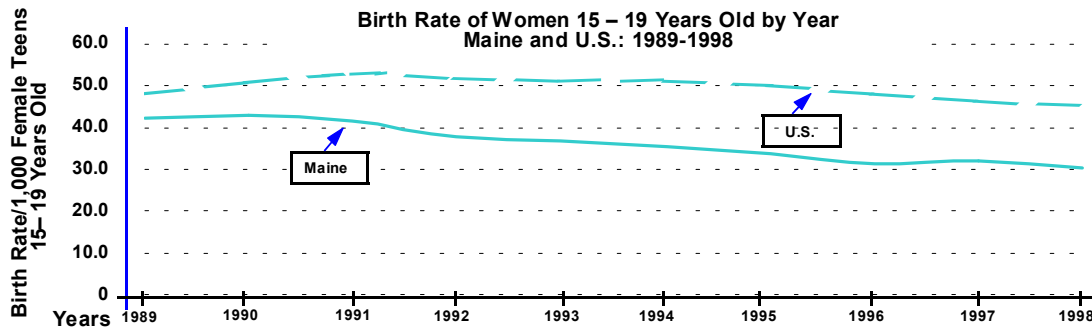


BIRTHS TO TEENS 15 – 19 YEARS OLD

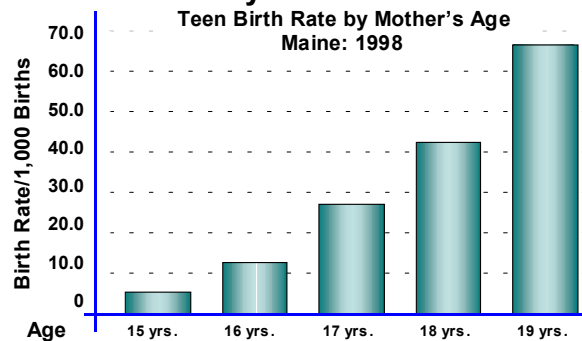
Maine Residents: 1998 (preliminary)

- ➔ In 1998, 1,325 babies were born to teenage mothers, 15 – 19 years old. This resulted in a teen birth rate of 30.4 births/1,000 female population 15 – 19 years old, a rate significantly lower than the U.S. rate of 45.4.
- ➔ Over the previous 10 year period, 1989 – 1998, Maine's teen birth rate dropped by more than 25%. The teen pregnancy rate, which includes the number abortions and fetal deaths as well as births, dropped 32% (this included a 40% drop in the abortion rate) from 64 events/1,000 to 43 events. Nationally, the teen birth rate dropped by 5%. These decreases in rates were all statistically significant.



- ➔ Births to teens accounted for 9½% of Maine births, a proportion significantly lower than what was experienced nationally – 11%.

- ➔ The teen birth rate varied considerably by mother's age, from a low of 5 births/1,000 population for mothers 15 years old, to 66 births for mothers 19 years old. (There were 13 Maine mothers younger than 15 in 1998 who have been excluded from this analysis.)



- ➔ Teen birth rates also varied by county, from 20.2 births/1,000 population in Franklin county, to 45.5 births/1,000 in Oxford county.

Teen Birth Rates by County: Maine, 1998							
County	Rate/1,000	County	Rate/1,000	County	Rate/1,000	County	Rate/1,000
Franklin	20.2*	Piscataquis	28.2	Hancock	32.9	Somerset	37.2
Cumberland	23.7*	York	29.8	Washington	34.0	Waldo	39.3
Penobscot	26.7	Aroostook	30.0	Lincoln	34.6	Androscoggin	40.6**
Kennebec	27.8	Knox	31.2	Sagadahoc	35.0	Oxford	45.5**

* These teen birth rates are significantly lower than the 1998 Maine teen birth rate – 30.4/1,000.
 ** These teen birth rates are significantly higher than the 1998 Maine teen birth rate – 30.4/1,000.

Note: Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone. National data are for whites only. Rates are per 1,000 females ages 15 – 19 years old.

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