

Research Highlights

- Birth weight decreased an average of 108 g if the mother was exposed to illegal drug use during pregnancy.
- The adverse effect of illegal drug use on birth weight existed even if the mother did not use drugs during pregnancy but had ever used drugs during the two years before pregnancy.
- Paternal use of illegal drugs before maternal pregnancy was significantly associated with low birth weight.
- The drug criminal record is an adequate indicator to determine the drug-exposure history.