



EVERY DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA 55 TEENAGE GIRLS BECOME PREGNANT

A total of 20,019 girls ages 10-19 became pregnant in 2007. (1)

Over 29% of the pregnancies to girls ages 15-19 were repeat pregnancies. (1)

In 2007 there were 3,166 pregnancies to North Carolina Latinas aged 15-19. The Latina teen pregnancy rate was 167.4, compared to 63.0 for the age group as a whole. (1)

North Carolina has the ninth highest teen pregnancy rate in the U.S. (2)

The number of 10-14-year-old girls who became pregnant in the year 2007 could fill eight school buses. (3)

Teen pregnancy cost North Carolina \$312,000,000 in 2004. (4)

Sixty-nine percent of North Carolina high school seniors reported having sexual intercourse at least once. (5)

Nationally:

Although 15–24-year-olds represent only one-quarter of the sexually active population, they account for nearly half of all new STIs each year. (6)

In the United States, the teen pregnancy rate is more than nine times higher than that in the Netherlands, nearly four times higher than the rate in France, and nearly five times higher than that in Germany. (7)

Teens who have dropped out of school are more likely to become pregnant and have a child than their peers who stay in school. (8)

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