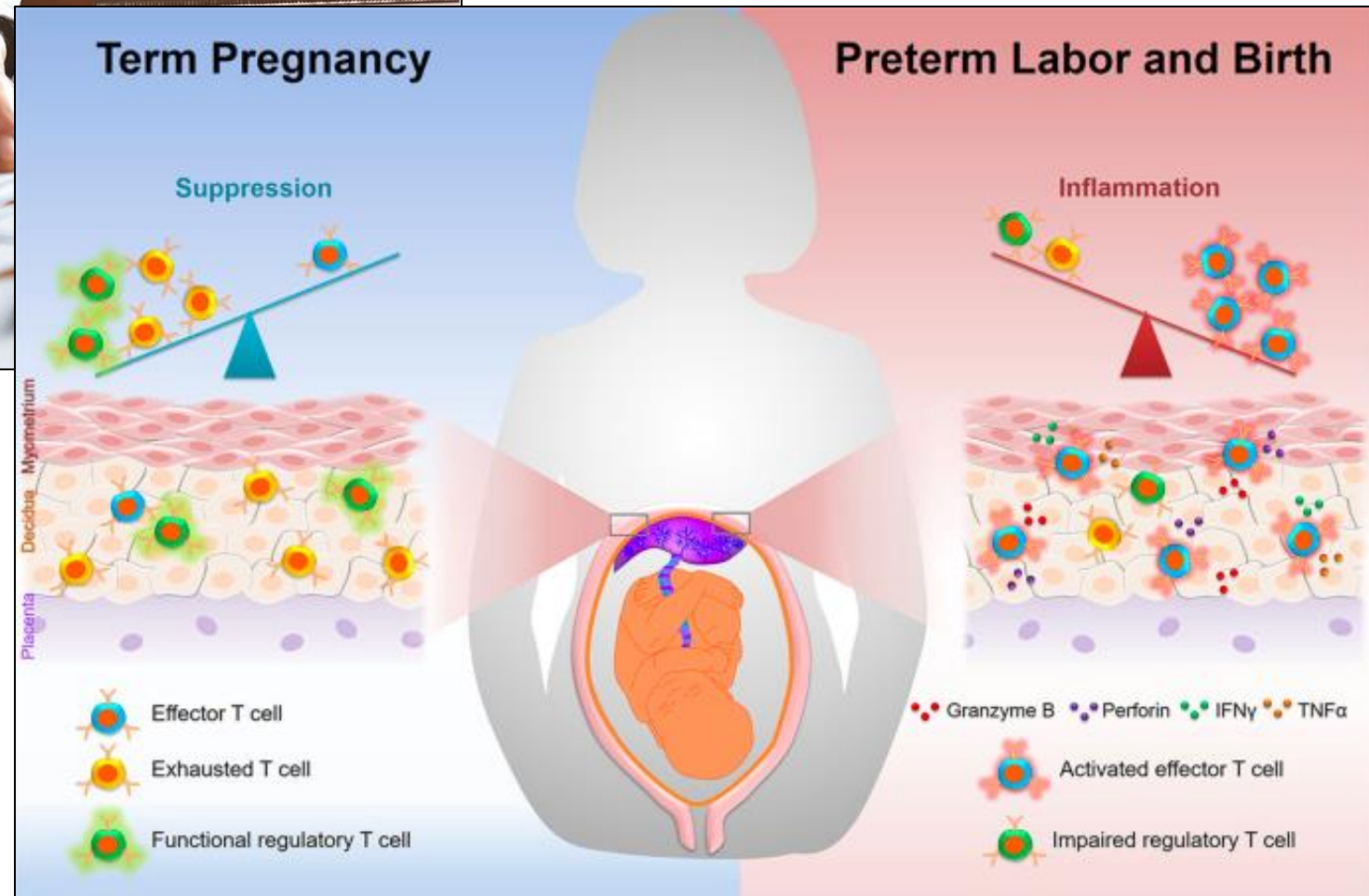


# Discussion and Hypotheses



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## Some Factors Associated with Preterm Birth



**Social, Personal, and Economic Characteristics**

- ✓ Teens and women over age 35
- ✓ Black race
- ✓ Women with low income

**Pregnancy and Medical Conditions**


- ✓ Prior preterm birth
- ✓ Infection
- ✓ Carrying more than 1 baby (twins, triplets, or more)

**Behavioral**

- ✓ Tobacco use
- ✓ Substance use
- ✓ Stress

For more information visit: [www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MaternalInfantHealth/PretermBirth.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MaternalInfantHealth/PretermBirth.htm)

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Division of Reproductive Health




<https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/pretermbirth.htm>

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# Well-being of Parents and Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Survey

