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Final data for 2011 indicate that the birth rate for adolescents aged 15-19 fell 8 percent between 2010 and 2011. The 2011 teen birth rate is the lowest recorded in more than seven decades.[RH1]

Of all births in the U.S., percent to females under 20 years of age, 2010 and 2011[RH1, RH2]

Total	2010	2011
Females under 20 years of age	9%	8%

Number of births to females under 20 years of age, 2010 and 2011[RH1, RH2]

Total [1]	2010	2011
Females under 20 years of age	372,175	333,746
Females aged	**2010**	**2011**
Under 15	4,497	3,974
15-17	109,173	95,538
18-19	258,505	234,234
15-19	367,678	329,772
Mother's race/ethnicity	**2010**	**2011**
Non-Hispanic white	145,070	130,198
Non-Hispanic black	89,902	79,936
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	7,508	6,897
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	6,311	5,773
Hispanic[4]	123,609	111,236

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Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females aged 15–19), 2010 and 2011[RH1, RH2]

Total [1]	2010	2011
Females aged 15-19	34.2	31.3
Females aged	**2010**	**2011**
15-17	17.3	15.4
18-19	58.2	54.1
Mother's race/ethnicity	**2010**	**2011**
Non-Hispanic white	23.5	21.7
Non-Hispanic black	51.5	47.3
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	38.7	36.1
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	10.9	10.2
Hispanic[4]	55.7	49.6

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Percent change in the teen birth rate, 1991-2011, and 2010-2011 [RH1, RH2, RH3]

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

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

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Percent repeat births, of all births to females under 20 years of age, 2010 and 2011[RH1, RH2]

Total[1]	2010	2011
Females under 20 years of age	18%	18%
Mother's race/ethnicity	**2010**	**2011**
Non-Hispanic white	15%	14%
Non-Hispanic black	20%	20%
American Indian or Alaska Native[2,3]	21%	19%
Asian or Pacific Islander[2,3]	17%	17%
Hispanic[4]	21%	20%

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Percent low birthweight[§] births, among females under 20 years of age, 2011[RH2]

Total	2011
Females under 20 years of age	9.6%

[§] Low birthweight 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[RH4]

Total	2008
Females aged 15-19	67.8
Females aged	**2008**
15-17	36.8
18-19	113.2

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Percent change in the teen pregnancy rate, 1990-2008[RH4]

Total	
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1990* to 2008)	-42%

* The teen pregnancy rate peaked at 116.9 in 1990.

Teen abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-19), 2008[RH4]

Total	2008
Females aged 15-19	17.8
Females aged	**2008**
15-17	10.4
18-19	28.6

Percent change in the teen abortion rate, 1988-2008[RH4]

Total	
Change in rate to females aged 15-19 (1988** to 2008)	-58%

** The teen abortion rate peaked at 43.5 in 1988.

Sexual behaviors among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009 and 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	2009	2011
Have ever had sexual intercourse		
Total	46%	47%
Male	46%	49%
Female	46%	46%
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before 13 years of age		
Total	6%	6%
Male	8%	9%
Female	3%	3%
Have had sexual intercourse with 4 or more persons		
Total	14%	15%
Male	16%	18%
Female	11%	13%
Drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse		
Total	22%	22%
Male	26%	26%
Female	17%	18%

HIV/AIDS education among high school students (grades 9-12), 2009 and 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	2009	2011
Were ever taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection		
Total	87%	84%
Male	86%	84%
Female	88%	84%

Birth control use among sexually active high school students (grades 9-12), 2009 and 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	2009	2011
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse		
Total	61%	60%
Male	69%	67%
Female	54%	54%
Used birth control pills before last sexual intercourse		
Total	20%	18%
Male	17%	13%
Female	23%	23%
Used Depo-Provera, Nuva Ring, Implanon, or any IUD before last sexual intercourse[¤]		
Total	3%	5%
Male	2%	3%
Female	4%	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	9%	9%
Male	8%	7%
Female	10%	12%
Did not use any method to prevent pregnancy during last sexual intercourse		
Total	12%	13%
Male	10%	11%
Female	14%	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), 2009 and 2011[RH5]

Percent of high school students who:	2009	2011
Have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend (during the 12 months before the survey)		
Total	10%	9%
Male	10%	9%
Female	9%	9%
Were ever physically forced to have sexual intercourse (when they did not want to)		
Total	7%	8%
Male	5%	4%
Female	10%	12%

Data notes and data sources

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

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[RH1] **2011 Birth data are from:** Martin, J. A., Hamilton, B. E., Ventura, S. J., Osterman, M. J. K., Mathews, T.J. (2013). Births: Final *data for 2011*. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. Retrieved July 2, 2013, from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr62/nvsr62_01.pdf

[RH2] **2010 Birth 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 December 21, 2012, from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_01.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 December 21, 2012, from http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr60/nvsr60_01.pdf

[RH4] **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

[RH5] **High school data are from:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2012). *1991-2011 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data.* Retrieved December 21, 2012, from http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline