

# ADOLESCENT MOTHERS

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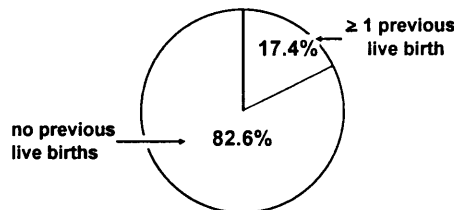
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- ➔ Adolescent mothers are 3 times more likely to have their prenatal care and delivery paid by Medicaid than adult mothers.
- ➔ Adolescent mothers are less likely to receive family income from jobs or businesses than adult mothers. They are more than twice as likely to have family support from public assistance (AFDC, Food Stamps, etc.) than adult mothers.
- ➔ Adolescents are approximately 3 times as likely as older mothers to have been homeless, to have had a close family member try to commit suicide, or to have had her partner physically hurt her.

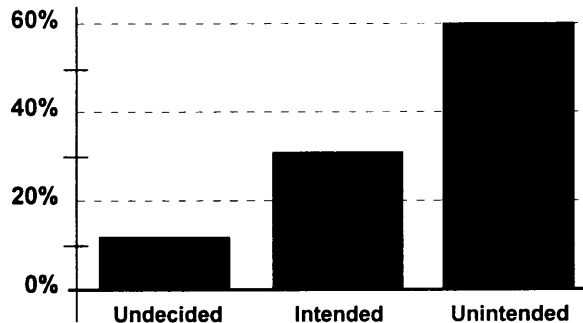
- ➔ 17% of births to adolescents occur to mothers with at least one previous live birth.



- ➔ More than 25% of the adolescents who have babies leave school without graduating.

- ➔ 60% of births to adolescents are unintended. (This is twice the rate of older mothers.)

PERCENT OF ADOLESCENT MOTHERS BY INTENDEDNESS OF BIRTH



- ➔ The percent of adolescent mothers delivering early (less than 37 weeks gestation) is 30% higher than that of adults.

- ➔ Adolescent mothers, on the average, deliver infants weighing 5.4 ounces less than infants of adults.

Note: Adolescents are individuals aged 10-19 years unless otherwise noted.

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