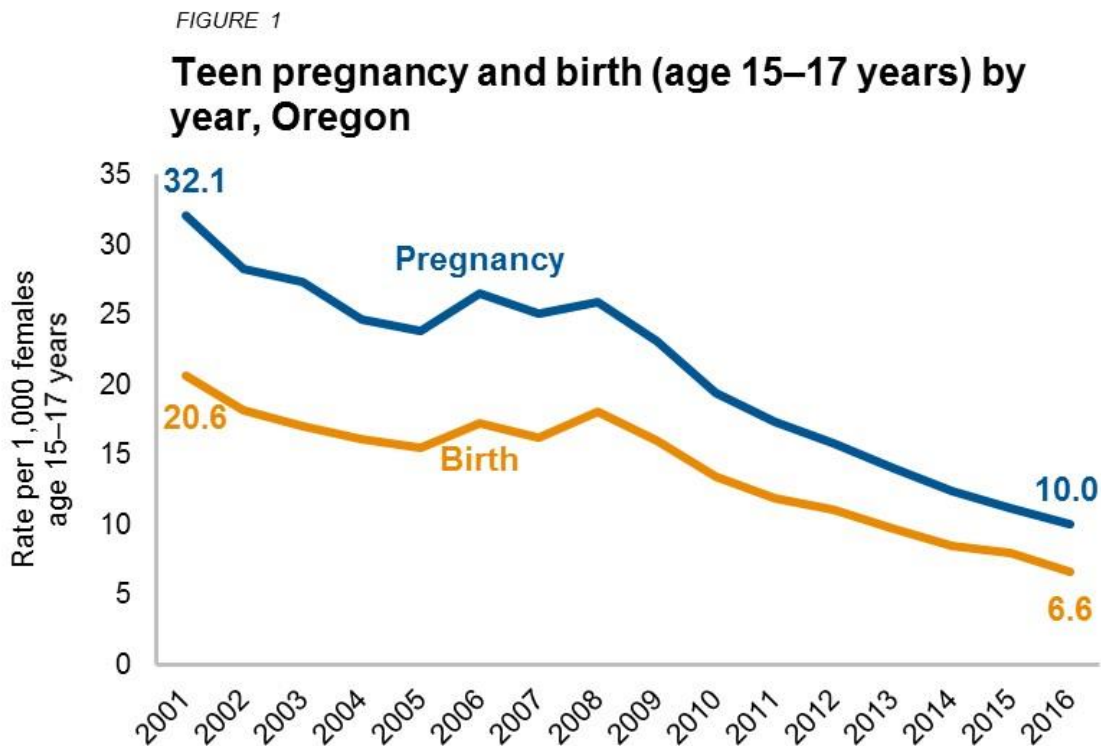


## Prevention and Health Promotion

# Teen pregnancy and birth

Teen pregnancies and births have been linked to poverty, income disparities, increased risk for dropping out of high school, and reduced access to prenatal care.

In Oregon, the teen pregnancy rate among females 15 to 17 years continues to decline, from 32.1 per 1,000 in 2001 to 10.0 per 1,000 in 2016 (Figure 1). Similarly, the teen birth rate among females 15 to 17 years declined from 20.6 per 1,000 in 2001 to 6.6 per 1,000 in 2016.

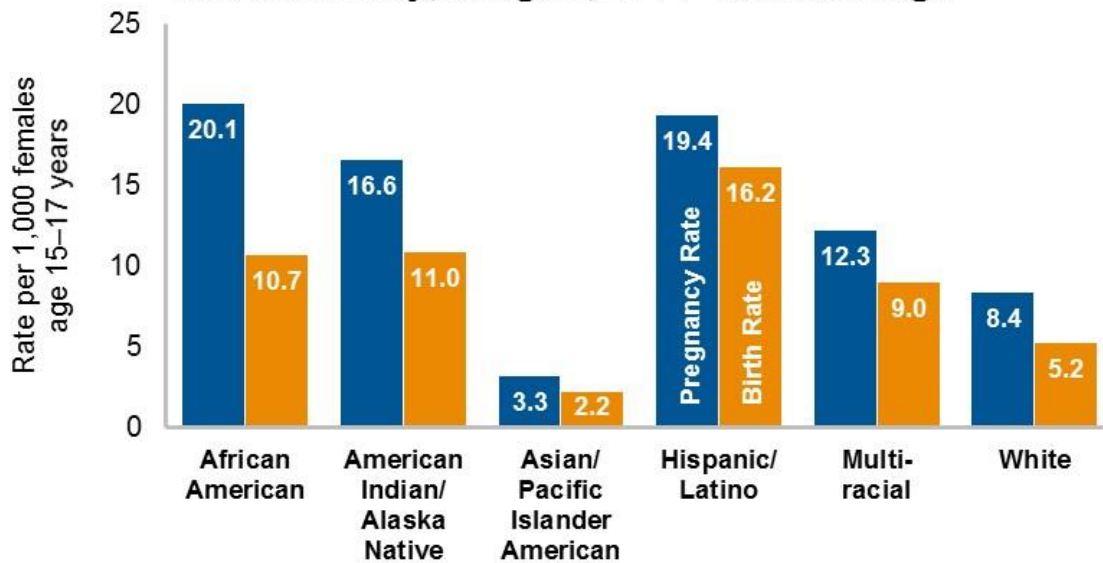


Source: Oregon Birth Certificate Data; Induced Termination of Pregnancy Database

Racial and ethnic disparities in teen pregnancy and birth remain despite rates continuing to decline across all groups (Figure 2). Hispanic/Latino and African American females experience the highest pregnancy rates followed by American Indian/Alaska Native females. Hispanic/Latino females experienced the highest birth rate. Asian/Pacific Islander females had the lowest pregnancy and birth rates.

FIGURE 2

### Teen pregnancy and birth (age 15–17 years) by race/ethnicity, Oregon, 2014–2016 average



Notes: All other groups exclude Hispanic ethnicity.

Source: Oregon Birth Certificate Data; Induced Termination of Pregnancy Database

**Additional Resources:** [Oregon Vital Statistics](#); [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#)

**About the Data:** Data sources for births and induced terminations are Oregon Birth Certificate Data and Induced Termination of Pregnancy Database, respectively. Population estimates used in calculating rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Pregnancy rates are calculated by combining the numbers of live births and induced terminations in females aged 15-17 years. Teen birth rates count live births only.

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