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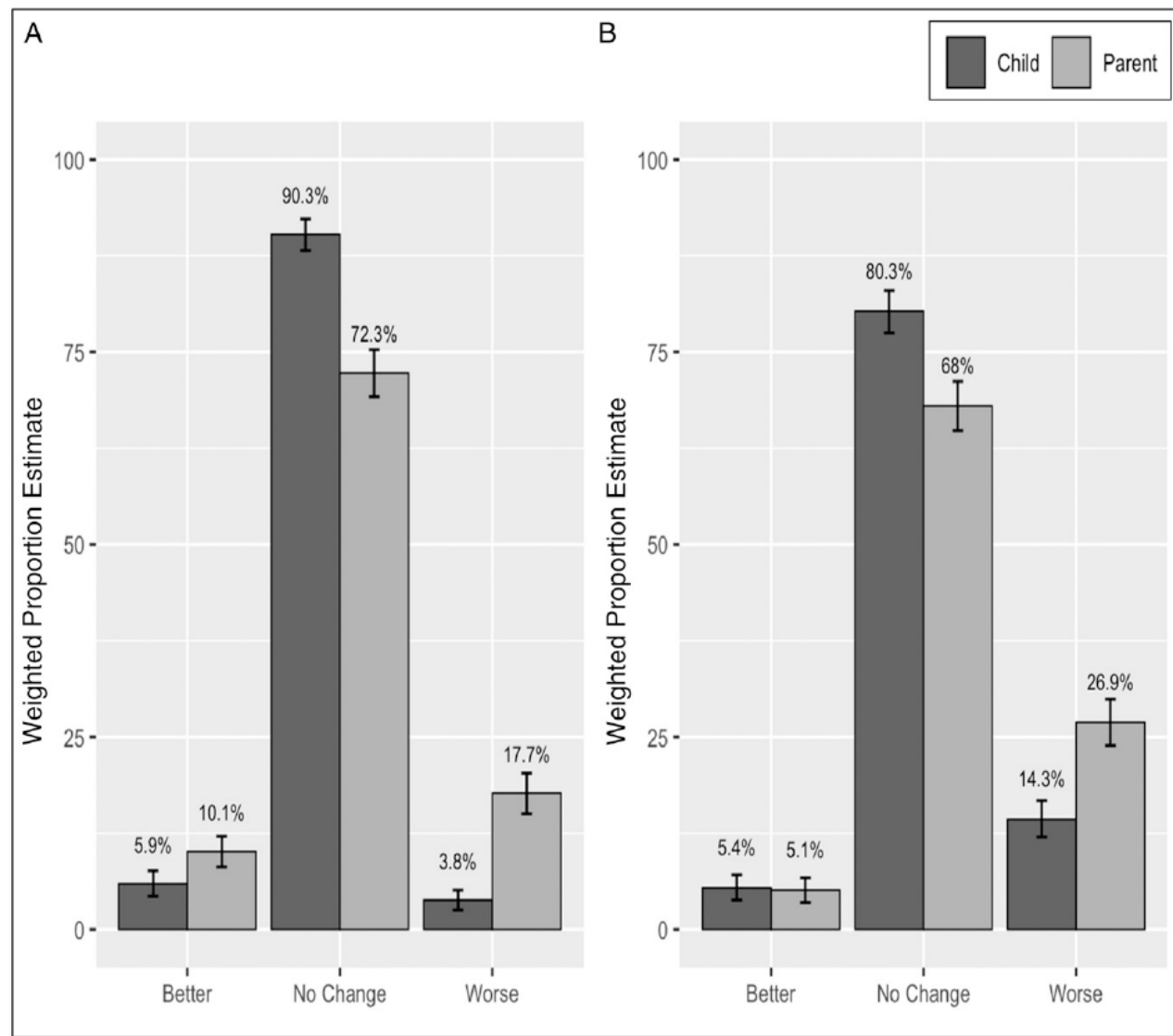
## abstract

**BACKGROUND:** As the coronavirus disease pandemic spread across the United States and protective measures to mitigate its impact were enacted, parents and children experienced widespread disruptions in daily life. Our objective with this national survey was to determine how the pandemic and mitigation efforts affected the physical and emotional well-being of parents and children in the United States through early June 2020.

**METHODS:** In June 2020, we conducted a national survey of parents with children age <18 to measure changes in health status, insurance status, food security, use of public food assistance resources, child care, and use of health care services since the pandemic began.

**RESULTS:** Since March 2020, 27% of parents reported worsening mental health for themselves, and 14% reported worsening behavioral health for their children. The proportion of families with moderate or severe food insecurity increased from 6% before March 2020 to 8% after, employer-sponsored insurance coverage of children decreased from 63% to 60%, and 24% of parents reported a loss of regular child care. Worsening mental health for parents occurred alongside worsening behavioral health for children in nearly 1 in 10 families, among whom 48% reported loss of regular child care, 16% reported change in insurance status, and 11% reported worsening food security.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The coronavirus disease pandemic has had a substantial tandem impact on parents and children in the United States. As policy makers consider additional measures to mitigate the health and economic effects of the pandemic, they should consider the unique needs of families with children.



**FIGURE 1**

Parental physical and mental health and child physical and behavioral health changes since March 2020. A, Parental and child physical health changes. B, parental mental health and child behavioral health changes. Differences in health status between parents and children  $P < .001$  by Rao-Scott corrected  $\chi^2$  test.



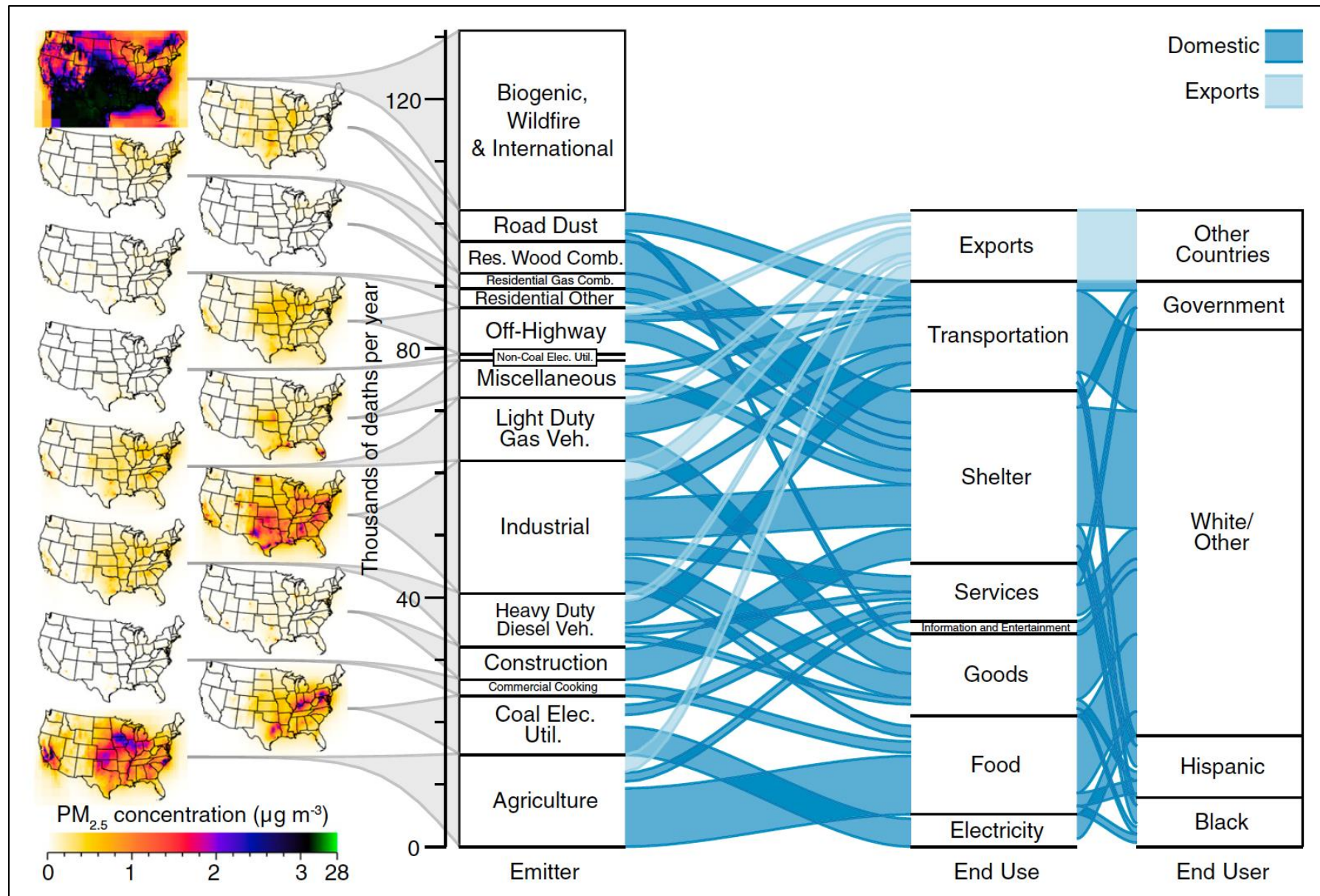
# Inequity in consumption of goods and services adds to racial–ethnic disparities in air pollution exposure

