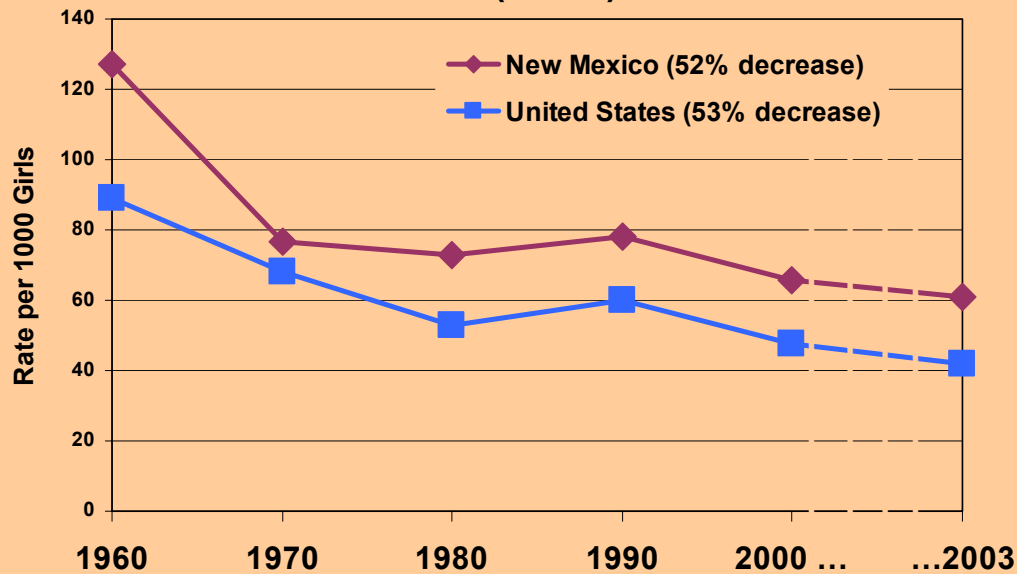


## 43 Years of Teen (15-19) Birth Rates



### BIRTH RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, New Mexico and the United States

	NM Population Girls 15-19	NM Births to 15-19 year olds	NM Birth Rate per 1000 Girls	US Birth Rate per 1000 Girls
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,257	20	16.2	18.3
American Indian / Alaska Native	10,168	607	59.7	53.8
Black / African-American	1,989	90	45.4	66.6
White Non-Hispanic	26,064	857	32.9	28.5
White Hispanic	33,994	2,941	86.5	83.4

*NM Births and Birth Rates are Yearly Averages for Period 2001-2003; Population is from 2002 (UNM-BBER); Birth numbers from NMDOH, BVRHS.*

*US Birth Rates are for 2002; source: [http://www.teenpregnancy.org/resources/reading/fact\\_sheets/default.asp](http://www.teenpregnancy.org/resources/reading/fact_sheets/default.asp)*

**Teen births in New Mexico declined by 11% between 1998-2003**

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# Challenge 2005

**Reducing Teen Pregnancy in New Mexico**

**14 counties reduced teen births by 20% (1998-2003)**

**7 counties reduced teen births by at least 10% (1998-2003)**

Challenge 2005 asked counties to reduce their teen birth rate 20%, by 2005. These are the final results with five years of data, from 1998-2003.

County programs cannot do it alone. Promising approaches to preventing teen pregnancy include:

- Strong connection between parents and teens
- Comprehensive sexuality education
- Male involvement
- Service learning - programs combining classroom and community service

Now is not the time to lose interest in further reducing teen pregnancy. Policymakers, community leaders, parents, and youth need to continue to work together to provide our youth the opportunity to reach their full potential.

