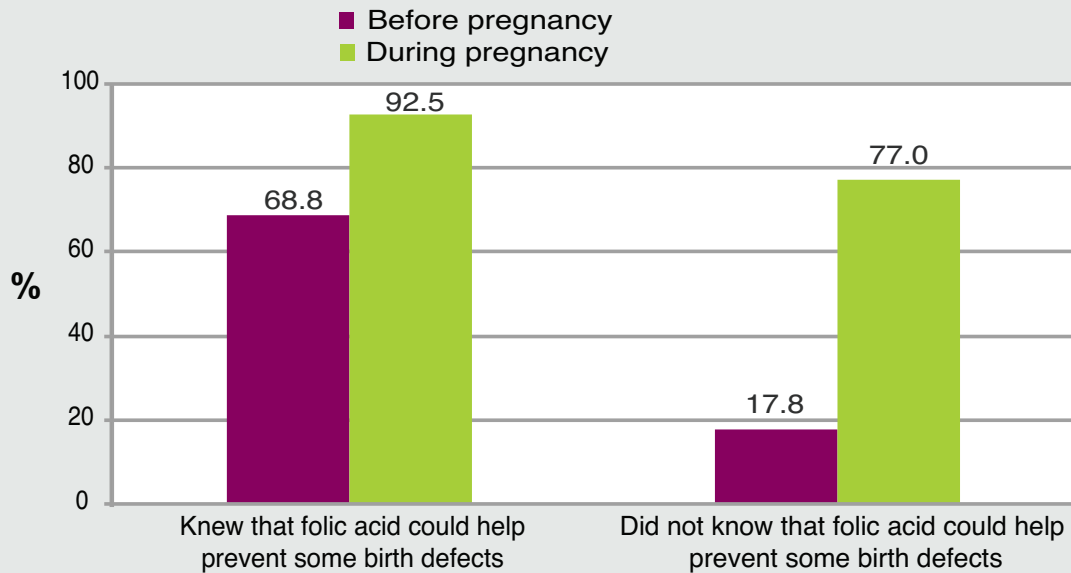




### 5.3.11 Common Congenital Anomalies – Women Who Took Folic Acid by Pre-Pregnancy Knowledge, Canada\*, 2006–2007



\* 6,421 birth mothers 15 years of age and older who had a single live born baby during the three-month period preceding the 2006 Canadian Census of Population and lived with their baby. The rates for Prince Edward Island, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut are not released due to small numbers.

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According to the Canadian Maternity Experiences Survey, more than three-quarters of women in the survey knew before their pregnancy that folic acid could help prevent some birth defects. Women who knew that this was the case were more likely to take folic acid before and during their pregnancy.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Public Health Agency of Canada. *What Mothers Say: The Canadian Maternity Experiences Survey*. Ottawa: Public Health Agency of Canada; 2009

