

Table 9. Teenage childbearing, by detailed race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, selected years 1970–2005

[Data are based on birth certificates]

<i>Maternal age, race, and Hispanic origin of mother</i>	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
Age of mother under 18 years						Percent of live births					
All races	6.3	7.6	5.8	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4
White	4.8	6.0	4.5	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9
Black or African American	14.8	16.3	12.5	10.6	10.1	10.8	7.8	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	7.5	11.2	9.4	7.6	7.2	8.7	7.3	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.5
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	7.4	6.4	6.6	7.6	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.3
Mexican	---	---	7.7	6.9	6.9	8.0	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.7
Puerto Rican	---	---	10.0	8.5	9.1	10.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.5
Cuban	---	---	3.8	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
Central and South American	---	---	2.4	2.4	3.2	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	6.5	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.6
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²											
White	---	---	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0
Black or African American	---	---	12.7	10.7	10.2	10.8	7.8	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.3
Age of mother 18–19 years											
All races	11.3	11.3	9.8	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.8
White	10.4	10.3	9.0	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.3
Black or African American	16.6	16.9	14.5	12.9	13.0	12.4	11.9	11.1	10.7	10.7	10.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	12.8	15.2	14.6	12.4	12.3	12.7	12.4	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.3
Asian or Pacific Islander ¹	---	---	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3
Hispanic or Latina ²	---	---	11.6	10.1	10.2	10.3	9.9	9.3	8.9	8.9	8.8
Mexican	---	---	12.0	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.4	9.8	9.5	9.4	9.2
Puerto Rican	---	---	13.3	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.2	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.9
Cuban	---	---	9.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3
Central and South American	---	---	6.0	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.5	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7
Other and unknown Hispanic or Latina	---	---	10.8	10.5	11.1	11.1	11.3	10.2	9.6	9.9	10.5
Not Hispanic or Latina: ²											
White	---	---	8.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.3
Black or African American	---	---	14.7	12.9	13.0	12.4	12.0	11.1	10.8	10.8	10.7

--- Data not available.

* Percents preceded by an asterisk are based on fewer than 50 births in the numerator.

¹Starting with 2003 data, estimates are not available for Asian or Pacific Islander subgroups during the transition from single-race to multiple-race reporting. See [Appendix II, Race, Birth File](#).

²Prior to 1993, data from states lacking an Hispanic-origin item on the birth certificate were excluded. See [Appendix II, Hispanic origin](#). Data for non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black women for years prior to 1989 are not nationally representative and are provided for comparison with Hispanic data.

NOTES: The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2003 data, some states reported multiple-race data. The multiple-race data for these states were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards for comparability with other states. See [Appendix II, Race](#). Interpretation of trend data should take into consideration expansion of reporting areas and immigration. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Birth File.