

Data Brief 264: Teen Birth Rates for Urban and Rural Areas in the United States, 2007–2015

Data table for Figure 1. Teen birth rates, by urbanization level of county: United States, 2007–2015

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified area. Population estimated as of April 1 for census years and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

| Year | United States ¹ | Large urban counties | Medium and small urban counties | Rural counties |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 2015 | 22.3 | 18.9 | 24.3 | 30.9 |
| 2014 | 24.2 | 20.7 | 26.4 | 33.0 |
| 2013 | 26.5 | 22.8 | 28.9 | 35.5 |
| 2012 | 29.4 | 25.6 | 31.6 | 38.0 |
| 2011 | 31.3 | 27.7 | 33.1 | 39.9 |
| 2010 | 34.2 | 30.4 | 36.3 | 42.9 |
| 2009 | 37.9 | 34.1 | 39.9 | 46.5 |
| 2008 | 40.2 | 36.7 | 41.8 | 48.7 |
| 2007 | 41.5 | 38.1 | 43.1 | 49.1 |

¹Includes all counties.

NOTES: Urban or rural designation is based on mother's county of residence. Counties were classified into urbanization levels based on the 2006 and 2013 NCHS Urban–Rural Classification Scheme for Counties.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Natality.

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Data table for Figure 2. Percent change in the teen birth rate for all urban counties: United States, each state, 2007 and 2015

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified area. Population estimated as of July 1]

| Area | Rate | | Percent change |
|----------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2007 | |
| United States ¹ | 20.9 | 39.9 | -47.6 |
| Alabama | 28.2 | 48.8 | -42.2 |
| Alaska | 25.3 | 40.5 | -37.5 |
| Arizona | 25.5 | 58.8 | -56.6 |
| Arkansas | 34.2 | 56.6 | -39.6 |
| California | 19.0 | 39.7 | -52.1 |
| Colorado | 18.6 | 40.3 | -53.8 |
| Connecticut | 10.4 | 23.5 | -55.7 |
| Delaware | 18.1 | 34.4 | -47.4 |
| District of Columbia | 25.6 | 50.4 | -49.2 |
| Florida | 20.2 | 41.8 | -51.7 |
| Georgia | 23.2 | 49.2 | -52.8 |
| Hawaii | 18.5 | 34.9 | -47.0 |
| Idaho | 21.4 | 39.6 | -46.0 |
| Illinois | 20.3 | 40.2 | -49.5 |
| Indiana | 24.9 | 42.4 | -41.3 |
| Iowa | 17.0 | 31.8 | -46.5 |
| Kansas | 22.8 | 40.9 | -44.3 |
| Kentucky | 26.4 | 47.1 | -43.9 |
| Louisiana | 32.3 | 51.8 | -37.6 |
| Maine | 12.7 | 23.8 | -46.6 |
| Maryland | 16.7 | 34.0 | -50.9 |
| Massachusetts | 9.4 | 21.4 | -56.1 |
| Michigan | 18.9 | 33.9 | -44.2 |
| Minnesota | 12.2 | 26.7 | -54.3 |
| Mississippi | 30.1 | 61.7 | -51.2 |
| Missouri | 21.8 | 41.8 | -47.8 |
| Montana | 21.3 | 33.9 | -37.2 |
| Nebraska | 21.1 | 35.2 | -40.1 |
| Nevada | 27.3 | 52.2 | -47.7 |
| New Hampshire | 10.2 | 18.4 | -44.6 |
| New Jersey | 12.1 | 24.9 | -51.4 |
| New Mexico | 28.7 | 58.5 | -50.9 |
| New York | 14.4 | 25.9 | -44.4 |
| North Carolina | 21.3 | 44.5 | -52.1 |
| North Dakota | 16.8 | 22.2 | -24.3 |
| Ohio | 22.2 | 39.5 | -43.8 |
| Oklahoma | 31.4 | 54.6 | -42.5 |
| Oregon | 17.2 | 32.2 | -46.6 |
| Pennsylvania | 17.3 | 31.3 | -44.7 |
| Rhode Island | 14.3 | 29.2 | -51.0 |

See footnotes at end of table.

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Data table for Figure 2. Percent change in the teen birth rate for all urban counties: United States, each state, 2007 and 2015—Con.

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified area. Population estimated as of July 1]

| Area | Rate | | Percent change |
|----------------|------|------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2007 | |
| South Carolina | 24.3 | 47.9 | -49.3 |
| South Dakota | 26.2 | 41.2 | -36.4 |
| Tennessee | 28.6 | 51.6 | -44.6 |
| Texas | 33.2 | 60.5 | -45.1 |
| Utah | 17.1 | 34.9 | -51.0 |
| Vermont | 7.6 | 16.3 | -53.4 |
| Virginia | 15.7 | 32.1 | -51.1 |
| Washington | 17.1 | 32.5 | -47.4 |
| West Virginia | 30.0 | 41.5 | -27.7 |
| Wisconsin | 16.5 | 32.2 | -48.8 |
| Wyoming | 28.5 | 54.1 | -47.3 |

¹Includes all urban counties.

