

Adolescent and Teen Pregnancies in Kansas 2015

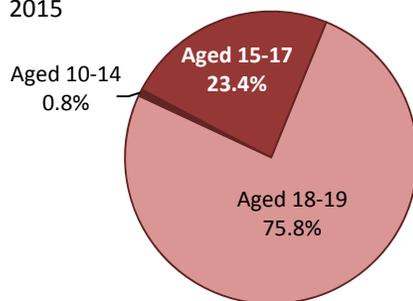
Maintaining and improving family health is an essential component of the public health mission of KDHE. Healthy pregnancies and positive birth outcomes reduce maternal and infant mortality and results in children capable of learning and growing into productive adults.

Adolescent and teenage pregnancy accounts for more than \$9 billion per year in costs to U.S. taxpayers [1]. The nation's Healthy People 2020 objective is to reduce pregnancies among adolescent females aged 15-17 to 36.2 and females aged 18-19 to 105.9 per 1,000 female age specific populations, respectively [2].

Pregnancy rates among Kansas resident females aged 10-19 dropped from 16.0 to 14.8 per 1,000 age-group population from 2014 to 2015. Kansas pregnancy rates among females in age groups 15-17 and 18-19 years of age (11.5 per 1,000 and 55.9 per 1,000, respectively) compare favorably with the Healthy People 2020 national targets.

Kansas Highlights

Figure 1. Percentage of Pregnancies by Selected Female Age Groups Kansas 2015



Three out of four pregnant adolescents and teens were 18-19 years of age, while 0.8 percent were aged 10-14 years and 23.4 percent were 15-17 years of age (Figure 1).

The pregnancy rate for females aged 10-17 dropped 15.1 percent to 4.5 per 1,000 age specific female population in 2015 from 5.3 in 2014.

The 2015 rate for females aged 15-19, 29.3 per 1,000, dropped 11.7 percent from the 2014 rate of 33.2 per 1,000 age specific population.

Pregnancies include: Live births, stillbirths and abortions.

Trends

Pregnancy rates among Kansas resident females aged 10-19 years declined by 43.3 percent per 1,000 age specific population from 2004 through 2015 (Table 1) [4].

Population-based pregnancy rates have declined for all age groups from 2014 to 2015.

The pregnancy rate decreased 50 percent among teens 10-14, 15.4 percent among teens 15-17 and 4.6 percent among teens 18-19 years of age from 2014 to 2015.

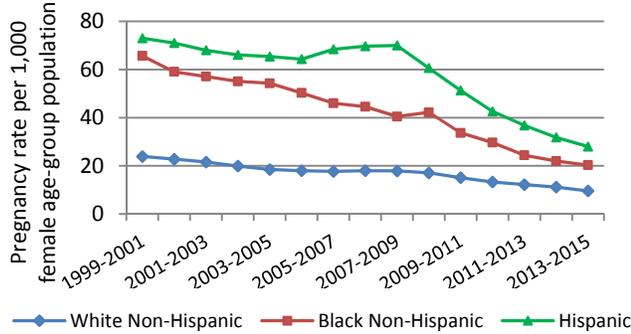
Table 1. Pregnancy Rates for Selected Female Age-groups per 1,000 Age Specific Population, by Year, Kansas, 2004-2015

Year	10-19	10-14	15-17	18-19	10-17	15-19
2004	26.1	0.8	25.8	86.8	10.3	50.3
2005	26.7	0.8	25.7	85.1	10.4	50.8
2006	27.1	0.9	25.5	87.1	10.4	52.2
2007	27.8	0.8	26.8	93.1	10.9	53.2
2008	28.6	0.7	27.1	93.1	10.9	55.0
2009	26.8	0.6	25.2	95.7	10.0	51.6
2010	23.1	0.6	22.4	88.5	8.8	45.1
2011	20.9	0.7	18.4	77.6	7.3	40.8
2012	19.7	0.4	17.0	72.2	6.6	39.0
2013	17.1	0.4	14.6	62.4	5.7	34.0
2014	16.0	0.4	13.6	58.6	5.3	33.2
2015	14.8	0.2	11.5	55.9	4.5	29.3

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Figure 2. Three Year Rolling Average Frequency Rates among Females Aged 15-17 Years by Selected Population Groups, Kansas, 1999-2015



Three year rolling averages of pregnancy rates among younger teens from selected population groups have declined in the long-term from 1999-2001 through 2013-2015 (Figure 2).

Hispanic teens had the highest pregnancy rates since 1999-2001 on average followed by Black non-Hispanics and White non-Hispanics.

Black non-Hispanics have had the strongest decline on average since 1999-2001 through 2012-2015.

State and National Comparisons

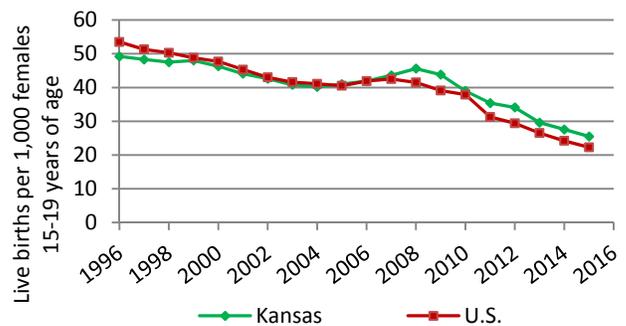
In 2015, the birth rate for Kansas females aged 15-19 dropped by 7.6 percent from 2014 (Figure 3).

During the 20-year period from 1996 to 2015, birth rates of Kansas females 15-19 years of age decreased by 48.2 percent.

For 11 years (1994 - 2004) the Kansas rate was lower than the U.S. rate for births to teens aged 15-19.

Since 2005, the U.S. rate has dropped faster than the Kansas rate. The Kansas rate in 2015 is higher than the U.S. rate by a difference of 3.2 percentage points [3].

Figure 3. Birth Rates for Mothers 15-19 Years of Age, Kansas and the U.S., 1996-2015



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