

# Teen Pregnancy: Did You Know?

## SURVEY SAYS

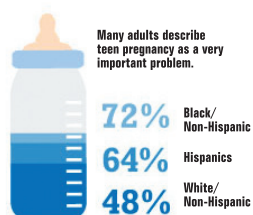
THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN AND UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

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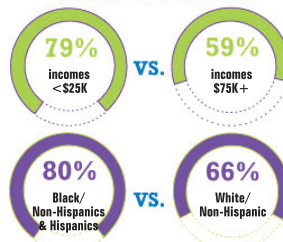
The nation's teen pregnancy rate has **DECLINED 42% over the past two decades**, and the **teen birth rate has been cut nearly in half**. Despite this impressive progress, **NEARLY 3 IN 10 GIRLS in the US get pregnant by age 20**.



**82%** of adults say teen pregnancy is an important problem in their community.

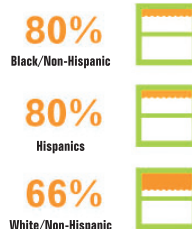


### WHO THINKS TEEN PREGNANCY IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROBLEM



**70%**

of adults believe more efforts to prevent teen pregnancy are needed in their community.



**73%** of adults in non-metro areas believe more efforts to prevent teen pregnancy are needed.



Data presented here was drawn from a national telephone survey conducted for The National Campaign by Social Science Research Solutions, an independent research company. Telephone interviews were conducted in March 2013 among a nationally representative sample of 1,014 respondents 18 and older. The margin of error is +/- 3.08% at the 95% confidence level.

North Carolina has made tremendous progress in helping young people stay healthy. The 53% decline in our state's teen pregnancy rate over the past 20 years is strong evidence of that. However, North Carolina still lags behind the rest of the nation.

### There's Hope

Rather than resting on past success, North Carolina has the opportunity to redouble efforts to push the teen pregnancy rate even lower. This can be accomplished – even in the face of economic uncertainty – by building on current policies, leveraging current investments, and incorporating science-based practices.

Continuing to reduce teen pregnancy rates will boost North Carolina's wellbeing and competitiveness by improving dropout rates, increasing families' self-sufficiency, and reducing preventable costs to taxpayers.

North Carolina is consistently ranked ninth in the nation for teen preg-

nancy rates and continue to hold steady, with 2007 state rates nearly the same as those over the previous three years.

Unplanned pregnancies during the teen years have long been associated with a host of critical social issues, including poverty and overall child well-being, out-of-wedlock births, workforce readiness, and responsible fatherhood.

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### What are we working toward?

For nearly three decades, we have worked toward the general goals of helping young people be safe, healthy, and responsible and stay that way for the rest of their lives. In 2012, we started working toward a more specific state goal: to reduce teen pregnancy 30% by 2020.

*Statistics from the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of NC (APPCNC).*



**Let's Say NO to Teen Pregnancy!**

## Test Your Knowledge – You May Be the Winner!

### Project EMPOWER presents the Statistics Game

1. The United States has the \_\_\_\_\_ highest teen pregnancy rate of all industrialized countries.

- 15th
- 1st
- 30th

2. Globally, \_\_\_\_\_ % of all new HIV infections are to young people ages 15-24.

- 42
- 22
- 9

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of all new HIV infections in the U.S. in 2009 were to young people ages 13-29. Only \_\_\_\_\_ % of sexually active high school students have ever been tested for HIV.

- One half, 78
- Only a few, 49
- One third, 23



4. In the United States, young people aged 15-24 account for almost \_\_\_\_\_ % of all new STI (sexually transmitted infection) cases.

- 25%
- 50%
- 75%

5. The United States teen pregnancy rate is \_\_\_\_\_, while North Carolina's teen birth rate is \_\_\_\_\_. (Birth rates are the number of births per 1000 girls)

- 41.9 and 49.4
- 22.5 and 33.9
- 64.7 and 77.3

6. NC has the \_\_\_\_\_ highest teen pregnancy rate in the country.

- 14th
- 2nd
- 35th

7. 51 teenage girls get pregnant \_\_\_\_\_ in NC.

- Every week
- Every weekend
- Every day

8. NC ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the nation for Syphilis cases and \_\_\_\_\_ for HIV cases.

- 8th, 7th
- 12th, 15th
- 33rd, 44th

9. \_\_\_\_\_ % of students in NC public high schools have had sex with more than one person.

- 25
- 36
- 48

10. Of those students in NC public schools who have had sex, \_\_\_\_\_ % did not use a condom the last time they did.

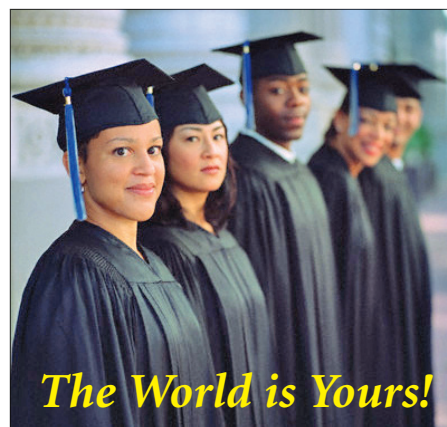
- 21%
- 39%
- 52%

### Rules & Regulations

The first person to call in the most correct answers will be given a gift card!

Open to Project Empower participants, past and present. Open to all adults. Project Empower planning and advisory committee members are not eligible to apply.

Contact Jasmine Shepard at (828) 225-8157 with your answers. Deadline to call in your answers is May 27, 2013.



**The World is Yours!**

### SPECIAL THANKS

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## Project EMPOWER

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Buncombe County's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

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## Prevent Teen Pregnancy!

Throughout the month of May, teens nationwide are asked to go to [www.StayTeen.org](http://www.StayTeen.org) to participate in the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Quiz, which challenges them to think carefully about what they might do "in the moment" though a series of interactive scenarios.

Have you  
thought about  
your future?



This year, for the first time, teens will be able to insert themselves and their friends directly into the quiz by creating personalized avatars (a graphical representation of the user).

*The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*

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#### BACKGROUND

Project EMPOWER is a program of Mt. Zion Community Development, Inc. (MZCD), a 501(c3) non-profit organization.

Project EMPOWER has been in existence since 2003 and serves 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students at Asheville Middle School, William Randolph School, and Asheville High School.

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