

# Vermont PRAMS Data Brief

## Domestic Abuse – part 3 State Comparison

This is a report on the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), a survey conducted on a sample of Vermont women with live births since 2001. This report includes data from 2008.

Included in the survey are questions about domestic abuse before, during and after pregnancy. Mothers were asked if they were physically hurt by a husband, partner, ex-husband or ex-partner before, during and after pregnancy. Previous reports analyzed trends and demographics as well as the relationship between domestic abuse and behaviors, outcomes, and mental health. This report compares the responses to these domestic abuse questions in Vermont to the responses in other participating states. The exact wording for the questions is included at the end of this report. These questions were not asked of women under 20 years of age in Vermont, so the comparisons are only for the population age 20 and older.

### **Abuse Before Pregnancy**

Twenty nine states asked if women were physically abused by their husband or partner in the *twelve months prior* to their most recent pregnancy.

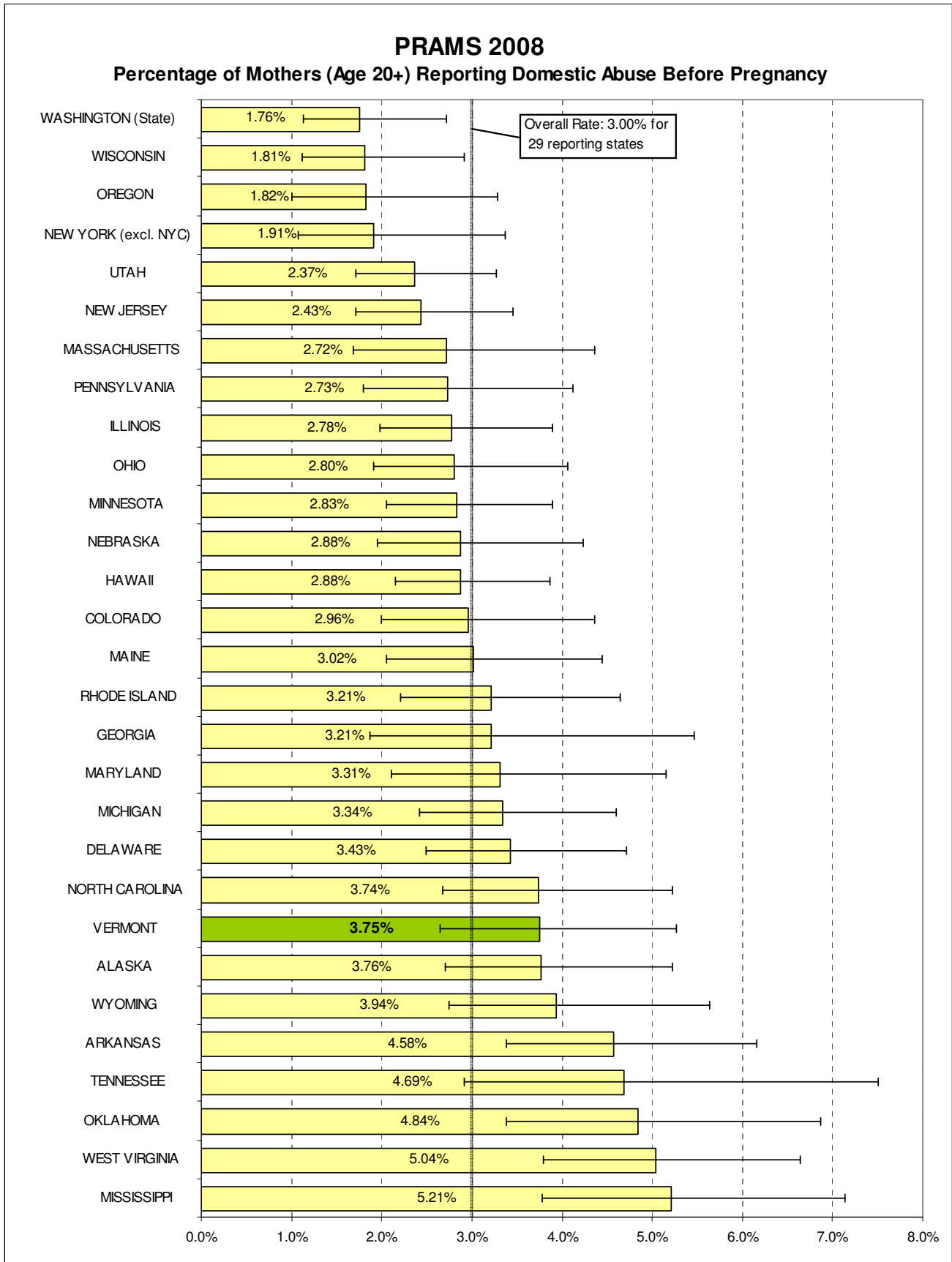
- Overall, 3.0% of mothers reported domestic abuse prior to pregnancy in 2008.
- 3.75% of Vermont mothers reported abuse before pregnancy (8<sup>th</sup> highest of 29 states).
- Mississippi (5.21%) reported the highest pre-pregnancy abuse rate; Washington (1.76%) was lowest.