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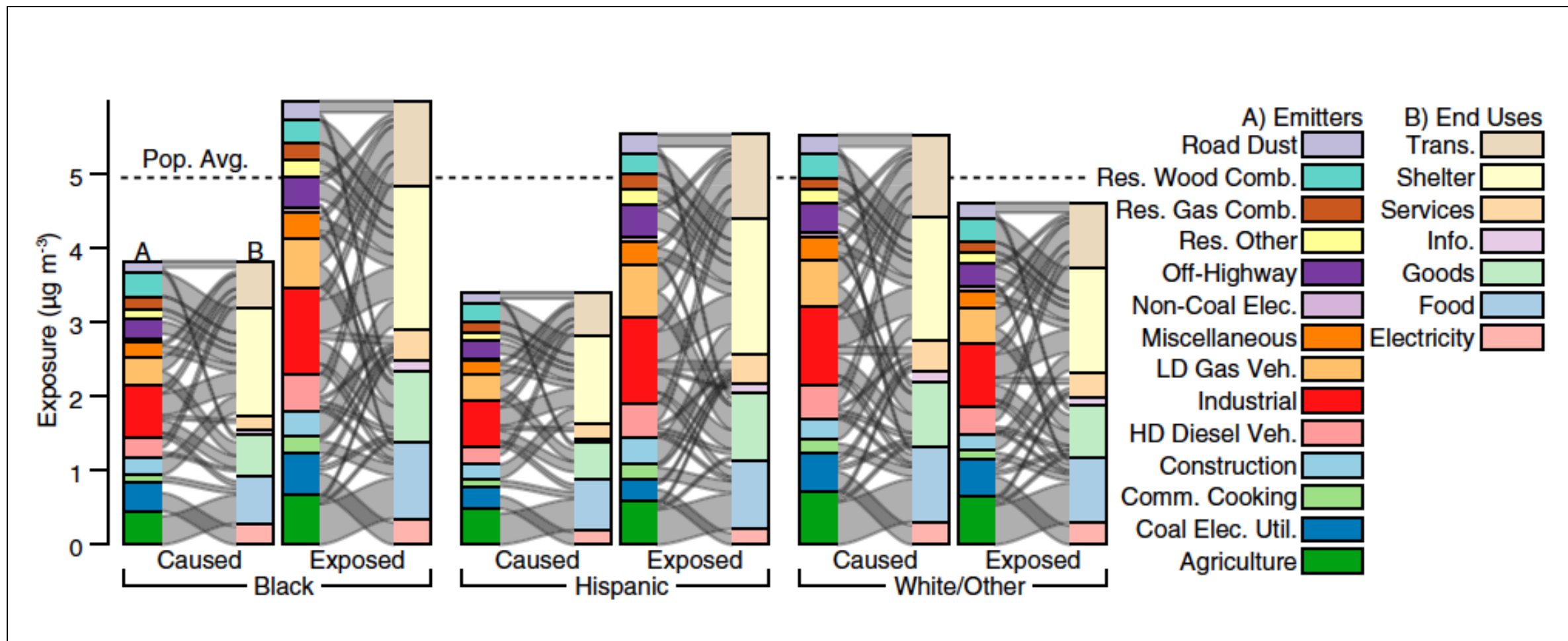
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# Conclusions

- Potentially broader **family and/or community supports** could allow some pregnant individuals to better weather the enormous stress caused by the pandemic and maintain perinatal health.
- NHB and AI/AN women have the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the U.S. and we hypothesize that the broad array of factors related to health status, healthcare access, **social determinants of health and racism** likely persisted in the post-restriction period and thus these groups experienced no decline in their preterm birth rates.
- The Black-White disparity in preterm birth increased during our study period, highlighting the urgent need to **disaggregate perinatal health data** to fully understand differential impacts of both negative and positive exposures on our birthing population.







# Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination



# COVID-19 Vaccine Approval Process

Food & Drug Administration sets rigorous standards for COVID-19 vaccine testing in humans

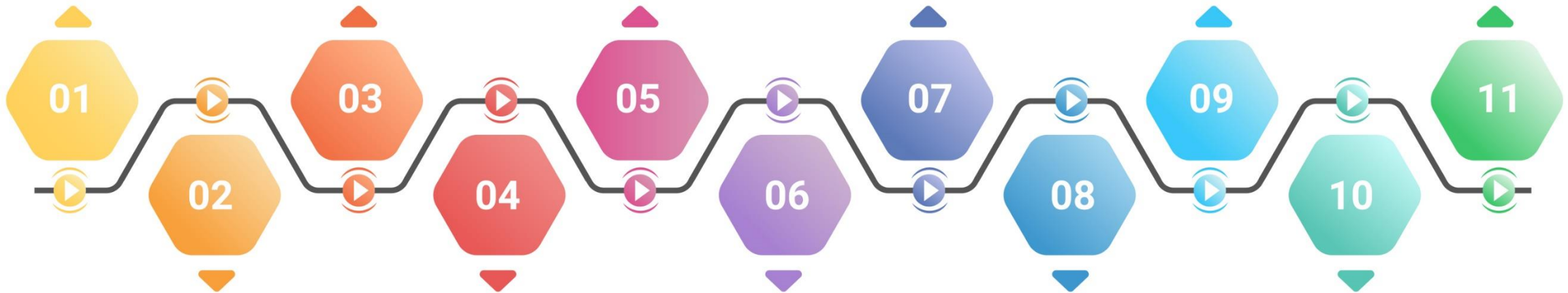
Phase II - Safety and efficacy of a slightly larger study group

