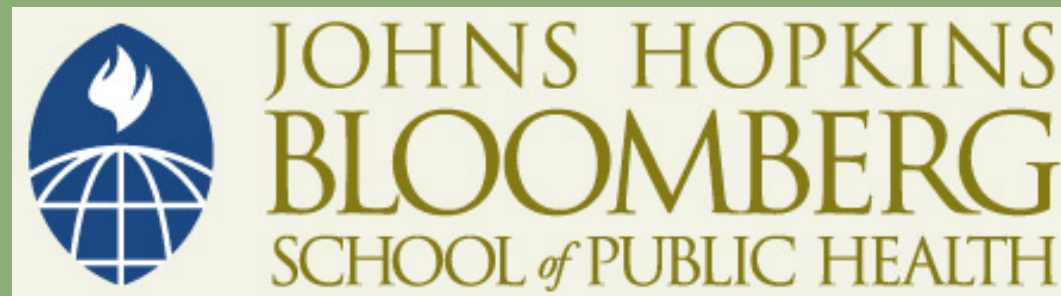


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Adolescent Reproductive Health and Behavior

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Overview

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



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Section A

The United States Experience

Decline of Teen Birth Rate (15–19) by Race: 1991–2004

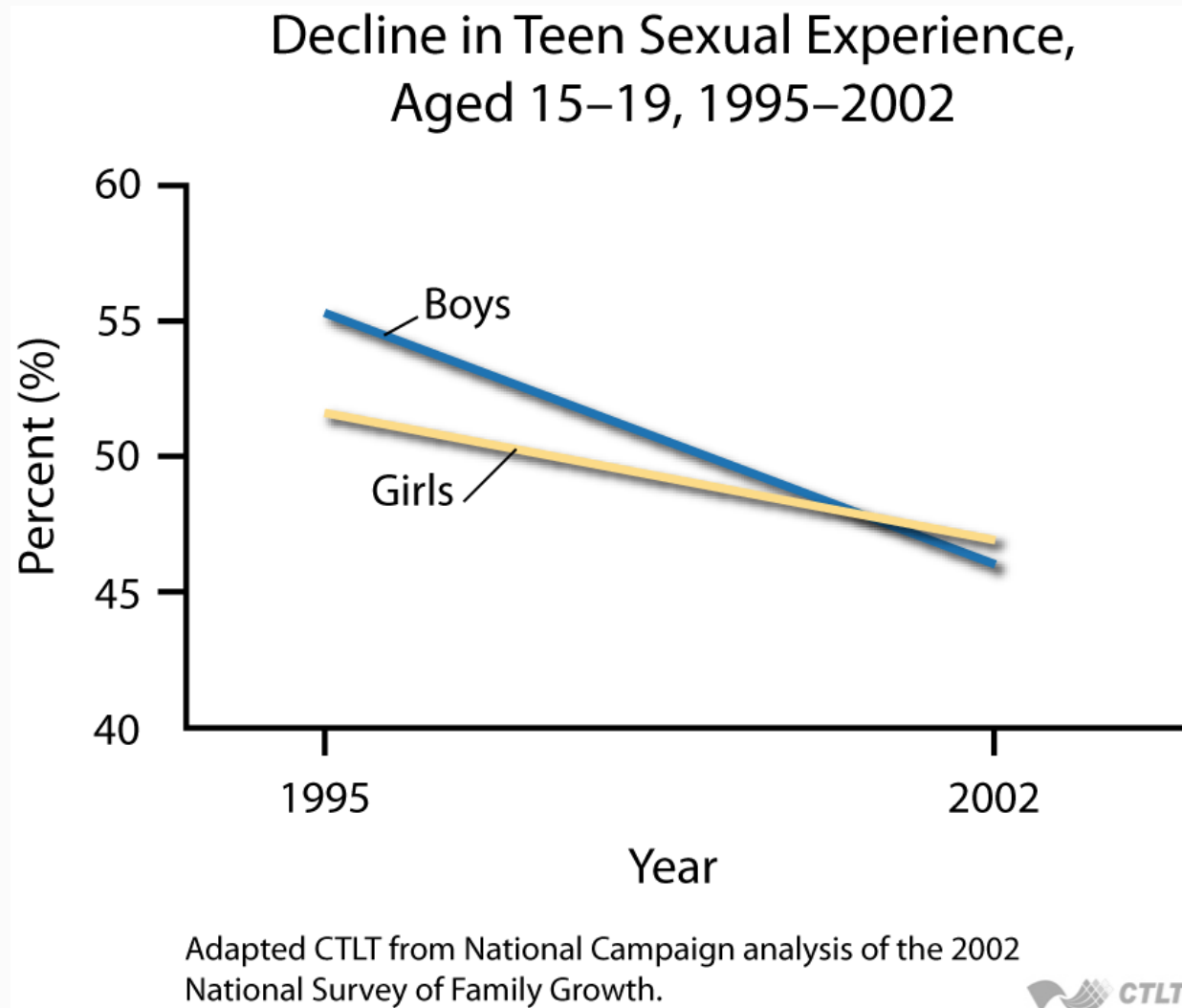
- Non-Hispanic Whites ↓ 38.2 %
- Non-Hispanic Blacks ↓ 47.0 %
- American Indians ↓ 37.6 %
- Asian/Pacific Islanders ↓ 36.3 %
- Latinos/Hispanics ↓ 21.0 %
 - Hispanics ↑ from 82.3 to 82.6 in 2004

