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Data table for Figure 1. Number of births and birth rate for teenagers aged 15-19: United States, 1940-2009

Year	Number of births (in thousands)	Teen birth rate
1940	300.75	54.1
1941	316.69	56.9
1942	341.32	61.1
1943	343.55	61.7
1944	301.13	54.3
1945	281.00	51.1
1946	322.38	59.3
1947	425.85	79.3
1948	431.93	81.8
1949	433.03	83.4
1950	419.54	81.6
1951	443.87	87.6
1952	438.05	86.1
1953	455.88	88.2
1954	477.88	90.6
1955	484.10	90.3
1956	520.42	94.6
1957	550.21	96.3
1958	554.18	91.4
1959	571.05	90.4
1960	587.00	89.1
1961	601.70	88.6
1962	600.30	81.4
1963	586.50	76.7
1964	585.70	73.1
1965	590.90	70.5
1966	621.40	70.3
1967	596.40	67.5
1968	591.30	65.6
1969	604.70	65.5
1970	644.70	68.3
1971	627.90	64.5
1972	616.30	61.7
1973	604.10	59.3
1974	595.40	57.5
1975	582.20	55.6
1976	558.70	52.8
1977	559.20	52.8
1978	543.40	51.5
1979	549.50	52.3
1980	552.20	53.0
1981	527.40	52.2
1982	513.80	52.4
1983	489.30	51.4
1984	469.70	50.6
1985	467.50	51.0
1986	461.90	50.2
1987	462.30	50.6
1988	478.40	53.0
1989	506.50	57.3
1990	521.80	59.9
1991	519.60	61.8
1992	505.40	60.3
1993	501.10	59.0
1994	505.50	58.2
1995	499.90	56.0
1996	491.60	53.5
1997	483.22	51.3
1998	484.90	50.3
1999	476.05	48.8
2000	468.99	47.7
2001	445.94	45.3
2002	425.49	43.0
2003	414.58	41.6
2004	415.26	41.1
2005	414.59	40.5
2006	435.44	41.9
2007	444.90	42.5
2008	434.76	41.5
2009	409.84	39.1

NOTE: Data for 2009 are preliminary.

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Data table for Figure 2. Birth rates for teenagers, by age: United States, 1960-2009

Year	15-19	15-17	18-19
1960	89.1	43.9	166.7
1961	88.6	43.8	155.2
1962	81.4	38.1	150.8
1963	76.7	36.9	147.6
1964	73.1	37.2	142.8
1965	70.5	36.6	124.5
1966	70.3	35.7	120.3
1967	67.5	35.3	116.7
1968	65.6	35.1	113.5
1969	65.5	35.7	112.4
1970	68.3	38.8	114.7
1971	64.5	38.2	105.3
1972	61.7	39.0	96.9
1973	59.3	38.5	91.2
1974	57.5	37.3	88.7
1975	55.6	36.1	85.0
1976	52.8	34.1	80.5
1977	52.8	33.9	80.9
1978	51.5	32.2	79.8
1979	52.3	32.3	81.3
1980	53.0	32.5	82.1
1981	52.2	32.0	80.0
1982	52.4	32.3	79.4
1983	51.4	31.8	77.4
1984	50.6	31.0	77.4
1985	51.0	31.0	79.6
1986	50.2	30.5	79.6
1987	50.6	31.7	78.5
1988	53.0	33.6	79.9
1989	57.3	36.4	84.2
1990	59.9	37.5	88.6
1991	61.8	38.5	94.0
1992	60.3	37.5	93.7
1993	59.0	37.4	91.1
1994	58.2	37.2	90.3
1995	56.0	35.5	87.7
1996	53.5	33.3	84.7
1997	51.3	31.4	82.1
1998	50.3	29.9	80.9
1999	48.8	28.2	79.0
2000	47.7	26.9	78.1
2001	45.3	24.7	76.1
2002	43.0	23.2	72.8
2003	41.6	22.4	70.7
2004	41.1	22.1	70.0
2005	40.5	21.4	69.9
2006	41.9	22.0	73.0
2007	42.5	22.1	73.9
2008	41.5	21.7	70.7
2009	39.1	20.1	66.2

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Data table for Figure 3. Birth rates for teenagers aged 15-17, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 1991, 2005, 2007, and 2009

Ethnic group	1991	2005	2007	2009
All races	38.6	21.4	22.1	20.1
Non-Hispanic white	23.6	11.5	11.8	11.0
Non-Hispanic black	86.1	34.9	35.8	32.1
Hispanic	69.2	48.5	47.9	41.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	51.9	30.5	31.8	30.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	16.3	8.2	8.2	7.1

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Data table for Figure 4. Birth rates for teenagers aged 18-19, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 1991, 2005, 2007, and 2009

Ethnic group	1991	2005	2007	2009
All races	94.0	69.9	73.9	66.2
Non-Hispanic white	70.6	48.0	50.4	46.1
Non-Hispanic black	162.2	103.0	109.3	97.5
Hispanic	155.5	134.6	137.2	114.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	134.2	87.6	101.6	90.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	42.2	30.1	29.9	25.7

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Data table for Figures 5 and 6. Number of births and birth rates for teenagers aged 15-17 and 18-19 by state, 2007 and 2009, and percent change in rates, 2007-2009

[By place of residence. Data for 2009 are based on a continuous file of records received from the states. Figures for 2009 are based on weighted data rounded to the nearest individual, so categories may not add to totals]

