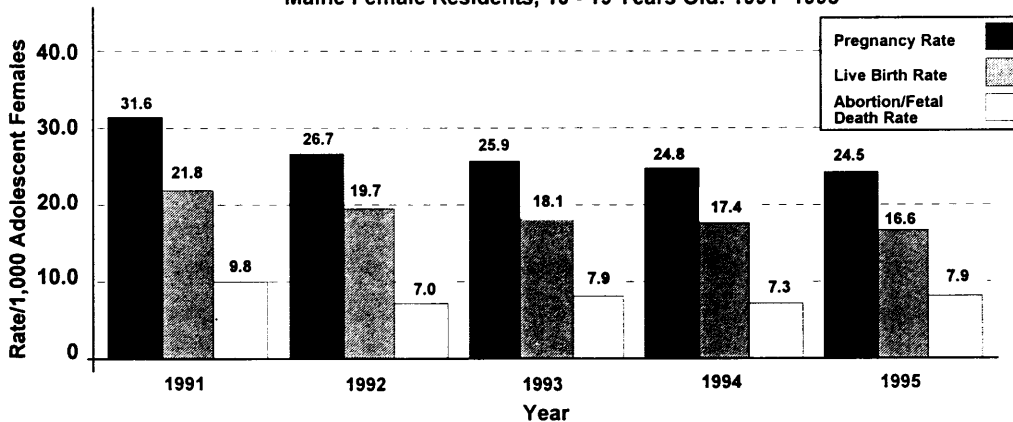


ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY

Data are from the
MAINE VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM: 1995

- ➔ Each year, almost 1 million teenage women in the United States become pregnant¹. In Maine, more than 2,100 adolescent women were pregnant in 1995; the state's adolescent pregnancy rate was nearly 25 pregnancies for each 1,000 Maine women younger than 20; a rate *significantly lower statistically* than the national rate of 37 pregnancies/1,000².
- ➔ Maine women, 15 - 19 years old, had a 1995 pregnancy rate of 49 pregnancies/1,000 population. Young women, 18 and 19 years old, had the highest pregnancy rate of all adolescent women - 73 pregnancies/1,000 population; 15 - 17 year old teens followed with a pregnancy rate of 32/1,000, while those, 10 - 14 years old, had a pregnancy rate of 1/1,000.
- ➔ More than 2,000 Maine women, 15 - 19 years old, experienced a pregnancy in 1995; nearly a third of those pregnancies ended in abortion. Thirty nine adolescent women, 10 - 14 years old, were pregnant that same year; half of those pregnancies (19) ended in abortion.
- ➔ In the 5 year period, 1991 - 1995, Maine's adolescent pregnancy rate decreased by more than 20%, from 31.6 pregnancies per 1,000 adolescent women to 24.5 pregnancies. Each component of the pregnancy rate - the birth rate, abortion rate, and fetal death rate - also *decreased significantly* over the 5 year period.

Adolescent Pregnancy Results: Pregnancy, Live Birth, and Abortion/Fetal Death Rates
Maine Female Residents, 10 - 19 Years Old: 1991 -1995



- ➔ In 1995, Maine adolescent women accounted for 10% of all live births, 25% of all abortions and 12% of all fetal deaths.
- ➔ 81% of adolescent pregnancies were to unmarried women in 1995.

Notes: Adolescent women are females younger than age 20. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnote 1: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, Sex and America's Teenagers. Footnote 2: Statistical Abstract of the United States; data are for white females only. Full citations are available upon request.

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