

**TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES**

**INDICATOR:** Fertility rate among girls

**DEFINITION:** The number of live births per 1,000 adolescent females by age at delivery (less than 15 years of age, 15 to 17 years of age, and 18 to 19 years of age)

**NUMERATOR:** The total number of live births among adolescent females, by age group (less than 15, 15 to 17, 18 to 19), by place of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** The total number of adolescent females by age group (less than 15, 15 to 17, 18 to 19), by place of residence, in a calendar year

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVE:**  
Reduce pregnancies among girls aged 17 and younger to no more than 50 per 1,000 adolescents. (Baseline: 71.1 pregnancies per 1,000 girls aged 15 through 17 in 1985) (Objective 5.1)

**RISK FACTORS:** Low income; low maternal education level; race/ethnicity (African American, Hispanic); lack of effective contraceptive use/family planning practices; lack of education/counseling regarding contraceptive use/family planning; previous teen pregnancy; initiation of sexual activity at a young age

**THE FOLLOWING THREE TABLES STRATIFY TEEN BIRTHS BY AGE GROUP**

**Births to adolescent females less than 15 years of age**

Year	California				LA County			
	Number	Rate	95% Confidence Interval		Number	Rate	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper
1990	1,390	1.4	1.4	1.5	516	1.8	1.7	2.0
1991	1,469	1.5	1.4	1.5	513	1.8	1.6	1.9
1992	1,595	1.5	1.5	1.6	554	1.9	1.7	2.0
1993	1,572	1.5	1.4	1.6	550	1.8	1.7	2.0
1994	1,687	1.6	1.5	1.6	544	1.8	1.6	1.9
1995	1,640	1.5	1.4	1.6	550	1.8	1.6	1.9
1996	1,485	1.3	1.3	1.4	477	1.5	1.4	1.7
1997	1,256	1.1	1.0	1.2	408	1.3	1.1	1.4
1998	1,066	0.9	0.9	1.0	337	1.0	0.9	1.1
1999	1,037	0.9	0.8	0.9	323	0.9	0.8	1.0
2000	895	0.7	0.7	0.8	274	0.8	0.7	0.8
2001	810	0.6	0.6	0.6	269	0.7	0.6	0.8

Females < 15 (i.e. 10 - 14)	
DENOMINATOR:	
State	County
965,280	285,643
1,006,755	292,429
1,035,273	296,781
1,063,935	301,160
1,085,865	306,055
1,099,978	308,833
1,114,798	313,049
1,145,701	322,971
1,172,868	332,159
1,209,875	344,707
1,260,411	362,280
1,332,883	389,679

**Note:** This indicator addresses live births as opposed to pregnancies.

Prior to 2000, "Fertility Rate among teen girls" was labeled as "Teen Birth Rate"

**Sources:** California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics, 1990-2001

Denominator data: California Department of Finance, "Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 1970-2040," Sacramento, California, December 1998