Area	Number of births				Birth rate per 1,000 women in specified age group				Percent change, 2007-2009	
	2009		2007		2009		2007		15-17	18-19
	15-17	18-19	15-17	18-19	15-17	18-19	15-17	18-19		
United States	124,256	285,584	140,566	304,333	20.1	66.2	22.1	73.9	-9.0	-10.4
Alabama	2,493	5,712	2,815	5,881	26.2	85.7	29.0	92.3	-9.7	-7.2
Alaska	287	819	271	846	19.0	84.1	16.4	99.4	†	-15.4
Arizona	3,527	7,349	4,379	8,489	26.6	89.2	33.1	108.6	-19.6	-17.9
Arkansas	1,690	4,069	1,809	4,117	29.3	102.8	30.7	110.6	†	-7.1
California	15,419	32,412	17,592	35,825	19.7	61.7	21.7	66.8	-9.2	-7.6
Colorado	1,974	4,229	2,229	4,508	20.6	64.5	23.0	77.3	-10.4	-16.6
Connecticut	765	1,840	883	1,954	10.6	35.3	11.9	40.2	-10.9	-12.2
Delaware	318	764	391	853	18.3	57.8	22.2	65.8	-17.6	-12.2
District of Columbia	364	669	395	658	38.2	55.0	40.1	58.4	†	†
Florida	6,315	15,706	8,121	17,572	18.7	69.2	23.2	81.8	-19.4	-15.4
Georgia	4,855	11,490	5,767	12,318	23.6	83.9	27.9	100.7	-15.4	-16.7
Hawaii	421	1,126	472	1,138	18.4	75.3	19.6	76.3	†	†
Idaho	548	1,485	626	1,631	16.8	61.4	19.0	75.6	-11.6	-18.8
Illinois	5,050	11,160	5,996	12,093	19.2	60.3	22.1	66.9	-13.1	-9.9
Indiana	2,741	6,787	2,962	6,986	20.9	73.2	22.1	81.3	-5.4	-10.0
Iowa	947	2,474	974	2,555	15.8	53.1	15.6	58.0	†	-8.4
Kansas	1,163	3,070	1,276	2,995	20.7	76.3	21.7	77.0	†	†
Kentucky	2,081	5,130	2,164	5,383	24.8	90.7	25.3	104.3	†	-13.0
Louisiana	2,535	5,880	2,725	6,249	27.1	88.9	29.2	93.2	-7.2	-4.6
Maine	251	796	251	921	10.0	44.4	9.4	55.2	†	-19.6
Maryland	1,880	4,259	2,203	4,689	16.3	52.8	18.2	59.1	-10.4	-10.7
Massachusetts	1,321	3,169	1,547	3,402	10.6	30.5	12.0	35.8	-11.7	-14.8
Michigan	3,367	8,342	3,886	8,611	16.0	56.3	17.3	61.0	-7.5	-7.7
Minnesota	1,205	3,179	1,522	3,671	11.5	41.8	13.9	50.7	-17.3	-17.6
Mississippi	2,245	4,703	2,647	5,164	35.2	106.0	40.5	119.5	-13.1	-11.3
Missouri	2,371	6,129	2,688	6,556	19.5	74.1	21.5	85.3	-9.3	-13.1
Montana	358	906	342	858	18.8	65.8	16.8	70.5	†	†
Nebraska	633	1,578	687	1,593	17.4	57.3	18.1	62.8	†	-8.8
Nevada	1,279	2,599	1,466	2,885	24.5	87.6	28.0	109.5	-12.5	-20.0
New Hampshire	187	578	213	711	7.1	28.5	7.6	39.1	†	-27.1
New Jersey	1,929	4,479	2,233	5,022	11.1	41.4	12.4	46.6	-10.5	-11.2
New Mexico	1,486	2,952	1,604	3,116	36.1	104.1	37.3	109.9	†	-5.3
New York	4,703	11,603	5,285	12,336	12.2	41.3	13.3	43.3	-8.3	-4.6
North Carolina	4,193	9,900	4,780	10,299	23.1	74.8	26.1	86.6	-11.5	-13.6
North Dakota	161	502	189	507	13.2	43.4	14.8	46.1	†	†
Ohio	4,392	11,049	4,800	11,562	18.7	68.3	19.7	75.8	-5.1	-9.9
Oklahoma	2,205	5,247	2,300	5,243	30.0	103.8	30.4	111.5	†	-6.9
Oregon	1,169	2,904	1,235	3,108	16.1	57.7	16.4	68.2	†	-15.4
Pennsylvania	3,868	8,980	4,320	9,521	15.6	47.3	16.8	52.2	-7.1	-9.4
Rhode Island	366	685	386	806	17.9	36.7	18.0	44.2	†	-17.0
South Carolina	2,217	5,434	2,543	5,786	24.6	82.8	27.4	92.6	-10.2	-10.6
South Dakota	303	789	335	856	18.5	65.7	19.8	76.0	†	-13.6
Tennessee	2,957	7,421	3,363	7,897	24.0	90.8	26.9	104.7	-10.8	-13.3
Texas	17,922	34,735	18,988	35,293	34.3	100.5	36.4	108.8	-5.8	-7.6
Utah	990	2,359	1,135	2,640	16.2	49.3	18.7	60.0	-13.4	-17.8
Vermont	81	312	111	381	6.7	29.8	8.6	40.7	†	-26.8
Virginia	2,204	6,024	2,607	6,593	14.6	52.6	16.7	61.8	-12.6	-14.9
Washington	1,888	4,975	2,217	5,213	14.5	58.7	16.5	65.8	-12.1	-10.8
West Virginia	816	2,028	731	1,983	24.7	84.1	21.2	87.2	16.5	†
Wisconsin	1,609	4,188	1,865	4,378	14.3	49.5	15.9	57.6	-10.1	-14.1
Wyoming	207	608	240	681	19.5	81.3	22.1	98.5	†	-17.5

† Difference not statistically significant.

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