Clinical trials complete by medical & research professionals

FDA makes a recommendation to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

ACIP makes a recommendation to CDC on vaccine and who should receive it

Colorado's vaccine distribution plan engaged



Phase I - Clinical trials in a small group of volunteers to determine safety

Phase III - Researches safety and efficacy of vaccine on very large trial group against control groups

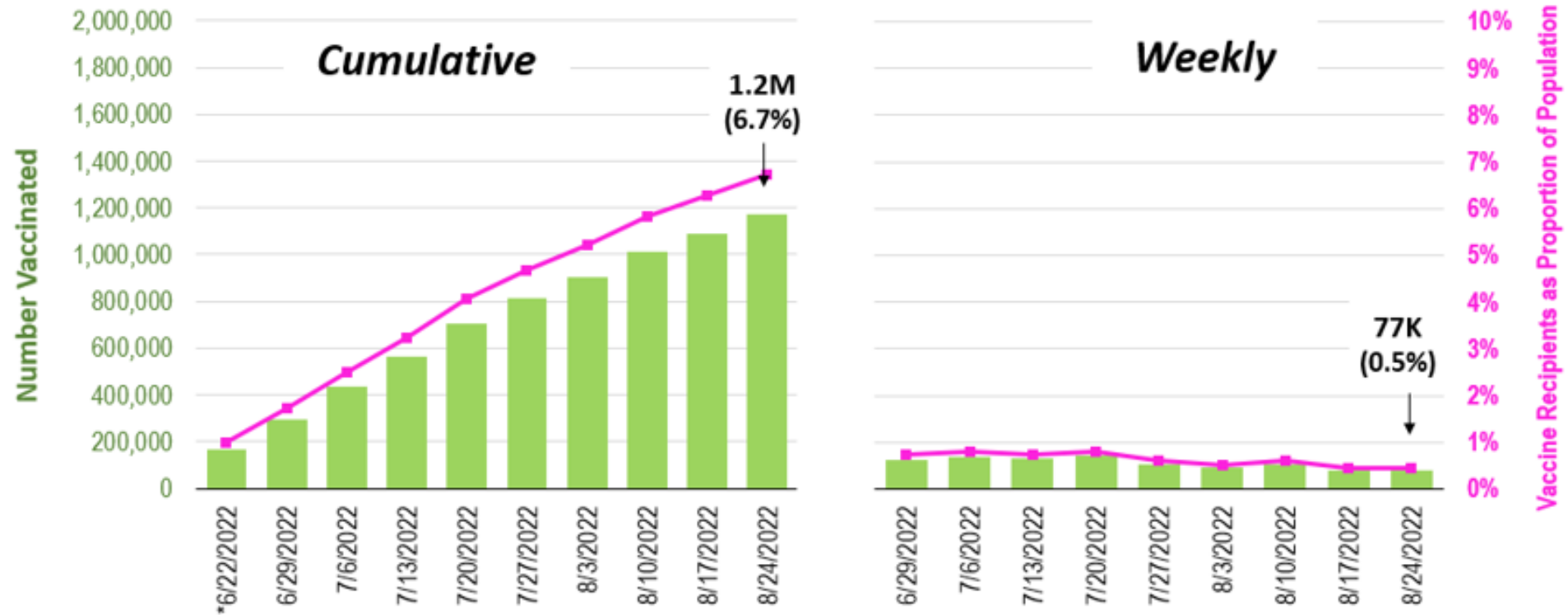
FDA reviews scientific data and other information

ACIP reviews clinical trial data (age, race, ethnicity, underlying medical conditions, responses to vaccine, side effects, etc.)

CDC makes vaccine available

# Number and Proportion of US Infants and Children Ages 6 Months - 4 Years Receiving Initial Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

6.22.2022 to 8.24.2022

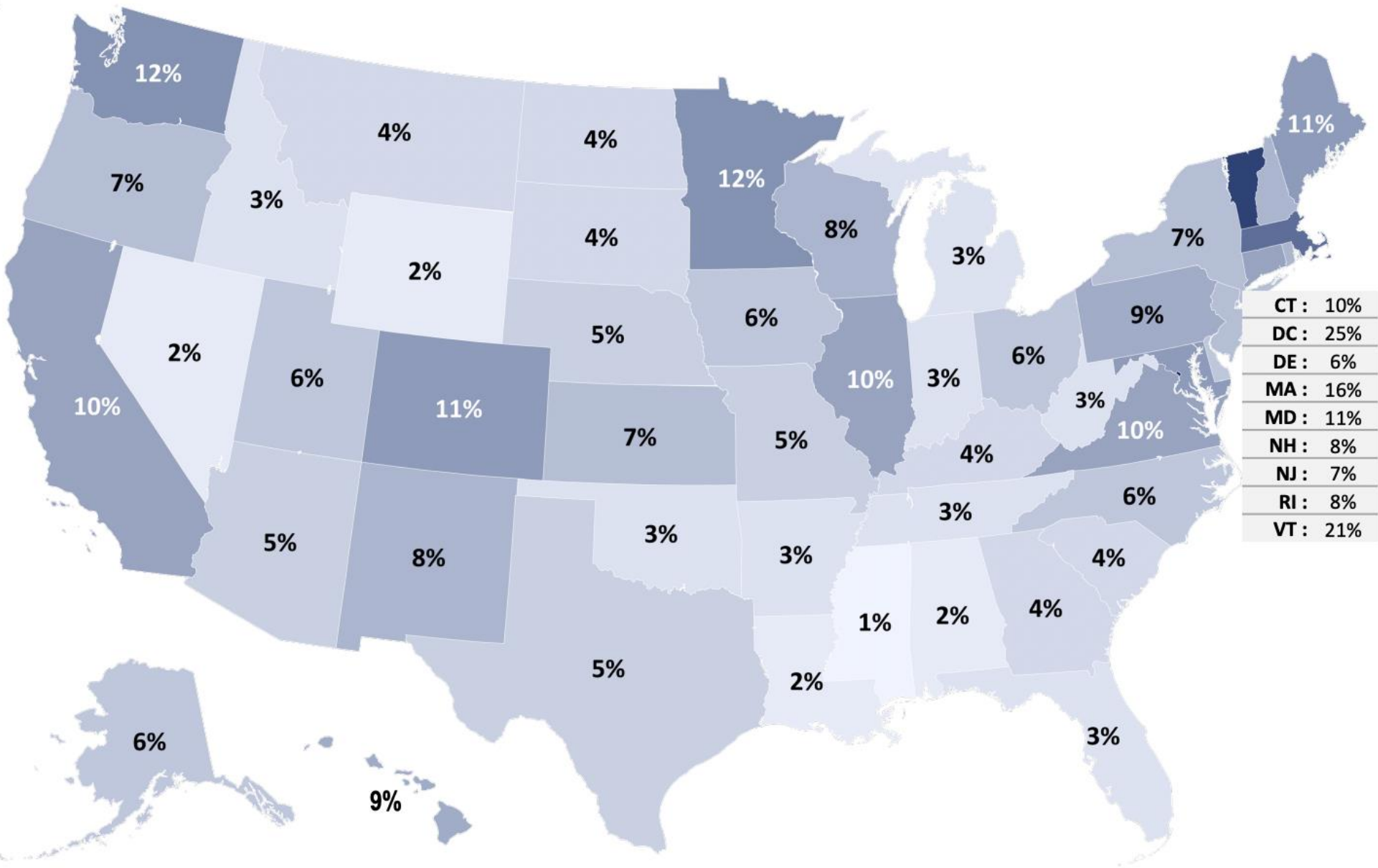


1.2M US children ages 6 mos - 4 years had received at least 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine



Proportion of US Children  
Ages 6 Months - 4 Years  
Who Received the Initial  
Dose of the COVID-19  
Vaccine, by State of  
Residence

Received Initial Dose  as of 8.24.2022



Source: AAP analysis of data series titled "COVID -19 Vaccinations in the United States, Jurisdiction". CDC COVID -19 Data Tracker (URL: <https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/COVID-19-Vaccinations-in-the-United-States-Jurisdi/unsk-b7fc> ). Check state web sites for additional or more recent information.



# Health eMoms: A Novel Platform





# Health eMoms

## Amplifying the Voices of Colorado Moms

- Unique longitudinal survey project to understand opinions and experiences of Colorado mothers during the first 3 years of their child's life
- Recruits 2400 women annually (2018-2021) from Colorado birth certificates
- Sample mutually exclusive from Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)
- Mail recruitment, transition to fully digital platform  
Email/Text Message



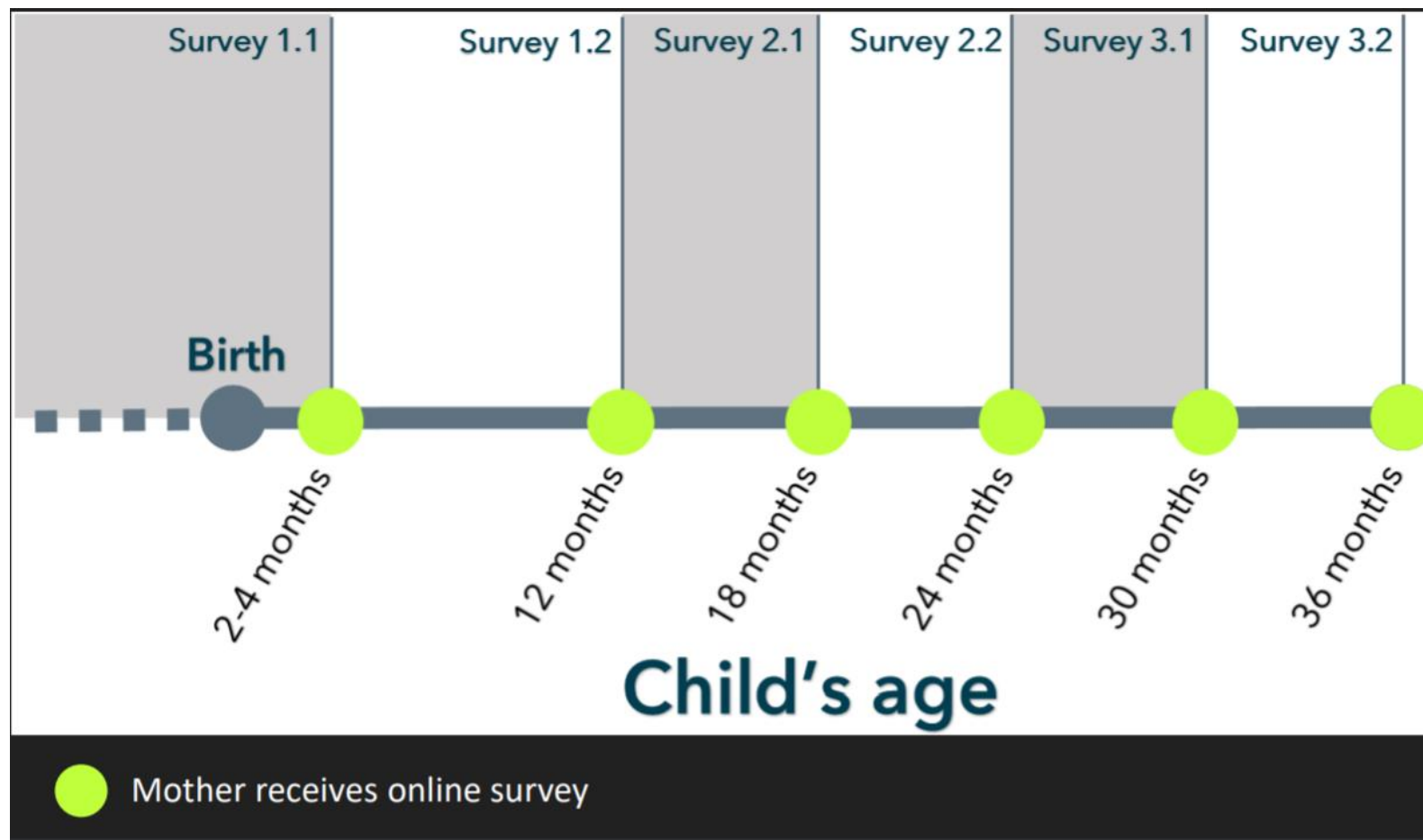


# Health eMoms - Survey Topics

- Breastfeeding
- Vaccination
- Maternal Mental Health
- Social and Community Connection
- Paid Leave
- Employment/Family Friendly Practices in the Workplace
- Childcare
- Finance/Resource Insecurity
- Health care Access
- Marijuana and Other Substance Use



