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EVERY DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA: 51 TEENAGERS BECOME PREGNANT

A total of 18,727 girls ages 10-19 became pregnant in 2005. (1)

Nearly 29% of the pregnancies to girls 19 and under were repeat pregnancies. (1)

In 2005 there were 2,849 pregnancies to North Carolina Latinas aged 15-19. The Latina teen pregnancy rate was 175.7, compared to 61.7 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 2005 could fill over nine school buses. (3)

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

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

Nationally:

Recent estimates suggest that, while representing 25% of the ever sexually active population, 15- to 24-year-olds acquire nearly one-half of all new STDs. (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)

Only one-third of teen mothers receive a high school diploma. (8)

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