Adolescent Reproductive Health and Behavior

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Overview

- Trends: U.S. and international
- Sex education
- Interventions and policy
Section A

The United States Experience
Decline of Teen Birth Rate (15–19) by Race: 1991–2004

- Non-Hispanic Whites ↓ 38.2 %
- Non-Hispanic Blacks ↓ 47.0 %
- American Indians ↓ 37.6 %
- Asian/Pacific Islanders ↓ 36.3 %
- Latinos/Hispanics ↓ 21.0 %
  - Hispanics ↑ from 82.3 to 82.6 in 2004

Source: National Center for Health Statistics
State Variability in Teen Birth Rate

- New Hampshire: 18 per 1,000
- Texas: 63 per 1,000
There has been a decline in the percent of teens reporting having had sexual intercourse.

Adapted CTLT from National Campaign analysis of the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth.
Abortionss

Number of Abortions per 1,000 Women Aged 15–44, by Year
Trends in Contraceptive Use at First Sex Among Males and Females 15–19 Years Old
Adolescent Pregnancy and STI Risk

- 750,000 adolescents become pregnant every year in the United States
- 82% of all adolescent pregnancies are unplanned
- 9,000,000 STIs occur annually among young people, accounting for nearly half of all STIs each year
- Every hour of every day, two young people in the United States become HIV positive
- 2006 data indicate an increase in teen pregnancy
  - A 3% increase from 2005
  - First increase in 14 years
  - In 2006, the rate was 41.9 per 1000