# Health eMoms - Survey Timeline



 **Health eMoms**



**COLORADO**  
Department of Public  
Health & Environment



# Health eMoms COVID-19 Cross Sectional Survey

- 2018-2020 Birth Cohorts surveyed
- Survey in field January 20 – February 3, 2021
- Impact of pandemic on housing/food insecurity, childcare, mental health, etc.
- Specific module on COVID-19 vaccination beliefs

# Prevalence and Predictors of Pediatric Vaccine Acceptance







# Study Objectives

- 1) Evaluate maternal COVID-19 vaccine intent for child(ren) and associated predictors of stated intent
- 2) Describe maternal attitudes related to hypothetical COVID-19 vaccination policies
- 3) Summarize themes associated with intention to vaccinate child(ren) for COVID-19



# Methods

- Inclusion: all participants currently enrolled in Health eMoms  
Excluded those with missing key demographics or responses of interest
- Health eMoms COVID-19 Survey responses linked with existing Health eMoms demographics
- Primary Outcome: Vaccine intent for child(ren)  
“If COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective in children, would you choose to have your child(ren) vaccinated?”
- Secondary Outcomes: Reasons for stated intent, odds of vaccine intent by demographics



# Statistical Analysis

- Population statistic survey method to calculate weighted proportions
- Chi-square analysis to compare demographic distributions by COVID-19 vaccine intent
- Two multi-variable models to compare "Yes" vs. "No" and "Yes" vs. "Unsure" responses
- Summarized reasons for stated vaccine intent for child(ren)
- Natural Language Processing to analyze narrative responses
  - Vaccination, mRNA, vaccin-
  - Manual review of included responses and exploration of themes



# Respondent Demographics by Vaccine Intent

	Yes, would choose to have child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19 n (%) 64540 (44.2%)	No, would not choose to have child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19 n (%) 29618 (20.3%)	Unsure whether to have child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19 n (%) 51761 (35.5%)	p-value†
<b>Maternal Race and Ethnicity</b>				<0.01
American Indian	683 (34.7%)	55 (27.9%)	736 (37.4%)	
Asian/Pacific Islander	4296 (52.0%)	835 (10.1%)	3128 (37.9%)	
Hispanic	12651 (39.8%)	4989 (15.7%)	13142 (41.1%)	
Non-Hispanic Black	1865 (21.9%)	3189 (37.5%)	3456 (40.6%)	
Non-Hispanic White	42173 (47.3%)	17878 (20.1%)	29113 (32.7%)	
Other	2872 (46.1%)	1176 (18.9%)	2187 (35.1%)	
<b>Maternal Age (at survey)</b>				<0.01
15-19 years	435 (28.0%)	406 (26.1%)	714 (45.9%)	
20-24 years	3508 (20.3%)	5801 (33.6%)	7953 (46.1%)	
25-34 years	34165 (42.7%)	17273 (21.6%)	28594 (35.7%)	
≥35 years	26432 (56.2%)	6138 (13.0%)	14500 (30.8%)	
<b>Maternal Education</b>				<0.01
< High School	4105 (28.2%)	3880 (26.6%)	6595 (45.2%)	
High School	7771 (26.9%)	9240 (31.9%)	11932 (41.2%)	
> High School	52667 (51.4%)	16499 (16.1%)	33233 (32.5%)	
<b>Child Insurance</b>				<0.01
Private	42909 (58.0%)	9032 (12.2%)	22044 (29.8%)	
Public	20402 (29.8%)	19365 (28.3%)	28655 (41.9%)	
Other	508 (27.3%)	967 (51.9%)	387 (20.8%)	
None	721 (43.7%)	253 (15.4%)	676 (41.0%)	





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Primary Language	English	60149 (43.8%)	28578 (20.8%)	48653 (35.4%)	<0.01
	Spanish	4391 (51.4%)	1040 (12.2%)	3109 (36.4%)	
Geographic Location	Denver Metro	43865 (54.1%)	12044 (14.7%)	25437 (31.2%)	<0.01
	Other Metro	15531 (32.5%)	12468 (26.0%)	19895 (41.5%)	
	Rural	5144 (30.0%)	5409 (31.5%)	6611 (38.5%)	
Early Childhood Vaccine Approach	According to Schedule	61987 (47.9%)	21971 (17.0%)	45512 (35.2%)	<0.01
	Delaying/Avoiding Vaccines	2348 (18.6%)	5059 (40.0%)	5234 (41.4%)	
	Not Vaccinating	204 (5.4%)	2588 (68.0%)	1014 (26.7%)	

† p-value represents chi-square comparison across yes, no, and unsure responses



# Odds of COVID-19 Vaccine Intent for Child(ren) by Demographics

Yes vs. No  
aOR (95% CI)

## Maternal Race/Ethnicity

American Indian	1.38 (0.48, 3.93)
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.41 (0.62, 18.88)
Hispanic	4.41 (0.86, 2.31)
Non-Hispanic Black	<b>0.26 (0.13, 0.54)</b>
Non-Hispanic White	REF
Other	1.31 (0.50, 3.43)

## Maternal Age (at survey)

15-19 years	1.52 (0.09, 26.44)
20-24 years	0.69 (0.37, 1.27)
25-34 years	REF
≥35 years	<b>1.87 (1.27, 2.74)</b>

## Maternal Education

< High School	<b>0.26 (0.12, 0.56)</b>
High School	<b>0.36 (0.23, 0.59)</b>
>High School	REF





# Odds of COVID-19 Vaccine Intent for Child(ren) by Demographics

Yes vs. No  
aOR (95% CI)

## Primary Language

English	REF
Spanish	<b>5.58 (1.79, 17.42)</b>

## Child Insurance

Private	REF
Public	<b>0.43 (0.30, 0.63)</b>
Other	<b>0.17 (0.07, 0.46)</b>
None	3.36 (0.34, 32.83)

## Geographic Location

Denver Metro	REF
Other Metro	<b>0.39 (0.27, 0.57)</b>
Rural	<b>0.28 (0.16, 0.48)</b>