State Variability in Teen Birth Rate

- New Hampshire: 18 per 1,000
- Texas: 63 per 1,000

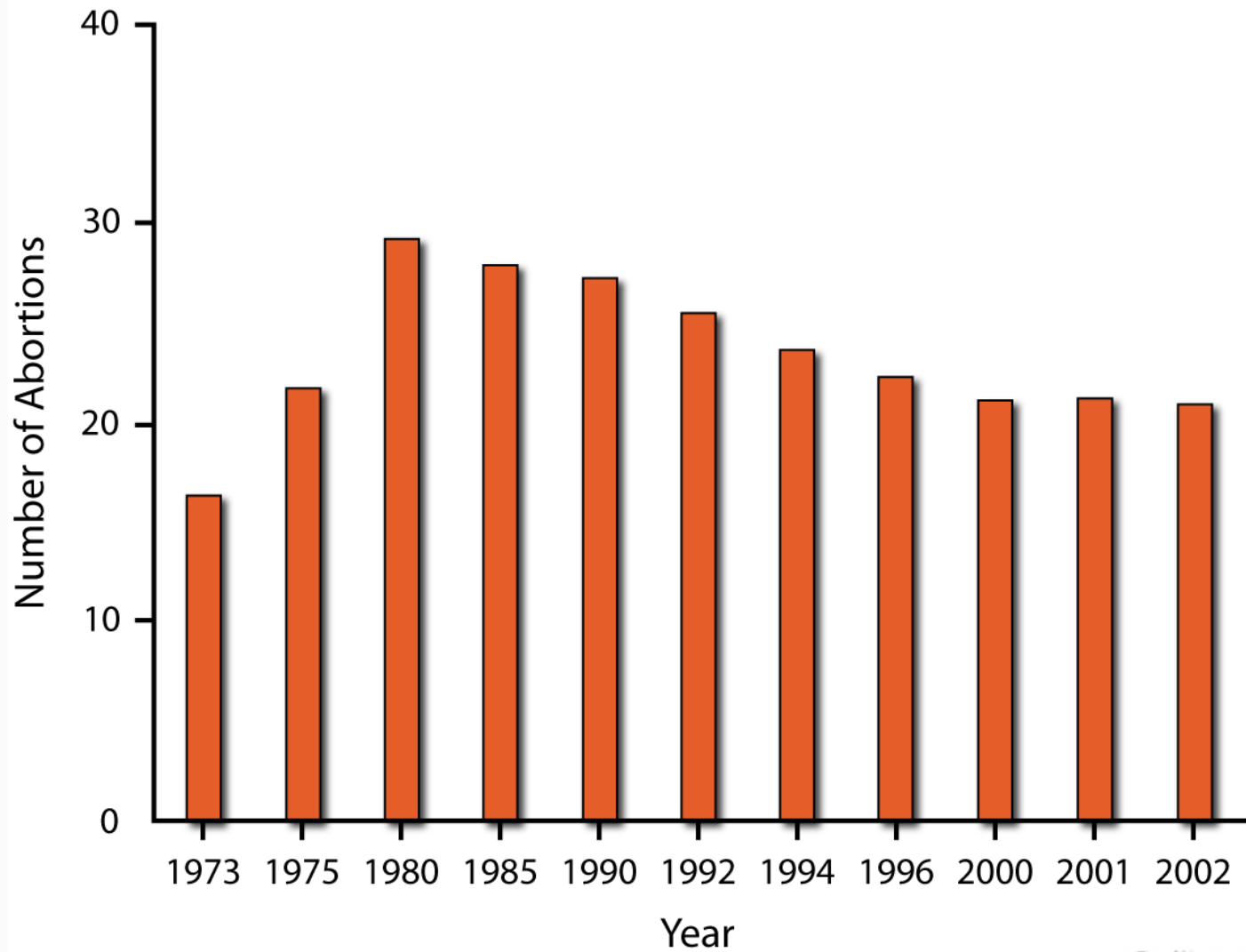
Sexual Intercourse

- There has been a decline in the percent of teens reporting