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Data table for Figure 3. Percent change in the teen birth rate for rural counties: United States, each state, 2007 and 2015

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified area. Population estimated as of July 1]

| Area | Rate | | Percent change |
|----------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2007 | |
| United States ¹ | 30.9 | 49.1 | -37.1 |
| Alabama | 36.7 | 60.4 | -39.2 |
| Alaska | 37.4 | 45.5 | -17.8 |
| Arizona | 40.0 | 65.7 | -39.1 |
| Arkansas | 44.3 | 65.3 | -32.2 |
| California | 22.3 | 34.9 | -36.1 |
| Colorado | 24.8 | 50.3 | -50.7 |
| Connecticut | 5.0 | 18.3 | -72.7 |
| Delaware | * | 63.9 | † |
| District of Columbia | --- | --- | --- |
| Florida | 39.9 | 63.8 | -37.5 |
| Georgia | 37.4 | 70.8 | -47.2 |
| Hawaii | 29.2 | 47.2 | -38.1 |
| Idaho | 24.6 | 40.3 | -39.0 |
| Illinois | 27.7 | 39.9 | -30.6 |
| Indiana | 30.2 | 45.2 | -33.2 |
| Iowa | 21.2 | 34.1 | -37.8 |
| Kansas | 31.2 | 45.0 | -30.7 |
| Kentucky | 40.9 | 60.0 | -31.8 |
| Louisiana | 43.3 | 64.7 | -33.1 |
| Maine | 19.6 | 29.4 | -33.3 |
| Maryland | 27.9 | 38.7 | -27.9 |
| Massachusetts | 10.0 | * | † |
| Michigan | 21.9 | 31.6 | -30.7 |
| Minnesota | 19.0 | 31.1 | -38.9 |
| Mississippi | 38.8 | 76.5 | -49.3 |
| Missouri | 34.6 | 50.1 | -30.9 |
| Montana | 27.4 | 36.0 | -23.9 |
| Nebraska | 23.6 | 35.8 | -34.1 |
| Nevada | 30.5 | 46.7 | -34.7 |
| New Hampshire | 12.1 | 20.8 | -41.8 |
| New Jersey | --- | --- | --- |
| New Mexico | 46.3 | 74.2 | -37.6 |
| New York | 17.6 | 27.7 | -36.5 |
| North Carolina | 31.8 | 56.1 | -43.3 |
| North Dakota | 28.0 | 36.0 | -22.2 |
| Ohio | 27.2 | 41.6 | -34.6 |
| Oklahoma | 41.0 | 65.2 | -37.1 |
| Oregon | 29.3 | 42.8 | -31.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 20.6 | 27.4 | -24.8 |
| Rhode Island | --- | --- | --- |

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Data table for Figure 3. Percent change in the teen birth rate for rural counties: United States, each state, 2007 and 2015—Con.

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified area. Population estimated as of July 1]

| Area | Rate | | Percent change |
|----------------|------|------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2007 | |
| South Carolina | 36.9 | 65.0 | -43.2 |
| South Dakota | 26.5 | 41.3 | -35.8 |
| Tennessee | 37.4 | 58.4 | -36.0 |
| Texas | 46.0 | 70.9 | -35.1 |
| Utah | 21.6 | 38.4 | -43.8 |
| Vermont | 14.2 | 23.8 | -40.3 |
| Virginia | 27.6 | 47.6 | -42.0 |
| Washington | 22.0 | 38.6 | -43.0 |
| West Virginia | 35.2 | 51.8 | -32.0 |
| Wisconsin | 15.5 | 28.0 | -44.6 |
| Wyoming | 29.4 | 48.2 | -39.0 |

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

† Difference not calculable; rate not reliable.

--- Data not available.

¹Includes all rural counties.

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Data table for Figure 4. Teen birth rates, by selected race and Hispanic origin of mother and urbanization level of county: United States, 2015

[Rates per 1,000 females aged 15–19 in specified race and Hispanic origin group. Population estimated as of July 1]

| Urbanization level | Non-Hispanic white ¹ | Non-Hispanic black ¹ | Hispanic ² |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Large urban counties | 10.5 | 29.1 | 31.4 |
| Medium and small urban counties | 17.6 | 35.6 | 40.0 |
| Rural counties | 26.8 | 39.6 | 47.0 |

¹Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia reported multiple-race data in 2015. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with other states.

²Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race.

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