## Early Childhood Vaccine Approach

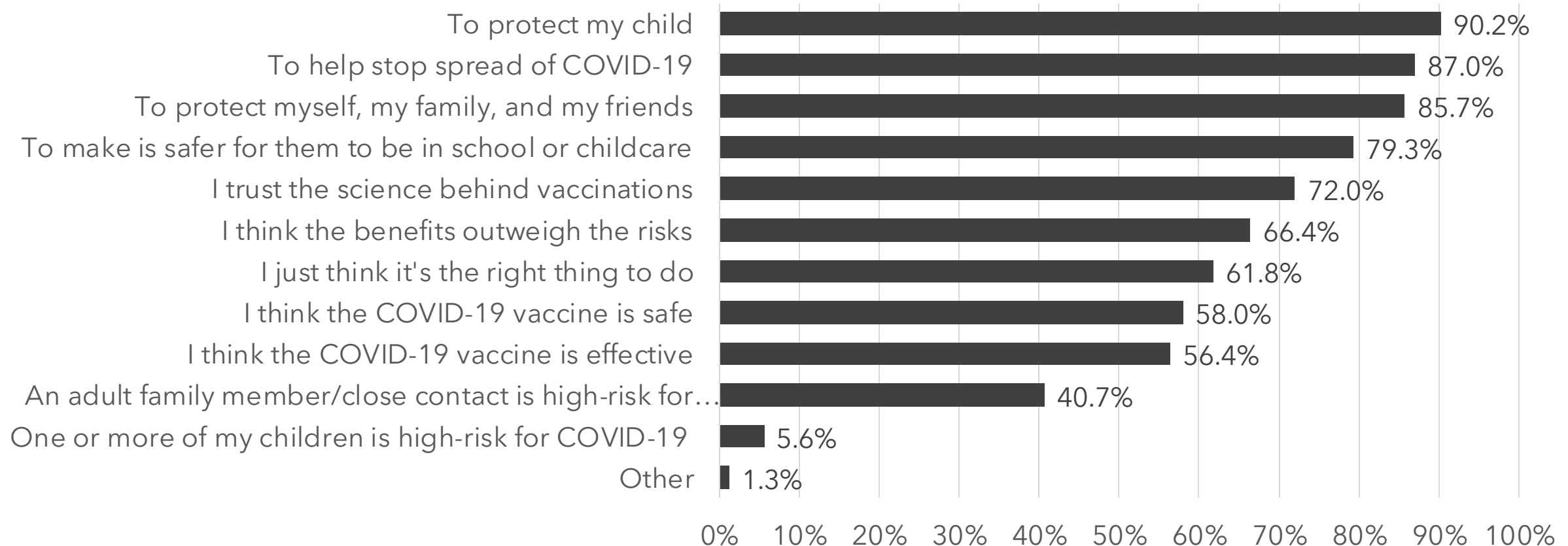
According to Schedule	REF
Delaying/Avoiding Vaccines	<b>0.16 (0.09, 0.28)</b>
Not Vaccinating	<b>0.02 (0.01, 0.07)</b>





# Reasons for Stated COVID-19 Vaccine Intent for Child(ren)

Reasons for choosing to have child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19  
(n = 64,540)



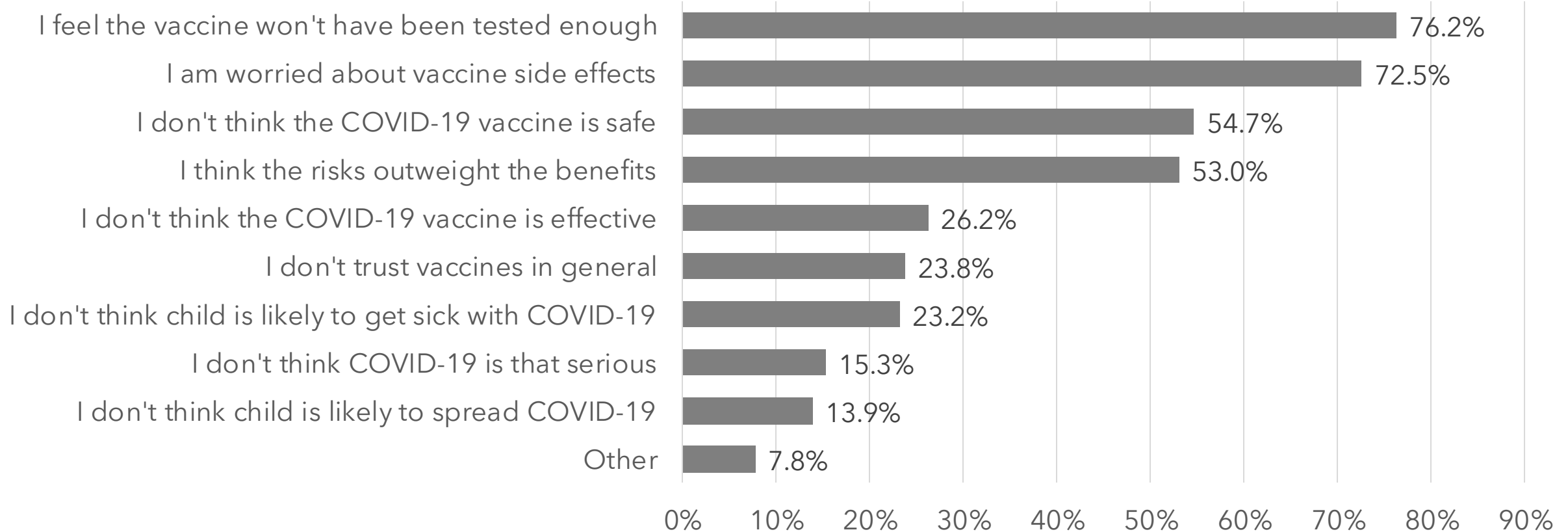
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# Reasons for Stated COVID-19 Vaccine Intent for Child(ren)

Reasons for choosing not to have child(ren) vaccinated for COVID-19  
(n= 29,506)



