

Table 6. Teenage childbearing, by age and detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970-2010

(Data are based on birth certificates)

Maternal age, race, and Hispanic origin	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	2010
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	3.1	2.8
White.....	4.8	6.0	4.5	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.5
Black or African American.....	14.8	16.3	12.5	10.6	10.1	10.8	7.8	6.2	5.4	4.9
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	7.5	11.2	9.4	7.6	7.2	8.7	7.3	6.5	5.7	5.1
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.7
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	7.4	6.4	6.6	7.6	6.3	5.3	5.0	4.7
Mexican.....	---	---	7.7	6.9	6.9	8.0	6.6	5.7	5.4	5.0
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	10.0	8.5	9.1	10.8	7.8	6.5	5.5	5.0
Cuban.....	---	---	3.8	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.4	1.7	1.5
Central and South American.....	---	---	2.4	2.4	3.2	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.4
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	6.5	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.6	6.6	6.3	5.7
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White.....	---	---	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.7
Black or African American.....	---	---	12.7	10.7	10.2	10.8	7.8	6.3	5.5	4.9
18-19 years										
All races.....	11.3	11.3	9.8	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7	6.8	6.9	6.5
White.....	10.4	10.3	9.0	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.0
Black or African American.....	16.6	16.9	14.5	12.9	13.0	12.4	11.9	10.6	10.9	10.3
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	12.8	15.2	14.6	12.4	12.3	12.7	12.4	11.3	11.6	11.0
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.9
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	11.6	10.1	10.2	10.3	9.9	8.8	8.8	8.4
Mexican.....	---	---	12.0	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.4	9.2	9.1	8.7
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	13.3	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.2	10.9	11.0	10.3
Cuban.....	---	---	9.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.4	5.3	5.2	4.7
Central and South American.....	---	---	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.5	5.7	5.3	4.8
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	10.8	10.5	11.1	11.1	11.3	10.5	10.9	10.5
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White.....	---	---	8.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.3	5.4	5.0
Black or African American.....	---	---	14.7	12.9	13.0	12.4	12.0	10.7	11.0	10.3
Under 18 years										
Number of live births										
All races.....	235,342	239,912	208,391	178,009	194,984	204,750	165,728	139,913	129,276	113,670
White.....	149,258	155,254	133,541	112,155	119,908	133,019	111,225	95,148	88,607	78,185
Black or African American.....	83,390	81,198	70,842	61,481	69,219	65,039	48,426	39,541	35,777	31,371
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	1,664	2,548	2,769	2,573	2,825	3,228	3,057	2,891	2,788	2,382
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	1,090	1,721	2,924	3,464	3,020	2,333	2,104	1,732
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	22,763	23,975	39,529	51,862	51,061	52,512	50,091	44,106
Mexican.....	---	---	16,690	16,735	26,739	37,347	38,649	39,471	34,628	30,161
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	3,353	2,985	5,360	5,915	4,519	4,140	3,757	3,310
Cuban.....	---	---	273	220	303	354	423	392	288	259
Central and South American.....	---	---	519	976	2,648	3,923	3,762	4,408	3,776	3,426
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	1,928	3,059	4,479	4,323	3,708	4,101	7,642	6,950
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White.....	---	---	50,569	44,604	78,376	81,054	60,599	45,195	41,028	36,437
Black or African American.....	---	---	38,105	35,941	67,454	63,734	47,256	36,875	33,265	29,092
18-19 years										
All races.....	421,118	354,968	353,939	299,696	338,499	307,365	311,781	281,402	285,555	258,505
White.....	322,626	265,566	264,223	216,597	239,548	222,470	226,227	203,762	203,124	183,565
Black or African American.....	93,342	83,812	82,309	75,201	88,732	74,582	74,336	67,201	71,771	65,235
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	2,856	3,442	4,277	4,221	4,798	4,739	5,158	5,052	5,635	5,126
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	2,873	3,553	5,218	5,574	6,060	5,387	5,025	4,579
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	35,484	37,537	60,502	69,774	81,046	86,860	88,245	79,503
Mexican.....	---	---	25,881	25,739	41,432	50,753	60,426	64,089	58,789	52,346
Puerto Rican.....	---	---	4,482	4,363	7,420	6,978	7,092	6,874	7,546	6,860
Cuban.....	---	---	658	487	564	611	589	847	869	788
Central and South American.....	---	---	1,271	2,370	4,861	6,139	7,405	8,597	7,887	6,798
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina...	---	---	3,192	4,578	6,225	5,293	5,534	6,453	13,154	12,711
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²										
White.....	---	---	106,303	91,871	174,180	151,681	145,297	121,141	119,604	108,633
Black or African American.....	---	---	44,042	43,542	86,271	72,995	72,499	62,635	66,888	60,810

---Data not available.

¹Estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups because not all states have adopted the 2003 revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth. See Appendix II, Race.

²Prior 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,
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See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).

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