

**Table 1. Percentage of women with selected socioeconomic/demographic and psychosocial characteristics, New Jersey HealthStart program, 1988–1996 (N=91,585)**

Characteristic	%
<b>Socioeconomic/demographic</b>	
Race/ethnicity	
Non-Hispanic white	27.2
Non-Hispanic black	36.3
Non-Hispanic other	3.5
Hispanic white	21.1
Hispanic other	11.8
U.S.-born	70.1
Dominant language not English	23.1
Worked during first trimester	19.6
Married at any time during pregnancy	24.2
Age	
<15	0.4
15–17	7.3
18–19	13.1
20–24	36.8
25–29	23.8
30–34	12.9
35–39	4.7
≥40	1.0
City size	
<50,000	39.3
50,000–74,999	8.7
≥75,000	52.0
Year	
1988	1.6
1989	11.0
1990	15.5
1991	20.6
1992	24.6
1993	18.1
1994	6.0
1995	2.2
1996	0.5
<b>Psychosocial</b>	
Housing situation	
Threatened with eviction/homelessness	2.7
Poor housing conditions	1.8
Inadequate financial resources	34.2
Caregiver	1.0
Involvement with criminal justice system	1.9
Emotional strain	
Violence/abuse in the household	2.9
Depression/other mental health problems	4.9
Pregnancy unwanted	3.9
Behavioral	
Smoked cigarettes	24.9
Drank alcohol	7.7
Used marijuana only	2.4
Used marijuana and hard drugs	1.4
Used hard drugs only	4.4
Used no drugs	91.7
Other†	6.1

†“Other” psychosocial characteristics were not specified, but presumably these include such factors as having a poor relationship with the baby’s father, not understanding the importance of prenatal care and living in a disruptive family situation.