Repeat Teen Births

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Of all births to teens, more than 1 in 5 are repeat births.

Fig. 1: For mothers under age 20, 1996
394,925 first births
+ 107,793 second or > births
(2,795) birth order not stated

505,513 Total

Fig. 2: For females under age 20, 1996

Older teens are more likely to have repeat births.

Fig. 3: Data for 1995
Teen Birth Rates by Live-Birth Order

Among teen mothers, repeat births are frequent in all race/ethnicity groups.

Fig. 4: Births per 1000 females aged 15-19

Fig. 5: For mothers under age 20, 1996
23.3% of first births and 30.4% of second births are to married teens.

![Graph showing comparison between unmarried and married first and second births](image)

Fig. 6: For females aged 15-19, 1995

Teen mothers are less likely to have a repeat birth if they:

- were enrolled in a "gifted" class prior to the first birth;
- did not drop out either prior to or after the first birth;
- lived with their parents, or on their own with the child, after the birth of their first child; or
- received a high school diploma or GED.

Fig. 7: Manlove, J., et al. (1998). "Postponing second teen births...". Child Trends, Inc.