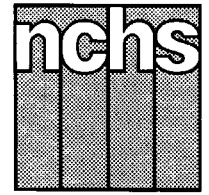


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Teenage Births in the United States: State Trends, 1991–96, an Update

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Abstract

Objectives—This report provides State-specific birth rates for teenagers for 1991 and 1996 and the percent change, 1991–96.

Methods—Tabular and graphical description of trends in teenage birth rates by age group for each State.

Results—Birth rates for teenagers 15–19 years declined significantly in all but three States between 1991 and 1996. Declines by State ranged from 6 to 29 percent.

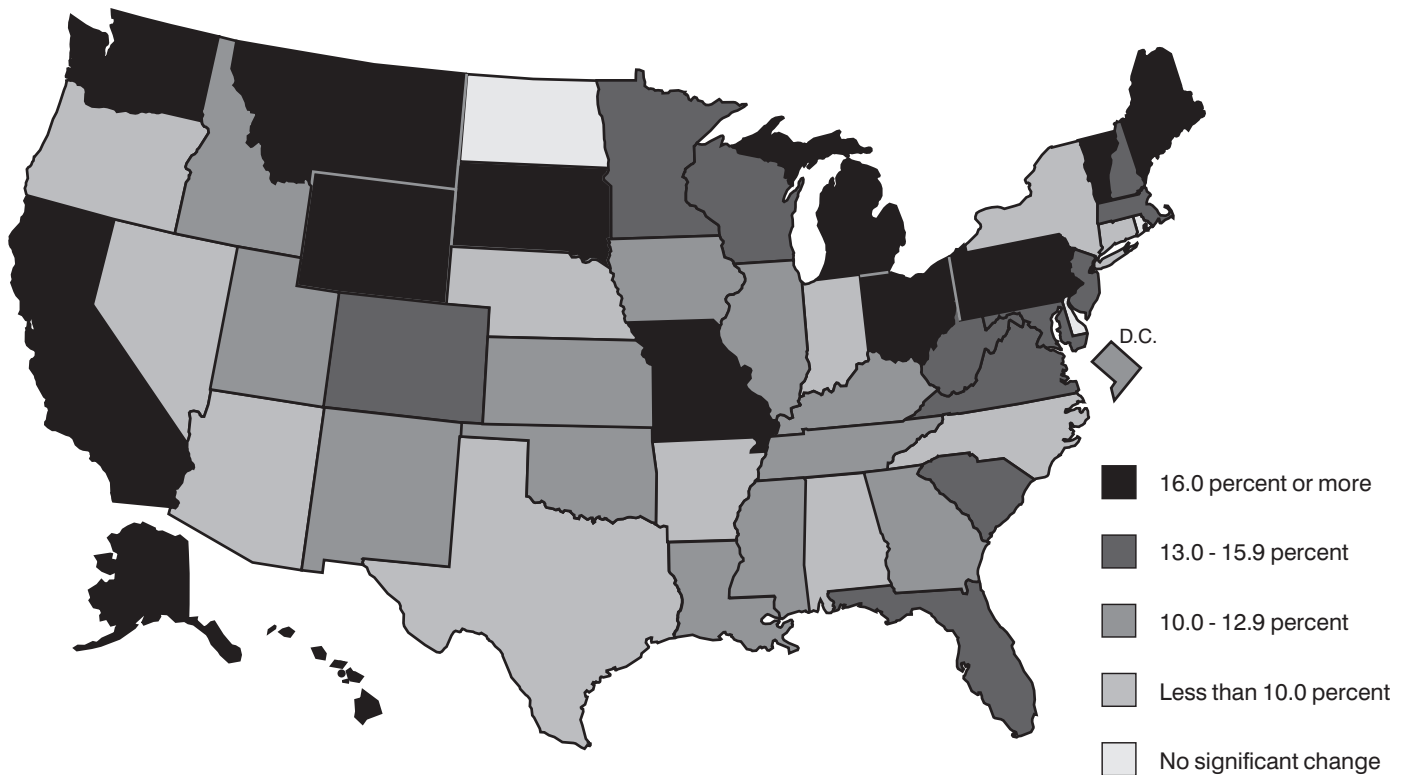


Figure 1. Percent decline in teenage birth rates by State, 1991–96



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Highlights

The birth rate for teenagers continued to decline in 1996, and has now fallen by 12 percent to 54.4 births per 1,000 women aged 15–19 years, compared with 62.1 in 1991 (table 1). Teenage birth rates by State vary substantially, from 28.6 (New Hampshire) to 102.1 (District of Columbia); the highest rate reported was 116.8 (Guam). As previously reported, differences in overall rates by State reflect differences in the teenage populations of the States by race and Hispanic origin (1,2). Birth rates for teenage subgroups 15–17 and 18–19 years also vary substantially by State. The rate for teenagers 15–17 years ranged from 15.1 (New Hampshire) to 79.0 (District of Columbia). Among teenagers 18–19 years, the birth rate by State ranged from

