National, State, and County Patterns of Teen Births in the United States

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Declines in State Teen Birth Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin

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Abstract

Objectives—This report presents trends from 1940 through 2013 in national birth rates for teenagers, with particular focus on the periods since 1991. The percent changes in rates for 1991–2013 and for 2007–2012 are presented for the United States and for states. Preliminary data for 2013 are shown where available.

Methods—Tabular and graphical descriptions of the trends in teen birth rates for the United States and each state by age group, race, and Hispanic origin, are presented and discussed. Data are shown for the U.S. territories.

Results—Birth rates for U.S. teenagers have generally fallen in the United States since peaking in 1957. The rates fell 57% between 1991 and 2013. The 2013 preliminary rate (26.0 per 1,000 aged 15–19) is...
National Patterns
Number of births and birth rates for teenagers 15-19 years: United States, 1940-2014

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Birth rates for teenagers 15-17 and 18-19 years: United States, 1960-2014

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Birth rates for teenagers 15-19 years by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 1990-2014

- Non-Hispanic Black (NHB)
- Hispanic
- AIAN
- Total
- Non-Hispanic White (NHW)
- Asian or Pacific Islander (API)

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Birth rates for teenagers 15-17 years by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 1990-2014

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Birth rates for teenagers 18-19 years by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 1990-2014

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Estimated cumulative number of additional births to women aged 15–19 from 1992 through 2014 for the United States if 1991 birth rates had continued

Estimated number of additional births through 2014 is 4.91 million.

NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
State Patterns

U.S. rate was 26.5 in 2013

NOTE: Rate per 1,000 female population aged 15-19 in each area.
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Change in the birth rate for women aged 15-17, by state: United States, 2007 to 2013

U.S. decline was 43.3%

- **Decline of 50.0% or more**
- **Decline of 40.0 to 49.9%**
- **Decline of less than 40.0%**

**SOURCE:** National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Change in the birth rate for women aged 18-19, by state: United States, 2007 to 2013

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Change in the birth rate for non-Hispanic white women aged 15-19, by state: United States, 2007 to 2013

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Change in the birth rate for non-Hispanic black women aged 15-19, by state: United States, 2007 to 2013

U.S. decline was 37.1%

- **Decline of 50.0% or more**
- **Decline of 40.0 to 49.9%**
- **Decline of less than 40.0%**
- **No significant change**

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
Change in the birth rate for Hispanic women aged 15-19, by state: United States, 2007 to 2013

U.S. decline was 44.6%

- Decline of 60.0% or more
- Decline of 50.0 to 59.9%
- Decline of less than 50.0%
- No significant change

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System, NCHS, CDC.
County Patterns
Probability of birth rate of women aged 15-19 being greater than 36 birth per 1,000 women, by county: United States, 2003-2012
Summary:

• The U.S. teen birth rate declined 42% from 2007 through 2014.

• Teen birth rates declined for all race and Hispanic origin groups from 2007 through 2014.

• Rates for teens aged 15-19, 15-17 and 18-19 declined for all states from 2007 through 2013.

• Birth rates for non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black, and Hispanic teens either declined or were statistically unchanged in all states from 2007 through 2013.

• State-specific teen birth rates varied by over three-and-a-half-fold in 2013.

• Teen birth rates tend to be highest in the South and Southwest and lowest in the Northeast.
Summary - continued:

• Large variation in teen birth rates seen by county from 2003 through 2012.

• Teen birth rates in excess of 80 births per 1,000 women were seen in counties in west Texas, along the Mississippi river, and parts of Georgia and Alaska.

• 36% of counties had rates significantly below the Healthy People 2020 target of 36 events per 1,000 women in 2012.

• 50% of counties had teen birth rates significantly above 36 events per 1,000 women target.

• Teen birth rates declined for 80% of counties, were unchanged for 19% of counties, and rose for 1% of counties 2003 through 2012.
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Data Sources
VitalStats
(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/vitalstats.htm)

Public-Use Data Files
(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/VitalStatsOnline.htm)

Customized Data Files
(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs_data_release.htm)

CDC Wonder
(http://wonder.cdc.gov/)
NCHS: Data Visualization Gallery (http://blogs.cdc.gov/nchs-data-visualization/)

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