The 2010 French National Survey: key figures

Women’s characteristics:

- Overweight (Body Mass Index between 25 and 29): 17.3% of women
- Obesity (Body Mass Index ≥ 30): 9.9% of women
- Age ≥ 35 years: 19.2% of women
- Unemployment benefits or other benefits linked to unemployment, during pregnancy: 22.9% of women
- Smoking in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy: 17.1% of women

Prenatal care:

- Preconceptional use of folic acid supplementation (for primary prevention of neural tube defects): 14.5% of women
- Average number of prenatal visits: 9.9 ± 3.7
  - Prenatal visits with a midwife: 39.4% of women
  - Prenatal visits with a midwife in private practice: 19.8% of women
- Average number of ultrasounds: 5 ± 2.5
- « 4th month interview »1: 21.4% of women
- Antenatal classes: 73.2% of primiparas and 28.5% of multiparas

Childbirth:

- Deliveries in maternity unit ≥ 3000 deliveries / year: 19% of deliveries
- Induction of labor: 22.7% of women
- Oxytocin during labor: 63.9% of women
- Cesarean delivery: 21% of women
- Episiotomy: 44.4% of primiparas and 14.2% of multiparas.

Newborns characteristics and care:

- Preterm (birth <37 weeks): 6.6% of live births
- Breastfeeding before discharge: 68.7% of newborns
- Transfer to neonatal unit or kangaroo unit: 6.6% of newborns

1 Appointment with a midwife or doctor, who would identify any problems and provide prevention information