50.6 (Massachusetts) to 132.5 (District of Columbia); the rate for Guam was 191.5.

During the 1991–96 period, teenage birth rates fell in all States and the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Declines were statistically significant in all but three States (Delaware, North Dakota, and Rhode Island). Declines ranged from 6 to 29 percent. Between 1991 and 1996, rates fell by 16.0 percent or more in 13 States; declines in four of these States exceeded 20.0 percent. Eleven States registered declines of 13.0 to 15.9 percent, and 12 States and the District of Columbia registered declines of 10.0 to 12.9 percent. Declines of less than 10 percent were found for 11 States (figure 1).

This summary updates a recently issued report, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, “Teenage Births in the United

States: National and State Trends, 1990–96,” providing State-specific birth rates for 1996, and supplements information provided in the *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*, “Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1996,” published concurrent with this summary (1,2).

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Table 1. Birth rates for teenagers aged 15–19 years, by age group and State, and percent change for 15–19 year-olds: United States, 1991 and 1996

| State | 1991 | | | 1996 | | | Percent change 1991–96 15–19 years |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| | 15–19 years | 15–17 years | 18–19 years | 15–19 years | 15–17 years | 18–19 years | |
| United States ¹ | 62.1 | 38.7 | 94.4 | 54.4 | 33.8 | 86.0 | -12.4 |
| Alabama | 73.9 | 47.7 | 109.5 | 69.2 | 45.3 | 104.1 | -6.4 |
| Alaska | 65.4 | 35.3 | 111.7 | 46.4 | 26.5 | 75.2 | -29.1 |
| Arizona | 80.7 | 51.4 | 122.6 | 73.9 | 48.9 | 110.7 | -8.4 |
| Arkansas | 79.8 | 49.4 | 122.8 | 75.4 | 44.9 | 121.7 | -5.5 |
| California | 74.7 | 46.9 | 113.6 | 62.6 | 39.2 | 99.1 | -16.2 |
| Colorado | 58.2 | 35.3 | 91.4 | 49.5 | 30.2 | 79.7 | -14.9 |
| Connecticut | 40.4 | 26.3 | 59.4 | 37.4 | 24.4 | 58.3 | -7.4 |
| Delaware | 61.1 | 40.3 | 87.1 | 56.9 | 41.0 | 79.9 | -6.9** |
| District of Columbia | 114.4 | 102.8 | 125.5 | 102.1 | 79.0 | 132.5 | -10.8 |
| Florida | 68.8 | 44.0 | 102.9 | 58.9 | 36.7 | 94.1 | -14.4 |
| Georgia | 76.3 | 50.6 | 110.9 | 68.2 | 45.4 | 103.3 | -10.6 |
| Hawaii | 58.7 | 34.7 | 91.5 | 48.1 | 28.0 | 76.2 | -18.1 |
| Idaho | 53.9 | 29.3 | 90.8 | 47.2 | 26.5 | 77.7 | -12.4 |
| Illinois | 64.8 | 40.6 | 99.1 | 57.1 | 36.1 | 90.9 | -11.9 |
| Indiana | 60.5 | 35.2 | 95.2 | 56.1 | 32.9 | 91.4 | -7.3 |
| Iowa | 42.6 | 22.8 | 71.5 | 37.8 | 21.4 | 63.6 | -11.3 |
| Kansas | 55.4 | 29.4 | 94.1 | 49.6 | 27.8 | 84.2 | -10.5 |
| Kentucky | 68.9 | 42.6 | 105.5 | 61.5 | 36.9 | 97.9 | -10.7 |
