



The District of Columbia adolescent reproductive health facts

The District of Columbia was ranked 9 out of 51 (50 states + the District of Columbia) on 2011 final teen birth rates among females aged 15-19 (with 1 representing the highest rate and 51 representing the lowest rate).^{RH1} On a similar scale – where 1 is the highest teen pregnancy rate and 51 is the lowest – the District of Columbia was ranked na out of 51 (50 states + the District of Columbia) in pregnancies to females aged 15- 19 in 2008.^{RH2}

Number of births to females under 20 years of age, 2011^{RH1}

Total ¹	District of Columbia	United States
Females under 20 years of age	908	333,746
Females aged	District of Columbia	United States
Under 15	29	3,974
15-17	279	95,538
18-19	600	234,234
15-19	879	329,772
Mother's race/ethnicity	District of Columbia	United States
Non-Hispanic white	*	130,198
Non-Hispanic black	771	79,936
American Indian or Alaska Native ^{2,3}	*	6,897
Asian or Pacific Islander ^{2,3}	*	5,773
Hispanic ⁴	115	111,236

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Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females aged 15–19), 2011 ^{RH1}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Females aged 15-19	42.8	31.3
Females aged	District of Columbia	United States
15-17	33.6	15.4
18-19	49.1	54.1

Percent change in the teen birth rate, 1991-2011 and 2010-2011 ^{RH1, RH3, RH4}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1991 ^o to 2011)	-61%	-49%
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (2010 to 2011)	**	-8%

^oThe U.S. teen birth rate peaked at 61.8 births per 1,000 teen females aged 15-19 in 1991.
 **Difference not statistically significant.

Of all births to females under 20 years of age, percent by race/ethnicity, 2011 ^{RH1}

Mother's race /ethnicity ¹	District of Columbia	United States
Non-Hispanic white	*	39%
Non-Hispanic black	85%	24%
American Indian or Alaska Native ^{2,3}	*	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander ^{2,3}	*	2%
Hispanic ⁴	13%	33%

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Percent repeat births, of all births to females under 20 years of age, 2011^{RH1}

Total ¹	District of Columbia	United States
Females under 20 years of age	19%	18%
Mother's race/ethnicity	District of Columbia	United States
Non-Hispanic white	*	14%
Non-Hispanic black	19%	20%
American Indian or Alaska Native ^{2,3}	*	19%
Asian or Pacific Islander ^{2,3}	*	17%
Hispanic ⁴	18%	20%

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Of all births to females under 20 years of age, percent outside of marriage (nonmarital), 2011^{RH1}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Females under 20 years of age	99%	89%
Females aged	District of Columbia	United States
Under 15	97%	99%
15-17	100%	95%
18-19	98%	86%
15-19	99%	88%

Percent low birthweight[§] births, among females under 20 years of age, 2011^{RH1}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Females under 20 years of age	12.6%	9.6%

[§] Low birth weight is defined as less than 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds or 5 pounds and 8 ounces).



Teen pregnancy rate (pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15-19), 2008^{RH2}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Females aged 15-19	112	68
Females aged	District of Columbia	United States
15-17	111	37
18-19	113	113

Percent change in the teen pregnancy rate, 1988-2008^{RH2}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1988 [♦] to 2008)	-46%	-39%

[♦] The teen pregnancy rate was 209 pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15-19 in District of Columbia in 1988, and 111 in the U.S. The U.S. teen pregnancy rate peaked in 1990 at 116.9 pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15-19, but state data are not available for that year.

Teen abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-19), 2008^{RH2}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Females aged 15-19	46	18
Females aged	District of Columbia	United States
15-17	53	10
18-19	41	29

Percent change in the teen abortion rate, 1988-2008^{RH2}

Total	District of Columbia	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1988 ^{♦♦} to 2008)	-58%	-58%

^{♦♦} The U.S. teen abortion rate peaked at 43.5 abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-19 in 1988. The teen abortion rate for District of Columbia was 110 abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-19 in 1988.



Sexual behaviors among high school students (grades 9-12), 2011^{RH5}

Percent of high school students who:	District of Columbia	United States
Have ever had sexual intercourse		
Total	N/A	47%
Male	N/A	49%
Female	N/A	46%
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before 13 years of age		
Total	N/A	6%
Male	N/A	9%
Female	N/A	3%
Have had sexual intercourse with 4 or more persons		
Total	N/A	15%
Male	N/A	18%
Female	N/A	13%
Drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse		
Total	N/A	22%
Male	N/A	26%
Female	N/A	18%

HIV/AIDS education among high school students (grades 9-12), 2011^{RH5}

Percent of high school students who:	District of Columbia	United States
Were ever taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection		
Total	N/A	84%
Male	N/A	84%
Female	N/A	84%



Birth control use among sexually active high school students (grades 9-12), 2011^{RH5}

Percent of high school students who:	District of Columbia	United States
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse		
Total	N/A	60%
Male	N/A	67%
Female	N/A	54%
Used birth control pills before last sexual intercourse		
Total	N/A	18%
Male	N/A	13%
Female	N/A	23%
Used Depo-Provera, Nuva Ring, Implanon, or any IUD before last sexual intercourse [⌘]		
Total	N/A	5%
Male	N/A	3%
Female	N/A	7%
Used both a condom during last sexual intercourse and birth control pills or Depo-Provera, Nuva Ring, Implanon, or any IUD before last sexual intercourse [⌘]		
Total	N/A	9%
Male	N/A	7%
Female	N/A	12%
Did not use any method to prevent pregnancy during last sexual intercourse		
Total	N/A	13%
Male	N/A	11%
Female	N/A	15%

⌘ Exact question wording: Used Depo-Provera (or any injectable birth control), Nuva Ring (or any birth control ring), Implanon (or any implant), or any IUD before last sexual intercourse.

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Relationship violence and forced sex among high school students (grades 9-12), 2011^{RH5}

Percent of high school students who:	District of Columbia	United States
Have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend (during the 12 months before the survey)		
Total	N/A	9%
Male	N/A	9%
Female	N/A	9%
Were ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse (when they did not want to)		
Total	N/A	8%
Male	N/A	4%
Female	N/A	12%

Data notes and data sources

All percentages (other than percent low birthweight births), have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.

N/A: data do not exist on this measure for this state.

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^{RH1} **2011 Birth data are from:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2013). National Vital Statistics System. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics.

^{RH2} **Pregnancy and abortion rate data are from:** Kost ,K. and Henshaw, S. (2013) *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions, 2008: State Trends by Age, Race and Ethnicity*, New York: Guttmacher Institute. Retrieved August 7, 2013, from <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPtrendsState08.pdf>

^{RH3} **1991 Birth rate data are from:** Martin, J. A., Hamilton, B. E., Ventura, S. J., Osterman, M. J. K., Kirmeyer, S., Mathews, T. J., Wilson, E. (2011). *Births: Final data for 2009. Table B*. National vital statistics reports 60(1). Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. Retrieved August 7, 2013, from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr60/nvsr60_01.pdf

^{RH4} **2010 Birth rate data are from:** Martin, J. A., Hamilton, B. E., Ventura, S. J., Osterman, M. J. K., Wilson, E.C., and Mathews, T. J. (2012). *Births: Final data for 2010*. National vital statistics reports 61(1). Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. Retrieved August 7, 2013, from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_01.pdf

^{RH5} **High school data are from:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2012). *1991-2011 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data*. Retrieved August 7, 2013, from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline>

