

Table 6. Teenage childbearing, by detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970-2008

(Data are based on birth certificates)

Maternal age, race, and Hispanic origin of mother	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Age of mother under 18 years											
Percent of live births											
All races.....	6.3	7.6	5.8	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
White.....	4.8	6.0	4.5	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Black or African American.....	14.8	16.3	12.5	10.6	10.1	10.8	7.8	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.9
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	7.5	11.2	9.4	7.6	7.2	8.7	7.3	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.1
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>1</sup> .....	---	---	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Hispanic or Latina <sup>2</sup> .....	---	---	7.4	6.4	6.6	7.6	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3
Mexican.....	---	---	7.7	6.9	6.9	8.0	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.6
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	10.0	8.5	9.1	10.8	7.8	6.5	6.3	6.2	5.9
Cuban.....	---	---	3.8	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.1
Central and South American.....	---	---	2.4	2.4	3.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	6.5	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.6	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.6
Not Hispanic or Latina: <sup>2</sup>											
White.....	---	---	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Black or African American.....	---	---	12.7	10.7	10.2	10.8	7.8	6.3	6.3	6.1	5.9
Age of mother 18-19 years											
All races.....	11.3	11.3	9.8	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.0
White.....	10.4	10.3	9.0	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5
Black or African American.....	16.6	16.9	14.5	12.9	13.0	12.4	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.1
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	12.8	15.2	14.6	12.4	12.3	12.7	12.4	11.3	11.4	12.2	11.9
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>1</sup> .....	---	---	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
Hispanic or Latina <sup>2</sup> .....	---	---	11.6	10.1	10.2	10.3	9.9	8.8	9.0	8.9	8.8
Mexican.....	---	---	12.0	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.4	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.1
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	13.3	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.2	10.9	11.4	11.0	11.4
Cuban.....	---	---	9.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.4	5.3	5.5	5.9	5.7
Central and South American.....	---	---	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.5	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.6
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	10.8	10.5	11.1	11.1	11.3	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.5
Not Hispanic or Latina: <sup>2</sup>											
White.....	---	---	8.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5
Black or African American.....	---	---	14.7	12.9	13.0	12.4	12.0	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.2
Age of mother under 18 years											
Number of live births, in thousands											
All races.....	235,342	239,912	208,391	178,009	194,984	204,750	165,728	139,913	145,339	146,761	141,428
White.....	149,258	155,254	133,541	112,155	119,908	133,019	111,225	95,148	98,410	100,143	96,589
Black or African American.....	83,390	81,198	70,842	61,481	69,219	65,039	48,426	39,541	41,474	41,214	39,511
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	1,664	2,548	2,769	2,573	2,825	3,228	3,057	2,891	2,944	3,038	3,042
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>1</sup> .....	---	---	1,079	1,721	2,924	3,464	3,020	2,333	2,511	2,366	2,286
Hispanic or Latina <sup>2</sup> .....	---	---	22,763	23,975	39,529	51,862	51,061	52,512	54,446	56,398	55,198
Mexican.....	---	---	16,690	16,735	26,739	37,347	38,649	39,471	40,321	41,052	38,691
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	3,353	2,985	5,360	5,915	4,519	4,140	4,222	4,251	4,093
Cuban.....	---	---	273	220	303	354	423	392	419	388	355
Central and South American.....	---	---	519	976	2,648	3,923	3,762	4,408	4,815	5,026	4,419
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	1,928	3,059	4,479	4,323	3,708	4,101	4,669	5,681	7,640
Not Hispanic or Latina: <sup>2</sup>											
White.....	---	---	50,569	44,604	78,376	81,054	60,599	45,195	46,527	46,337	44,095
Black or African American.....	---	---	38,105	35,941	67,454	63,734	47,256	36,875	38,827	38,534	36,787
Age of mother 18-19 years											
All races.....	421,118	354,968	353,939	299,696	338,499	307,365	311,781	281,402	296,493	304,333	299,094
White.....	322,626	265,566	264,223	216,597	239,548	222,470	226,227	203,762	213,537	217,960	213,125
Black or African American.....	93,342	83,812	82,309	75,201	88,732	74,582	74,336	67,201	72,141	74,792	74,738
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	2,856	3,442	4,277	4,221	4,798	4,739	5,158	5,052	5,441	6,039	5,899
Asian or Pacific Islander <sup>1</sup> .....	---	---	2,873	3,553	5,218	5,574	6,060	5,387	5,374	5,542	5,332
Hispanic or Latina <sup>2</sup> .....	---	---	35,484	37,537	60,502	69,774	81,046	86,860	93,679	94,576	92,042
Mexican.....	---	---	25,881	25,739	41,432	50,753	60,426	64,089	67,661	66,697	62,473
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	4,482	4,363	7,420	6,978	7,092	6,874	7,630	7,535	7,841
Cuban.....	---	---	658	487	564	611	589	847	933	999	952
Central and South American.....	---	---	1,271	2,370	4,861	6,139	7,405	8,597	9,970	10,342	8,696
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	3,192	4,578	6,225	5,293	5,534	6,453	7,485	9,003	12,080
Not Hispanic or Latina: <sup>2</sup>											
White.....	---	---	106,303	91,871	174,180	151,681	145,297	121,141	124,469	127,864	125,693
Black or African American.....	---	---	44,042	43,542	86,271	72,995	72,499	62,635	67,360	69,919	69,903

---Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Starting with 2003 data, estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups during the transition from single-race to multiple-race reporting. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>2</sup>Prior to 1993, data from states lacking an Hispanic-origin item on the birth certificate were excluded. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin.

Data for non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black women for years prior to 1989 are not nationally representative and are provided for comparison with Hispanic data.

NOTES: The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Starting with 2003 data, some states reported multiple-race data.

The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states. See Appendix II, Race. Interpretation of trend data should take into consideration expansion of reporting areas and immigration.

Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Birth File.