Kentucky adolescent reproductive health facts

Kentucky was ranked 7 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 – Kentucky was ranked 19 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]	Kentucky	United States
Females under 20 years of age	6,167	333,746
Females aged	**Kentucky**	**United States**
Under 15	56	3,974
15-17	1,629	95,538
18-19	4,482	234,234
15-19	6,111	329,772
Mother's race/ethnicity	**Kentucky**	**United States**
Non-Hispanic white	5,031	130,198
Non-Hispanic black	809	79,936
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	*	6,897
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	35	5,773
Hispanic[4]	287	111,236

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Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females aged 15–19), 2011 [RH1]

Total	Kentucky	United States
Females aged 15-19	43.5	31.3
Females aged	**Kentucky**	**United States**
15-17	19.6	15.4
18-19	78.1	54.1

Percent change in the teen birth rate, 1991-2011 and 2010-2011 [RH1, RH3, RH4]

Total	Kentucky	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1991[◊] to 2011)	-37%	-49%
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (2010 to 2011)	-6%	-8%

[◊]The U.S. teen birth rate peaked at 61.8 births per 1,000 teen females aged 15-19 in 1991.

Of all births to females under 20 years of age, percent by race/ethnicity, 2011 [RH1]

Mother's race /ethnicity[1]	Kentucky	United States
Non-Hispanic white	82%	39%
Non-Hispanic black	13%	24%
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	*	2%
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	1%	2%
Hispanic[4]	5%	33%

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Percent repeat births, of all births to females under 20 years of age, 2011 [RH1]

Total[1]	Kentucky	United States
Females under 20 years of age	17%	18%
Mother's race/ethnicity	**Kentucky**	**United States**
Non-Hispanic white	16%	14%
Non-Hispanic black	19%	20%
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	*	19%
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	*	17%
Hispanic[4]	22%	20%

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Of all births to females under 20 years of age, percent outside of marriage (nonmarital), 2011 [RH1]

Total	Kentucky	United States
Females under 20 years of age	83%	89%
Females aged	**Kentucky**	**United States**
Under 15	96%	99%
15-17	91%	95%
18-19	79%	86%
15-19	82%	88%

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

Total	Kentucky	United States
Females under 20 years of age	9.9%	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	Kentucky	United States
Females aged 15-19	71	68
Females aged	**Kentucky**	**United States**
15-17	34	37
18-19	124	113

Percent change in the teen pregnancy rate, 1988-2008 [RH2]

Total	Kentucky	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1988♦ to 2008)	-26%	-39%

♦ The teen pregnancy rate was 96 pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15-19 in Kentucky 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	Kentucky	United States
Females aged 15-19	7	18
Females aged	**Kentucky**	**United States**
15-17	4	10
18-19	11	29

Percent change in the teen abortion rate, 1988-2008 [RH2]

Total	Kentucky	United States
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1988♦♦ to 2008)	-68%	-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 Kentucky was 22 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:	Kentucky	United States
Have ever had sexual intercourse		
Total	52%	47%
Male	52%	49%
Female	52%	46%
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before 13 years of age		
Total	7%	6%
Male	9%	9%
Female	5%	3%
Have had sexual intercourse with 4 or more persons		
Total	17%	15%
Male	17%	18%
Female	16%	13%
Drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse		
Total	17%	22%
Male	22%	26%
Female	12%	18%

HIV/AIDS education among high school students (grades 9-12), 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	Kentucky	United States
Were ever taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection		
Total	84%	84%
Male	81%	84%
Female	87%	84%

Birth control use among sexually active high school students (grades 9-12), 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	Kentucky	United States
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse		
Total	51%	60%
Male	56%	67%
Female	46%	54%
Used birth control pills before last sexual intercourse		
Total	21%	18%
Male	14%	13%
Female	27%	23%
Used Depo-Provera, Nuva Ring, Implanon, or any IUD before last sexual intercourse[¤]		
Total	5%	5%
Male	2%	3%
Female	8%	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[ж]		
Total	10%	9%
Male	4%	7%
Female	14%	12%
Did not use any method to prevent pregnancy during last sexual intercourse		
Total	16%	13%
Male	14%	11%
Female	18%	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:	Kentucky	United States
Have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend (during the 12 months before the survey)		
Total	14%	9%
Male	15%	9%
Female	14%	9%
Were ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse (when they did not want to)		
Total	11%	8%
Male	9%	4%
Female	13%	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