



California's Contribution to the Adolescent Birth Rate Decline in the United States

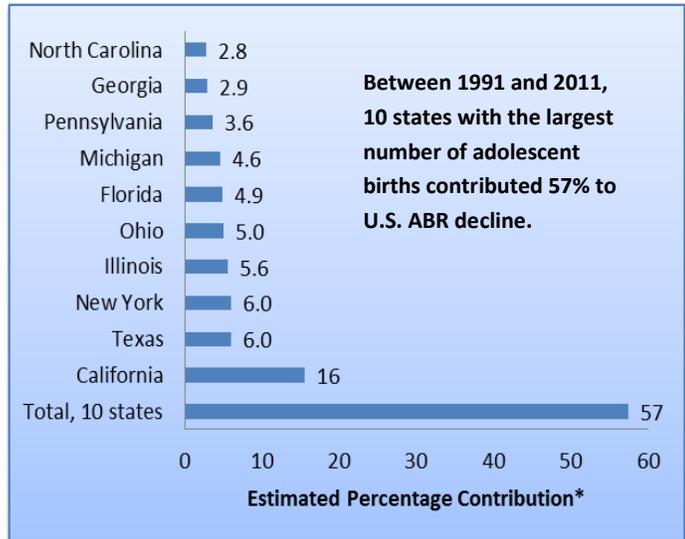
California contributed 16% to the decline in U.S. adolescent birth rate (ABR) between 1991 and 2011.

California's Success

- ◆ California's ABR fell from 73.8 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1991 to 28.7 in 2011, the highest decline — 61% — of any state in the nation.
- ◆ If California's 1991 ABR of 73.8 had remained constant from 1992 to 2011, there would have been an additional 645,272 births to females ages 15-19.
- ◆ While California's ABR decline was substantial and the impact of the decline was critical to the overall U.S. ABR decline, California cannot afford to be complacent in its continuing efforts to help young people achieve full reproductive health, including efforts to delay adolescent childbearing.

National Success

- ◆ Across the U.S., the ABR declined 49% from 61.8 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1991 to 31.3 in 2011.
- ◆ More than half (57%) of the U.S. decline is attributable to the 10 states with the largest number of births among adolescents ages 15-19 in 2011.



Ten states with largest number of adolescent births in 2011 and the percentage decline in ABR between 1991 and 2011

State	ABR, 1991	ABR, 2011	Percentage Decline
California	73.8	28.7	61%
Florida	67.9	29.5	57%
Illinois	64.5	29.5	54%
New York	45.5	21.2	53%
Michigan	58.9	27.8	53%
North Carolina	70.0	34.9	50%
Georgia	76.0	38.2	50%
Ohio	60.5	31.5	48%
Pennsylvania	46.7	24.9	47%
Texas	78.4	46.9	40%
U.S. overall	61.8	31.3	49%

Sources: Births by state and nationwide: 1991, 2011, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Vital Stats System, available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/vitalstats/VitalStats_Births.htm. Population by state and nationwide: 1991, 2011, U.S. Census Bureau, available at http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm#release.

Notes: Rates presented here are consistent with NCHS published rates using revised intercensal population estimates for 1991-1999. Rates for 2011 are consistent with NCHS, Births: Final Data 2011 (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_01.pdf). California rates presented here may differ from rates published in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) annual ABR Press Release. The difference is mainly due to the data source for the population of female adolescents. *Calculation based on methods of standardization and decomposition published by the Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/research/p23-186.pdf>).

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