# TEEN BIRTHS IN NEW MEXICO - Numbers, Rates and Trends 1998 to 2003

County	(Baseline) 1998			1999		2000		2001		2002		(Finish Line) 2003			Rank by 2003 Rate	% Change in Rate (1998-2003)
	Population Girls 15-19	Births	Birth Rate	Births	Birth Rate	Births	Birth Rate	Births	Birth Rate	Births	Birth Rate	Population Girls 15-19	Births	Birth Rate		
United States			50		49		48		45		43			42		-16%
New Mexico	70,837	4,858	68.6	4,739	66.6	4,650	65.0	4,524	62.1	4,503	61.3	74,039	4,522	61.1		-11%
Bernalillo	20,147	1,263	62.7	1,234	61.2	1,183	58.0	1,159	57.4	1,187	58.7	20,261	1,180	58.2	16	-7%
Catron	91	3	33.0	5	54.3	1	10.6	3	28.6	4	31.6	150	3	20.0	32	-39%
Chaves	2,683	247	92.1	194	72.7	230	87.3	194	73.0	220	85.0	2,524	171	67.8	9	-26%
Cibola	1,040	95	91.3	97	93.0	82	78.4	84	80.8	51	48.5	1,059	81	76.5	6	-16%
Colfax	442	33	74.7	30	68.8	36	81.6	34	71.8	23	48.9	463	26	56.1	18	-25%
Curry	1,909	167	87.5	177	96.0	159	85.9	158	88.0	149	82.5	1,817	148	81.5	4	-7%
De Baca	79	3	38.0	1	12.3	4	50.3	1	11.9	6	73.1	80	4	49.8	22	31%
Dona Ana	8,238	558	67.7	547	66.2	565	69.4	584	75.0	584	76.1	7,568	605	79.9	5	18%
Eddy	2,096	224	106.9	177	85.3	172	83.8	176	82.8	151	73.5	1,976	145	73.4	7	-31%
Grant	1,239	97	78.3	79	65.6	76	65.2	76	62.0	65	53.6	1,193	72	60.4	14	-23%
Guadalupe	157	15	95.5	7	44.6	16	101.0	13	76.0	14	87.6	148	10	67.5	11	-29%
Harding	30	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	1	33.7	30	1	33.9	30	N/A
Hidalgo	265	17	64.2	15	56.0	10	41.5	9	36.2	13	52.5	246	15	61.1	13	-5%
Lea	2,530	256	101.2	233	95.0	185	76.8	222	89.4	187	74.8	2,526	223	88.3	1	-13%
Lincoln	573	27	47.1	25	42.7	49	81.6	35	52.2	30	44.2	698	28	40.1	27	-15%
Los Alamos	570	12	21.1	3	5.3	11	19.7	5	7.7	11	16.1	724	5	6.9	33	-67%
Luna	957	104	108.7	100	103.7	89	93.3	85	81.1	89	83.8	1,079	88	81.5	3	-25%
McKinley	3,385	220	65.0	237	69.4	184	52.6	206	56.4	240	63.7	3,878	216	55.7	19	-14%
Mora	224	6	26.8	9	39.0	9	37.9	8	32.3	10	43.6	210	10	47.7	24	78%
Otero	2,365	137	57.9	132	54.9	148	60.2	128	50.7	144	55.5	2,668	139	52.1	21	-10%
Quay	395	28	70.9	36	92.5	32	84.4	35	90.3	25	64.0	394	13	33.0	31	-53%
Rio Arriba	1,550	143	92.3	135	87.2	138	89.8	125	79.3	121	73.5	1,710	148	86.5	2	-6%
Roosevelt	1,020	58	56.9	54	54.8	77	80.5	59	66.4	51	60.3	843	57	67.6	10	19%
San Juan	4,902	331	67.5	327	63.5	350	66.3	343	63.4	338	61.5	5,463	311	56.9	17	-16%
San Miguel	1,421	88	61.9	74	52.4	99	69.9	69	48.8	74	54.2	1,305	52	39.8	28	-36%
Sandoval	3,117	134	43.0	160	49.9	173	52.0	174	47.7	166	43.1	4,046	163	40.3	26	-6%
Santa Fe	4,123	228	55.3	247	59.8	209	50.3	197	44.4	225	48.5	4,863	238	48.9	23	-12%
Sierra	346	27	78.0	19	54.1	19	53.9	18	47.8	11	29.8	357	22	61.7	12	-21%
Socorro	733	53	72.3	55	72.8	49	64.8	39	50.1	49	60.4	839	45	53.6	20	-26%
Taos	1,002	54	53.9	64	63.6	65	65.0	59	53.5	51	45.7	1,129	66	58.5	15	9%
Torrance	601	48	79.9	47	76.5	36	56.9	36	51.0	30	41.7	735	30	40.8	25	-49%
Union	168	8	47.6	12	71.4	10	55.1	9	42.8	9	42.9	212	8	37.8	29	-21%
Valencia	2,439	174	71.3	207	83.7	184	72.9	181	67.2	174	62.7	2,846	199	69.9	8	-2%

Birth rate = # births to girls 15-19 divided by total number girls 15-19 in same county times 1000. Rates based on few events may be statistically unreliable and should be interpreted with caution.

A negative number in the % change in rate means that the birth rate has gone down.

e.g.:

Achieved -10% Reduction:



Achieved -20% Reduction:



Rankings have not been tested for statistical significance.

Sources: NMDOH-BVRHS; UNM-BBER.

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