

2007 Preliminary Birth Data from the National Center for Health Statistics

Overall teen birth rates

- The teen birth rate for girls aged 15-19 increased 1% between 2006 and 2007 (from 41.9 births per 1,000 to 42.5 per 1,000).
- The teen birth rate for this age group declined 31% between 1991 and 2007. This compares to a 34% decrease between 1991 and 2005.

Rates by Age

- The birth rate for girls aged 10-14 remained unchanged between 2006 and 2007 (at 0.6 per 1,000). The birth rate for girls aged 10-14 has declined 57% between 1991 and 2007.
- The birth rate for girls aged 15-17 increased 1% between 2006 and 2007 (from 22.0 per 1,000 to 22.2 per 1,000). The birth rate for this age group declined 42% between 1991 and 2007.
- The teen birth rate for girls aged 18-19 increased 1% between 2006 and 2007 (from 73.0 per 1,000 to 73.9 per 1,000). The birth rate for this age group declined 21% between 1991 and 2007.

Rates by Race/Ethnicity

- Teen birth rates for those aged 15-19 increased from 2006 to 2007 for all racial/ethnic groups except for Hispanic teens.
- Among those aged 15-17, birth rates increased for American Indian or Alaska Native teens between 2006 and 2007. There was no change between 2006 and 2007 among non-Hispanic white or Hispanic teens, and the birth rate among non-Hispanic black and Asian or Pacific Islander teens *decreased*.
- Among teens aged 18-19, birth rates increased for all racial/ethnic groups except for Hispanic teens.
- The birth rate for non-Hispanic white teens aged 15-19 increased 2% between 2006 and 2007 (from 26.6 per 1,000 to 27.2 per 1,000).
- The 2006 birth rate for non-Hispanic black teens aged 15-19 increased 1% between 2006 and 2007 (from 63.7 per 1,000 to 64.3 per 1,000).
- The 2006 birth rate for Hispanic teens aged 15-19 *decreased* 2% between 2006 and 2007 (from 83.0 per 1,000 to 81.7 per 1,000).
- The 2006 birth rate for American Indian teens aged 15-19 increased 7% between 2006 and 2007 (from 55.0 per 1,000 to 59.0 per 1,000).
- The 2006 birth rate for Asian/Pacific Islander teens aged 15-19 increased 2% between 2006 and 2007 (from 17.0 per 1,000 to 17.3 per 1,000).

Nonmarital Births

In 2007, the proportion of nonmarital births to teens reached a record high—85.7% of births to teens aged 15-19 are nonmarital, up from 84.4% in 2006. This is a total of 386,702 nonmarital births to teens. Among teens under age 15 the proportion is 98.8%; to those 15-17 it is 92.8; and to those 18-19 it is 82.1%.