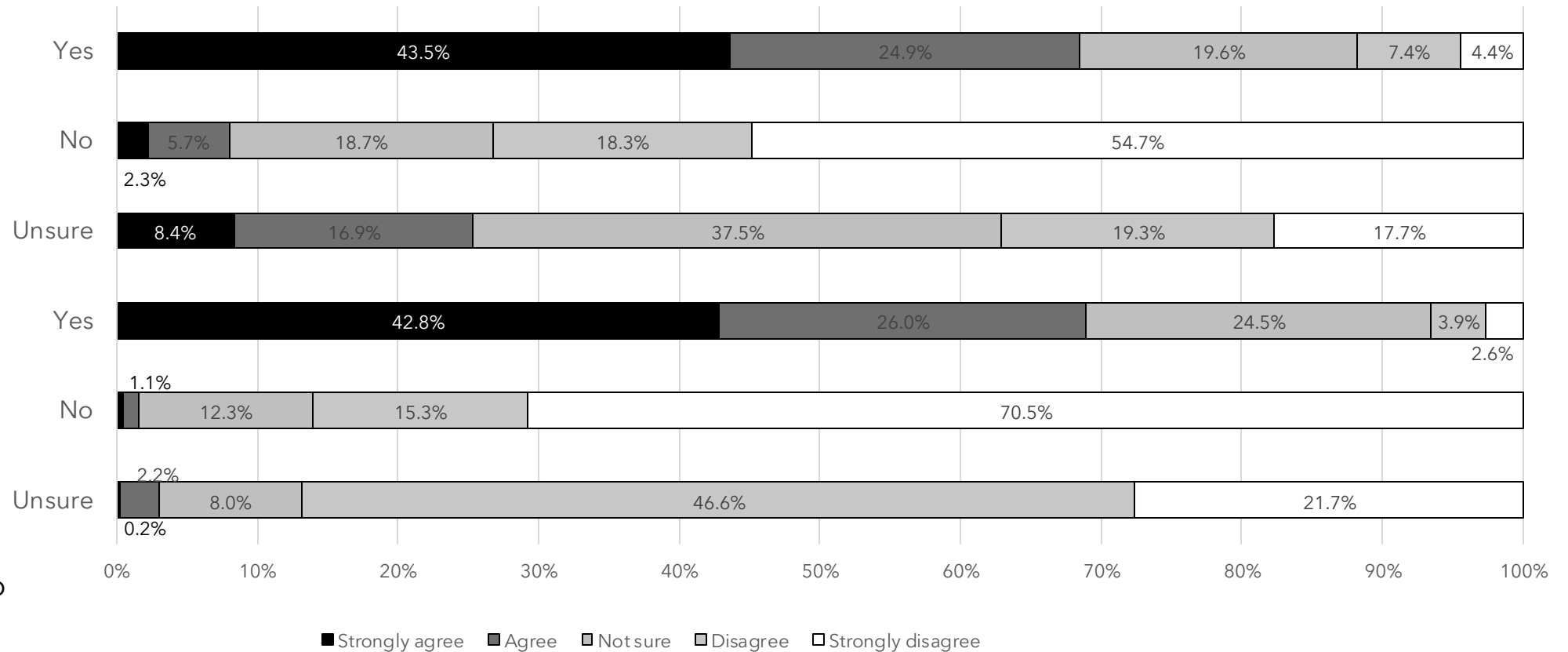
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# Attitudes Towards Hypothetical COVID-19 Policies by Vaccine Intent

I would support a law that requires all child care workers and teachers in Colorado to get a COVID-19

I would support adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccines that children are required to have in order to attend child care and schools in Colorado





# COVID-19 Vaccine Related Comments by Theme

<b>Vaccine Approval and Recommendations</b>	If the vaccine were approved for children <16, I would consider getting it for my children.
	It has not been tested on children, therefore I will not allow my child to get it if it became available, until I see effective and efficient research and FDA approval for his age group.
	If it's suggested that I give my child the vaccine, I will do it despite my reservations. Anything to keep everyone safe.
<b>Vaccine Timing and Implementation</b>	[child name] is fully vaccinated but I would wait a few years, so we know the side effects from the COVID vaccine.
	I will not vaccinate my kids for COVID until there is more data and research backed up with years of positive vaccine results.
<b>Vaccine Mandate</b>	While I believe very strongly in science and vaccines, I don't think we have the right to impose it and require it of others.
	I respect others decisions regarding the new COVID vaccine. I do not believe anyone should be forced to receive the vaccine because it is so new and scary. However, I do believe in vaccines.
	I think the requirement for the COVID vaccine to attend school should have a medical exemption only.
	I will personally move to a different state if vaccines become mandated, especially the COVID vaccine.



# Study Conclusions

- >50% do not intend or are unsure of whether to pursue COVID-19 vaccination for their child(ren)
- Association with several demographic and social factors with vaccine acceptance vs. hesitancy
- Current opportunities for perinatal, pediatric providers and public health organizations to educate and inform pregnant people and families of young children
  - Focus on addressing vaccine safety and efficacy concerns



# Perinatal Vaccine Education





# Vaccine Education During Pregnancy

- 75% planned to have child vaccinated according to schedule
- Women planning to delay or opt out of vaccinations were more likely to rely on internet search engines for information
- <50% of those who received information from their healthcare professional were 'very satisfied'

Top Sources for childhood vaccine information.

In the past month, what were your 3 most important sources of information about childhood vaccines?	% <sup>a</sup>
Internet search engines (e.g., Google, Yahoo)	36.0
Family	27.0
My healthcare professional (such as a primary care professional or OB/GYN)	22.5
Online pregnancy or parenting site (e.g., BabyCenter or The Bump)	19.0
Friends	17.0
Internet health site	13.5
My child's doctor	9.5
My child's other parent	7.5
Internet social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, message boards)	4.5
Internet news site	3.5
Parenting blogs	3.5
Apps (for smartphones or tablets)	3.0
Other source(s) (not Internet)	2.5
Traditional media (such as television, newspapers, radio, magazines, and books)	1.5
Other Internet sources	1.5
My child's nurse	1.0
Complementary healthcare professional (such as chiropractor or homeopath)	1.0



# Parental Trust

- Mixed Methods study of Kaiser Permanente Colorado parents
- Themes from focus groups with vaccine-hesitant parents

**Vaccine decision-making process begins prenatally**

**Vaccine decision making is an evolving process**

**Overall trust in pediatrician, but lack of trust in vaccine related information**

- Survey of parents who accepted, delayed or refused vaccinations
  - Those who refuse or delay vaccines are 2x more likely to report thinking about vaccines before child was born
  - 8x more likely to report they constantly reevaluate their vaccine decisions









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