

Declines reported from 2000 to 2022 in numbers and rates of teen births in United States

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From 2000 to 2022, there were declines in the number and rates of first and second and higher-order teen births, according to the July 24

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Anne K. Driscoll, Ph.D., from the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland, and colleagues examined data from the National Vital Statistics System birth data files from 2000 to 2022 to examine trends in the numbers, percentages, and rates of first and second and higher-order births to [teenagers](#) younger than 20 years of age.

The researchers observed declines of 67 and 79% in the number of first teen births and the number of second and higher-order teen births, respectively, from 2000 to 2022, while a 7% increase was seen in the population of female teenagers. Greater declines were seen for younger versus older teenagers. Declines of 69 and 80% were seen for first and second and higher-order teen birth rates, respectively.

For each [race](#) and Hispanic origin group, the declines were similar. White teenagers had the lowest first and second and higher-order [birth](#) rates in 2000 and 2022. The highest rates for first births were seen in Hispanics in 2000 and in non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2022.

"These declines are due to changes in teen sexual behavior that prevent or delay births and represent progress in both postponing parenthood and allowing teen parents to space additional births," the authors write.

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