

No. HS-14. Births to Teenagers and to Unmarried Women: 1940 to 2002

[Represents registered births. Excludes births to nonresidents of the United States. Beginning 1980, data for states in which marital status was not reported, are inferred from other items on the birth certificate. Prior to 1980, births to unmarried women are estimated based on data for registration areas]

Year	Teen childbearing			Nonmarital childbearing		
	Total number of births to women 15-19 years	Birth rate per 1,000 women 15-19 years	Percent of teen births to unmarried women	Total number of births to unmarried women	Birth rate per 1,000 unmarried women 15-44 years	Percent of all births to unmarried
1940	300,747	54.1	13.6	89,500	7.1	3.8
1941	316,685	56.9	13.7	95,700	7.8	3.8
1942	341,315	61.1	13.0	95,500	8.0	3.4
1943	343,550	61.7	13.5	98,100	8.3	3.3
1944	301,130	54.3	16.6	105,200	9.0	3.8
1945	280,997	51.1	17.5	117,400	10.1	4.3
1946	322,381	59.3	18.4	125,200	10.9	3.8
1947	425,845	79.3	12.4	131,900	12.1	3.6
1948	431,933	81.8	15.3	129,700	12.5	3.7
1949	433,028	83.4	15.9	133,200	13.3	3.7
1950	419,535	81.6	13.4	141,600	14.1	4.0
1951	443,872	87.6	12.9	146,500	15.1	3.9
1952	438,046	86.1	13.4	150,300	15.8	3.9
1953	455,878	88.2	13.5	160,800	16.9	4.1
1954	477,880	90.6	14.1	176,600	18.7	4.4
1955	484,097	90.3	14.2	183,300	19.3	4.5
1956	520,422	94.6	14.0	193,500	20.4	4.7
1957	550,212	96.3	13.9	201,700	21.0	4.7
1958	554,184	91.4	14.3	208,700	21.2	5.0
1959	571,048	90.4	14.8	220,600	21.9	5.2
1960	586,966	89.1	14.8	224,300	21.6	5.3
1961	601,720	88.6	15.5	240,200	22.7	5.6
1962	600,298	81.4	15.7	245,100	21.9	5.9
1963	586,454	76.7	17.4	259,400	22.5	6.3
1964	585,710	73.1	19.0	275,700	23.0	6.9
1965	590,894	70.5	20.8	291,200	23.4	7.7
1966	621,426	70.3	21.9	302,400	23.3	8.4
1967	596,445	67.5	24.2	318,100	23.7	9.0
1968	591,312	65.6	26.7	339,200	24.3	9.7
1969	604,654	65.5	27.8	360,800	24.8	10.0
1970	644,708	68.3	29.5	398,700	26.4	10.7
1971	627,942	64.5	30.9	401,400	25.5	11.3
1972	616,280	61.7	32.8	403,200	24.8	12.4
1973	604,096	59.3	33.9	407,300	24.3	13.0
1974	595,449	57.5	35.4	418,100	23.9	13.2
1975	582,238	55.6	38.2	447,900	24.5	14.3
1976	558,744	52.8	40.3	468,100	24.3	14.8
1977	559,154	52.8	42.9	515,700	25.6	15.5
1978	543,407	51.5	44.1	543,900	25.7	16.3
1979	549,472	52.3	46.1	597,800	27.2	17.1
1980	552,161	53.0	47.6	665,747	29.4	18.4
1981	527,392	52.2	49.2	686,605	29.5	18.9
1982	513,758	52.4	50.7	715,227	30.0	19.4
1983	489,286	51.4	53.4	737,893	30.3	20.3
1984	469,582	50.6	55.6	770,355	31.0	21.0
1985	467,485	51.0	58.0	828,174	32.8	22.0
1986	461,905	50.2	60.8	878,477	34.2	23.4
1987	462,312	50.6	63.4	933,013	36.0	24.5
1988	478,353	53.0	65.3	1,005,299	38.5	25.7
1989	506,503	57.3	66.6	1,094,169	41.6	27.1
1990	521,826	59.9	67.1	1,165,384	43.8	28.0
1991	519,577	62.1	68.8	1,213,769	45.2	29.5
1992	505,415	60.7	70.0	1,224,876	45.2	30.1
1993	501,093	59.6	71.3	1,240,172	45.3	31.0
1994	505,488	58.9	75.5	1,289,592	46.9	32.6
1995	499,873	56.8	75.2	1,253,976	45.1	32.2
1996	491,577	54.4	75.9	1,260,306	44.8	32.4
1997	483,220	52.3	77.8	1,257,444	44.0	32.4
1998	484,895	51.1	78.5	1,293,567	44.3	32.8
1999	476,050	49.6	78.7	1,308,560	43.9	33.0
2000	468,990	48.5	78.8	1,347,043	45.2	33.2
2001	445,944	45.3	78.9	1,349,249	45.0	33.5
2002 ¹	424,670	42.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	33.8
Highest value	644,708	96.3	78.9	1,349,249	46.9	33.8
Lowest value	280,997	42.9	12.4	89,500	7.1	3.3

NA Not available. ¹ Preliminary data.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Nonmarital Childbearing in the United States, 1940-99*, *National Vital Statistics Reports*, Vol. 48, No. 16; *Births to Teenagers in the United States, 1940-2000*, *National Vital Statistics Reports*, Vol. 49, No. 10; and *Births: Final Data for 2001*, *National Vital Statistics Reports*, Vol. 51, No. 2.