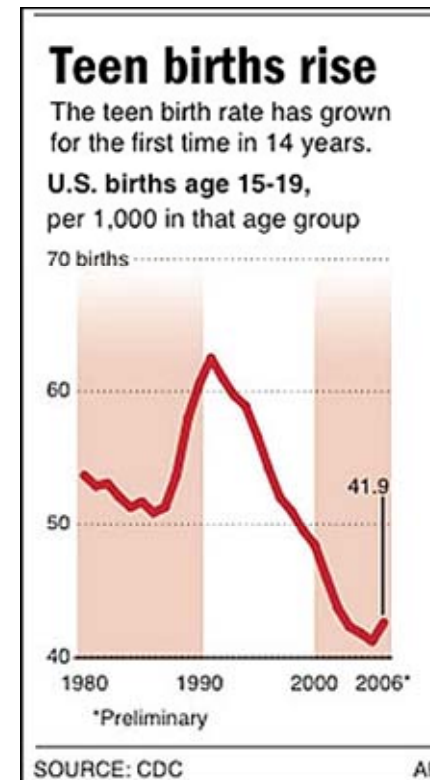


Teen Birth Rate Rises in US, Reversing a 14 Year Trend



- Teen birth rates rose in 2006
 - 3% increase 15-17 year olds
 - 4% increase 18-19 year olds
 - Declined for 10-14 year olds
 - 5% increase for African Americans
 - 3% increase for Whites
 - 2% increase for Hispanics
- Total fertility rose 3%
- Nonmarital birthrate rose 7%





Explaining Recent Declines in Adolescent Pregnancy in the United States: The Contribution of Abstinence and Improved Contraceptive Use

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- Data from the 1995 and 2002 NSFG
- Estimated Pregnancy Risk over time based on changes in sexual activity and contraceptive use
- Created a Contraceptive Risk Index to summarize contraceptive use
- ↓ in sexual activity explained 14% of ↓ in pregnancy risk (23% among 15-17 year olds)
- ↑ in Contraceptive use (& choice of mode) explained 86% of ↓ in pregnancy risk (77% among 15-17 year olds)

What it Costs: The Public Costs of Teen Births, 2004, in Billions

Source of Cost	1 st Birth Age 17 or Less	1 st Birth Age 18-19
Lower Tax Revenues	\$4.40	\$1.07
Mother	\$0.83	-\$0.49
Father	\$1.54	\$1.08
Children as Adults	\$2.03	\$0.47
Public Assistance, including cash, housing, medical, & Food Stamps	-\$0.15	-\$1.85
Foster Care, Minor Children	\$1.65	\$0.34
Incarceration, Adolescent and Adult Children	\$1.71	\$0.13
TOTAL	\$7.61	-\$0.31
Average Per Teen Parent Per Year (in \$)	\$4,010	-\$98

Note: Costs shown are based on the number of first births to women in each age group in 2004; births in 2006 were 4.5% higher. Costs are relative to a delay in age at first birth to age 20 or 21. Cost estimates assume that only age at first birth was changed and that all other characteristics of the mothers were unchanged.

Source: *Kids Having Kids*, Revised Edition, Table 10.4