### **Abuse During Pregnancy**

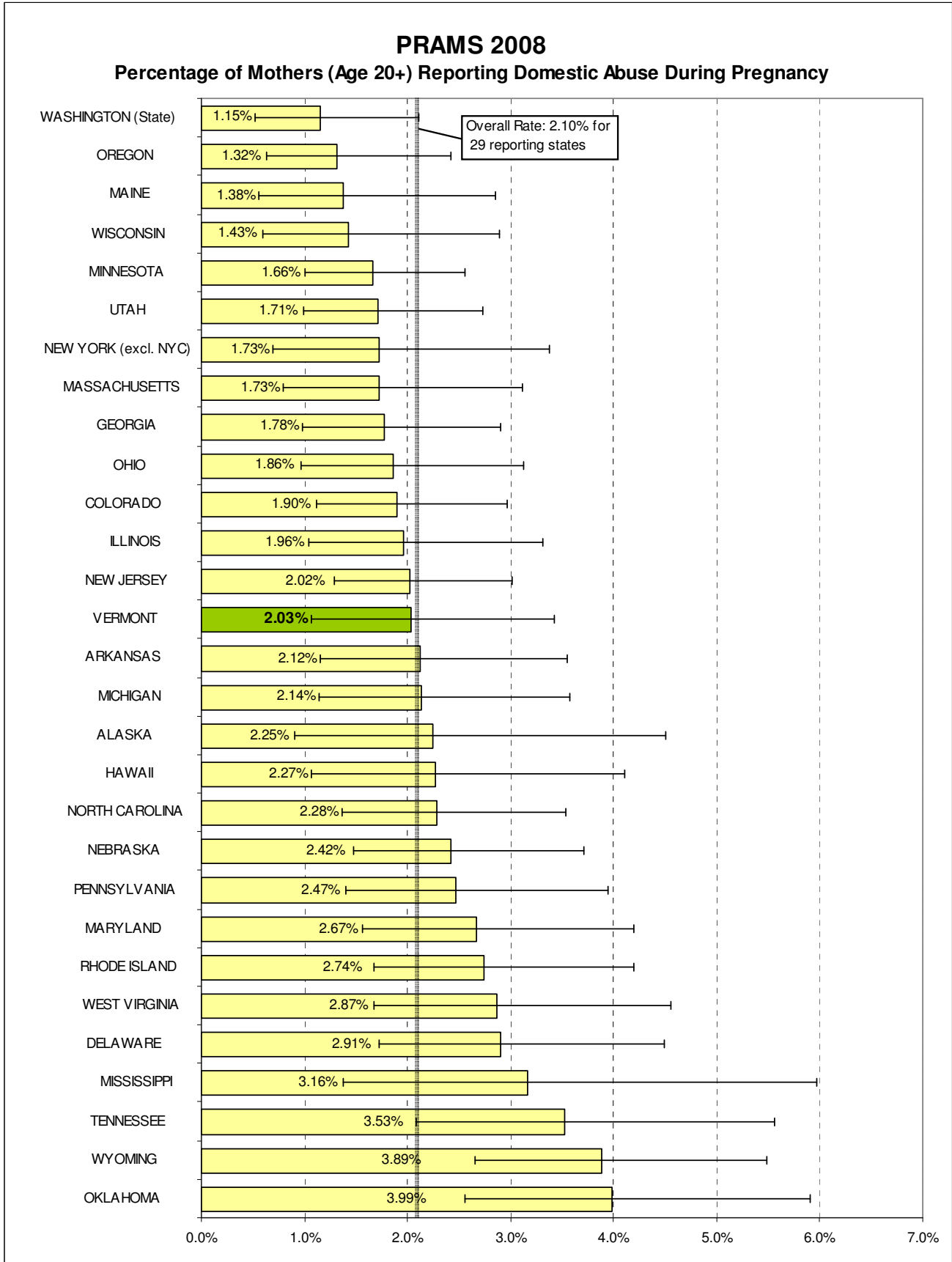
The same 29 states asked if women were abused by their husband or partner *during* their most recent pregnancy.

- Overall, 2.1% of mothers reported domestic abuse during pregnancy in 2008.
- 2.03% of Vermont mothers reported abuse during pregnancy (16<sup>th</sup> highest of 29 states).
- Oklahoma (3.99%) reported the highest abuse rate during pregnancy, while Washington (1.15%) was lowest.

# Vermont PRAMS Data Brief



# Vermont PRAMS Data Brief



## Vermont PRAMS Data Brief

### PRAMS Abuse Questions Used In This Data Brief:

**43b. During the 12 months before you got pregnant, were you physically hurt in any way by your husband or partner?**

- No
- Yes

**44b. During your most recent pregnancy, were you physically hurt in any way by your husband or partner?**

- No
- Yes

---

Questions or comments about this report may be addressed to John Gauthier, Vermont PRAMS Coordinator, [john.gauthier@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:john.gauthier@ahs.state.vt.us), (802)863-7661 or to Mike Nyland-Funke, [michael.nyland-funke@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:michael.nyland-funke@ahs.state.vt.us), (802)863-7261.