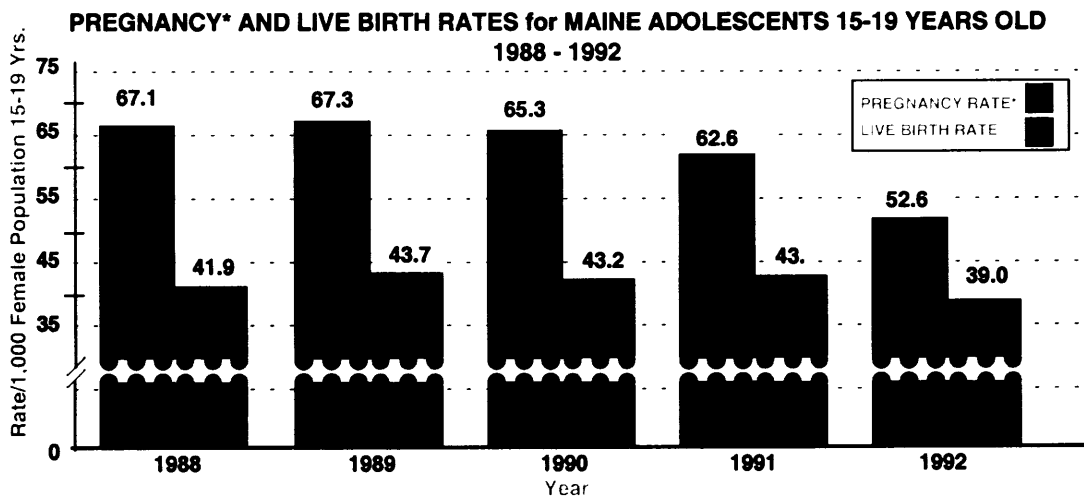


ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY IN MAINE

1988 - 1992 (Preliminary)

- The Department of Human Services estimates that from July 1990 through June 1991 over \$2.5 million was spent for adolescent pregnancy prevention and parenting programs.
- During pregnancy, adolescent mothers are 2.5 times more likely to participate in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) than adults.
- Out of 1,635 live births to Maine adolescents in 1992, approximately one third were born to those 17 years of age and under; three fourths of adolescent births occurred out of wedlock.



- Although 70% of Maine adolescent mothers receive prenatal care in the first three months of pregnancy, almost 3 times as many adolescents as adults start care late or never.
- In 1992, Maine adolescents had 10% of all live births, 20% of all induced abortions, 9% of all fetal deaths, and 12% of all pregnancies*.
- In each of the years 1988-1992, Androscoggin county adolescents consistently showed a pregnancy rate* that significantly exceeded the state average.

Note: Adolescents are individuals aged 10-19 years unless otherwise noted.

* Pregnancy rates are based on the number of live births, reported induced abortions, and reported fetal deaths. It is generally believed that both induced abortions and fetal deaths are under-reported. Spontaneous

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