| Louisiana | 76.1 | 51.1 | 111.4 | 66.7 | 42.9 | 102.3 | -12.4 |
| Maine | 43.5 | 23.8 | 70.1 | 31.4 | 16.8 | 54.5 | -27.8 |
| Maryland | 54.3 | 35.2 | 79.8 | 46.1 | 29.6 | 72.3 | -15.1 |
| Massachusetts | 37.8 | 25.2 | 52.9 | 32.2 | 19.9 | 50.6 | -14.8 |
| Michigan | 59.0 | 35.5 | 91.1 | 46.5 | 28.2 | 75.5 | -21.2 |
| Minnesota | 37.3 | 20.7 | 61.4 | 32.1 | 18.5 | 54.2 | -13.9 |
| Mississippi | 85.6 | 60.1 | 120.4 | 75.5 | 52.1 | 110.5 | -11.8 |
| Missouri | 64.5 | 38.7 | 100.7 | 53.7 | 31.0 | 89.7 | -16.7 |
| Montana | 46.7 | 23.6 | 83.0 | 38.6 | 21.2 | 65.8 | -17.3 |
| Nebraska | 42.4 | 23.6 | 69.2 | 38.7 | 22.2 | 63.7 | -8.7 |
| Nevada | 75.3 | 43.9 | 119.1 | 69.6 | 42.1 | 113.5 | -7.6 |
| New Hampshire | 33.3 | 17.1 | 53.8 | 28.6 | 15.1 | 50.9 | -14.1 |
| New Jersey | 41.6 | 26.3 | 62.9 | 35.4 | 22.9 | 55.3 | -14.9 |
| New Mexico | 79.8 | 50.0 | 124.4 | 70.9 | 45.8 | 110.7 | -11.2 |
| New York | 46.0 | 29.1 | 69.0 | 41.8 | 25.6 | 66.4 | -9.1 |
| North Carolina | 70.5 | 46.2 | 101.7 | 63.5 | 40.8 | 97.5 | -9.9 |
| North Dakota | 35.6 | 18.1 | 62.4 | 32.3 | 16.1 | 58.1 | -9.3** |
| Ohio | 60.5 | 36.2 | 93.8 | 50.4 | 29.5 | 82.6 | -16.7 |
| Oklahoma | 72.1 | 41.7 | 115.6 | 63.4 | 37.2 | 104.7 | -12.1 |
| Oregon | 54.9 | 31.3 | 90.7 | 50.8 | 29.4 | 84.7 | -7.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 46.9 | 29.2 | 70.5 | 39.3 | 24.5 | 62.5 | -16.2 |
| Rhode Island | 45.4 | 30.1 | 63.6 | 42.5 | 27.3 | 65.7 | -6.4** |
| South Carolina | 72.9 | 48.0 | 105.4 | 62.9 | 41.3 | 94.2 | -13.7 |
| South Dakota | 47.5 | 26.3 | 79.2 | 39.5 | 22.4 | 66.0 | -16.8 |
| Tennessee | 75.2 | 47.8 | 112.1 | 66.1 | 40.2 | 105.8 | -12.1 |
| Texas | 78.9 | 50.4 | 119.3 | 73.5 | 48.8 | 111.3 | -6.8 |
| Utah | 48.2 | 27.0 | 79.8 | 42.8 | 24.3 | 68.6 | -11.2 |
| Vermont | 39.2 | 21.3 | 62.0 | 30.1 | 15.2 | 54.1 | -23.2 |
| Virginia | 53.5 | 31.8 | 81.2 | 45.5 | 27.7 | 71.6 | -15.0 |
| Washington | 53.7 | 31.0 | 86.5 | 45.0 | 26.1 | 74.5 | -16.2 |
| West Virginia | 57.8 | 32.4 | 93.2 | 50.3 | 28.7 | 81.9 | -13.0 |
| Wisconsin | 43.7 | 24.8 | 71.2 | 36.8 | 21.7 | 60.7 | -15.8 |
| Wyoming | 54.2 | 26.4 | 98.6 | 44.0 | 24.9 | 74.9 | -18.8 |
| Puerto Rico | 72.4 | 50.8 | 105.9 | 74.8 | 55.6 | 102.7 | 3.3 |
| Virgin Islands | 77.9 | 48.6 | 124.0 | 54.9 | 35.0 | 84.9 | -29.5 |
| Guam | 95.7 | 55.0 | 156.1 | 116.8 | 69.5 | 191.5 | 22.0 |

** Not significant at p < 0.05.

¹Excludes data for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam.

NOTE: Birth rates by State shown in this table are based on population estimates provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and, therefore, the rates shown here may differ from rates computed on the basis of other population estimates.

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