

Fact Sheet

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Core Performance Measure 8 (formerly 6)

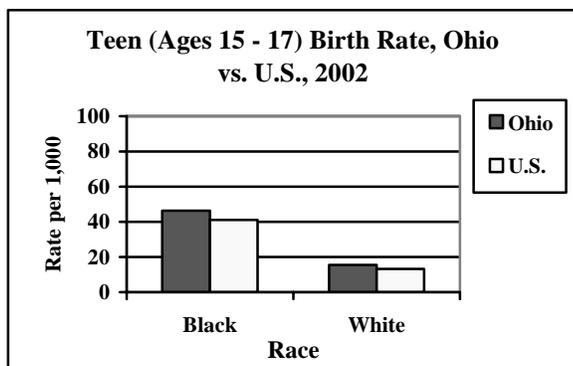
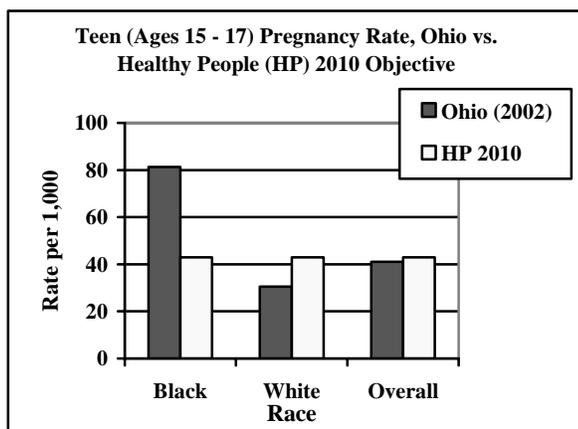
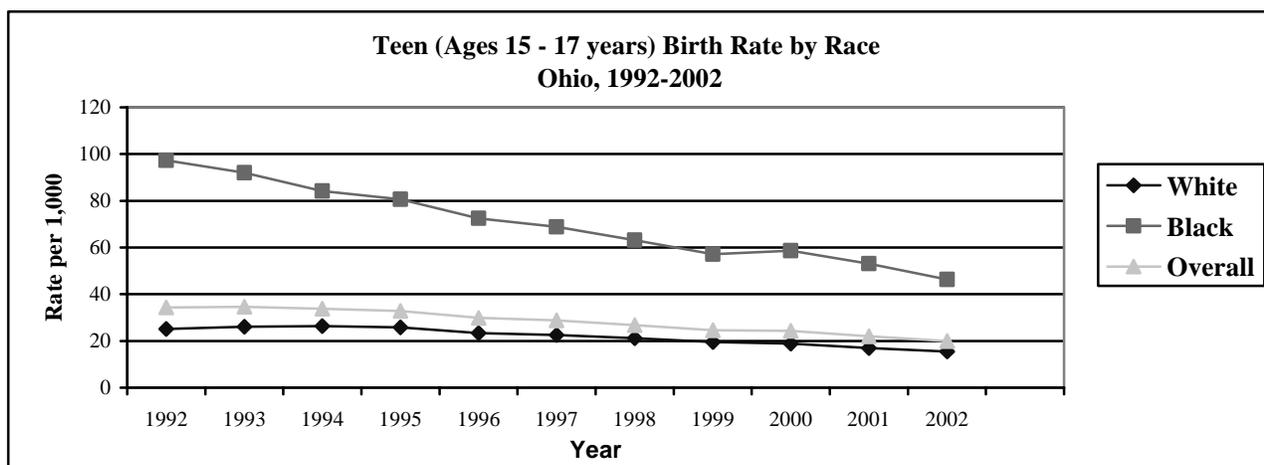
The birth rate (per 1,000) for teenagers aged 15 through 17

Teen Birth Rate by Race: Age 15–17

Ohio, 1992 – 2002

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Overall	34.4	34.6	33.8	32.9	29.9	28.8	26.8	24.6	24.3	22.0	19.9
White	25.1	26.1	26.3	25.8	23.4	22.6	21.2	19.6	18.9	17.0	15.5
Black	97.3	92.0	84.1	80.6	72.5	68.8	63.1	57.1	58.7	53.1	46.3
Other	15.3	14.9	12.9	12.6	15.3	14.5	14.4	12.2	13.7	9.6	11.8
Measure Target						28.5	28.2	27.8	26.9	23.5	21.5

Data Source: ODH Data Warehouse



Key Data Summary

- In 2002, the teen (ages 15-17 years) birth rate in Ohio was 19.9 per 1,000.
- The birth rate in Ohio was three times higher for black teens (46.3 per 1,000) than for white teens (15.5 per 1,000) in 2002.
- Due to the small population size of Asians, Pacific Islanders and Native Americans in Ohio, these racial groups have been combined into the Other category, which had a teen birth rate of 11.8 per 1,000 in 2002.

Ohio Demography: 2002 Data

- Of 240,139 females ages 15-17 in Ohio in 2002, 4,779 had a live birth.

Healthy People (HP) 2010 Objective

- Reduce pregnancies among females aged 15-17 years to no more than 43 per 1,000. Overall, Ohio teens are below the HP Objective in 2002, at 41.1 pregnancies per 1,000. White teens are well below the HP objective, with a pregnancy rate of 30.5 per 1,000. Black teens are far above the HP objective, with a pregnancy rate of 81.3 per 1,000.

U.S./Ohio Comparison: 2002 Data

- U.S. teen birth rate = 23.2 per 1,000.
- Ohio teen birth rate = 19.9 per 1,000.
- Ohio's teen birth rate ranks 26th among the 50 states.

Literature Review

- Teen birth rates have shown a significant decline in every state since 1991. In the U.S., the birth rate among teens ages 15-17 has decreased from 38.6 per 1,000 in 1991 to 23.2 per 1,000 in 2002.
- Racial disparities in the adolescent birth rate have been evident in the U.S. as well as in Ohio. In 2002 in the U.S., the birth rate in black teens was 41 per 1,000 and the birth rate in white teens was 13.1 per 1,000. Black U.S. teens had a birth rate over three times higher than white teens in 2002.