having had sexual intercourse



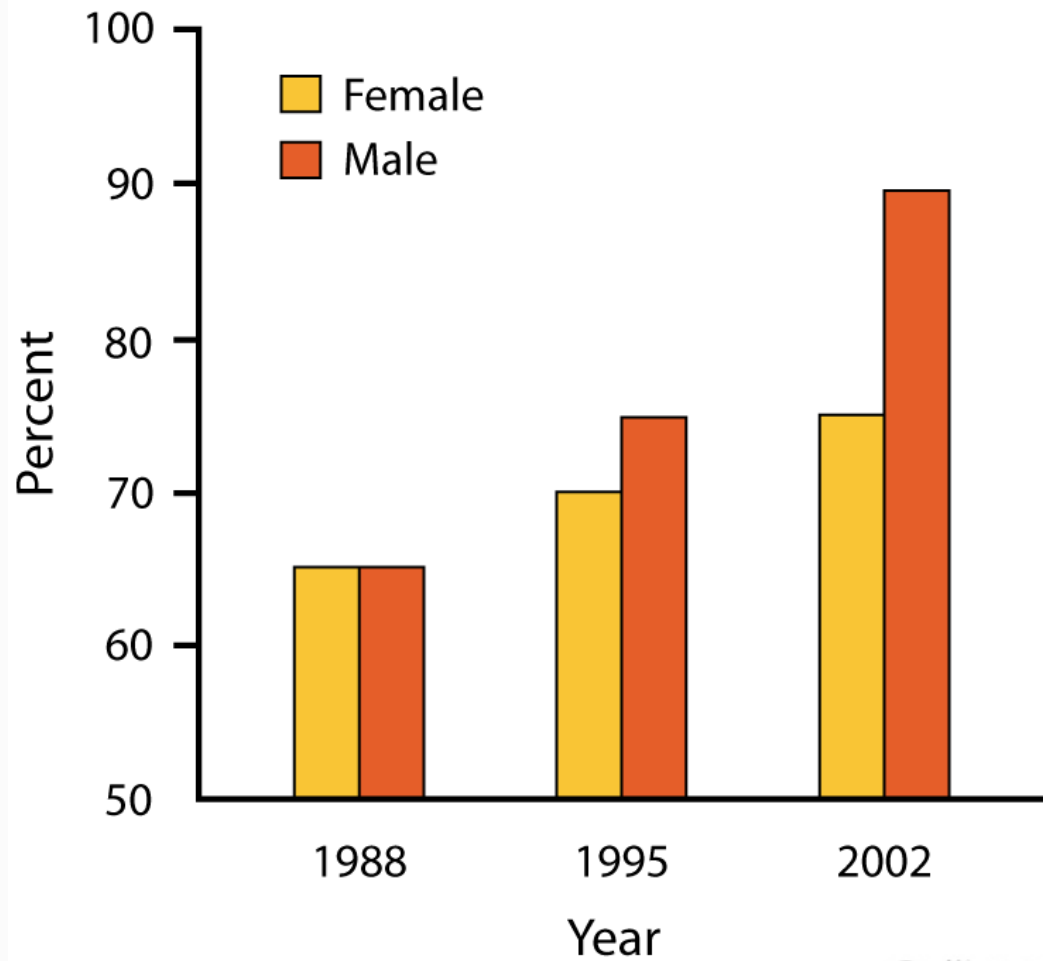
Abortions

Number of Abortions per 1,000 Women Aged 15–44, by Year



Contraception

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