

Teen Parent Fact Sheet

NW Hennepin County ~ April 2007

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How many Teen Parents are there in NW Hennepin County?

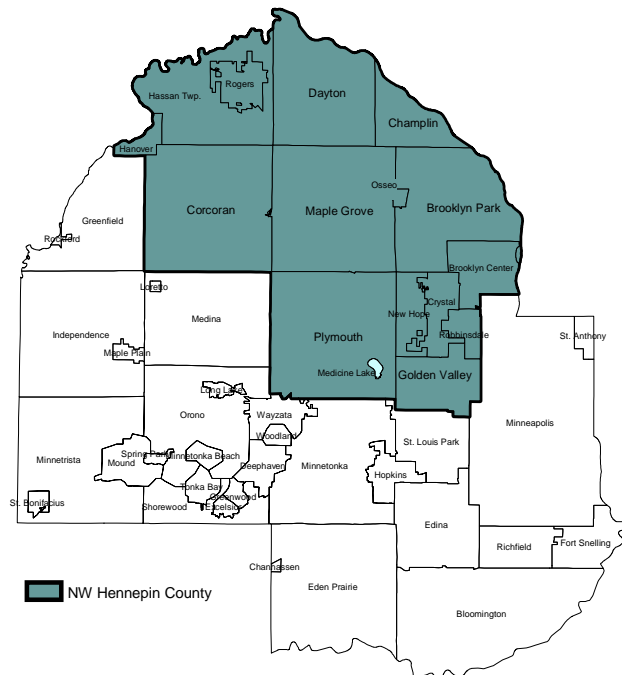
It is estimated that there were at least **525** Teen Mothers with **630** children in Northwest Hennepin County in 2005.

Note: This estimate is based only on teen mothers who were residents of NW Hennepin County when the baby was born. Data are not available on teen mothers moving into or out of the area. Previous published estimates contained errors resulting in an undercount of both teen mothers and their children.

NW Hennepin County includes:

Brooklyn Center
 Brooklyn Park
 Champlin
 Corcoran
 Crystal
 Dayton
 Golden Valley
 Hanover
 Hassan
 Maple Grove
 New Hope
 Osseo
 Plymouth

Northwest Hennepin County



The number of births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County has increased sharply; from an average of 270 births in 1995-2003, to over 310 births in both 2004 and 2005.

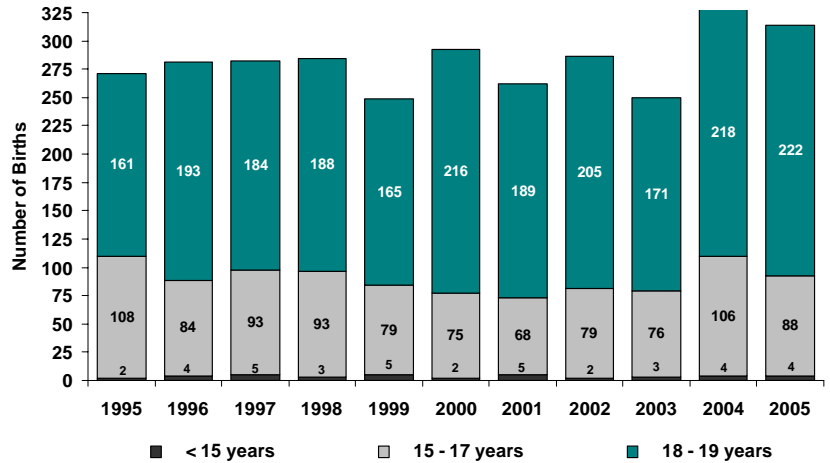
Births to Mothers Under Age 20 in NW Hennepin County



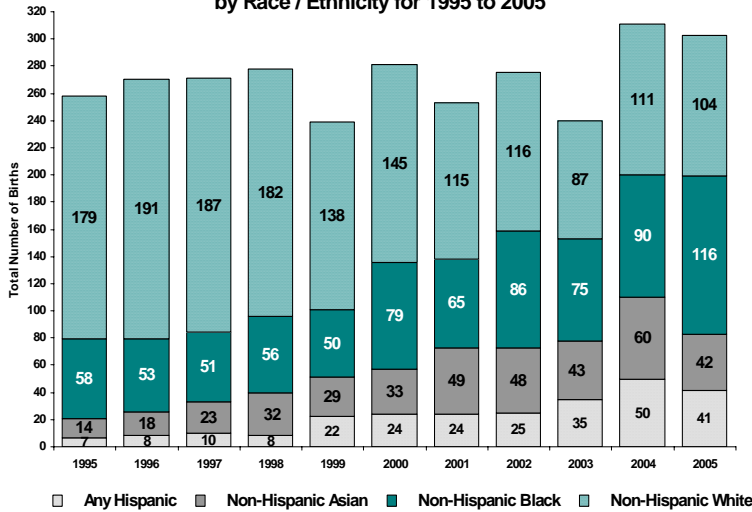
The Age Distribution of Teen Mothers in NW Hennepin County is not changing.

About one third of the births to teen mothers are to young women aged 15 to 17 years old; two-thirds are to mothers aged 18 to 19 years old.

Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County by Age Group of Mother, 1995 to 2005



Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County by Race / Ethnicity for 1995 to 2005



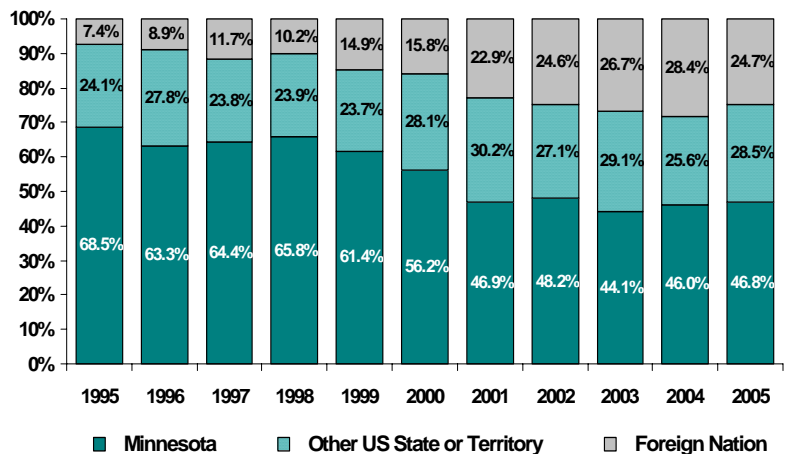
Race / Ethnicity

Black, Asian and Latina teen mothers are overrepresented when compared to their population size in NW Hennepin County.

NW Hennepin County has become home to many New Americans.

Since 2001, the percentage of births to Teenage Mothers who were (themselves) born outside of the US has averaged 25.4%.

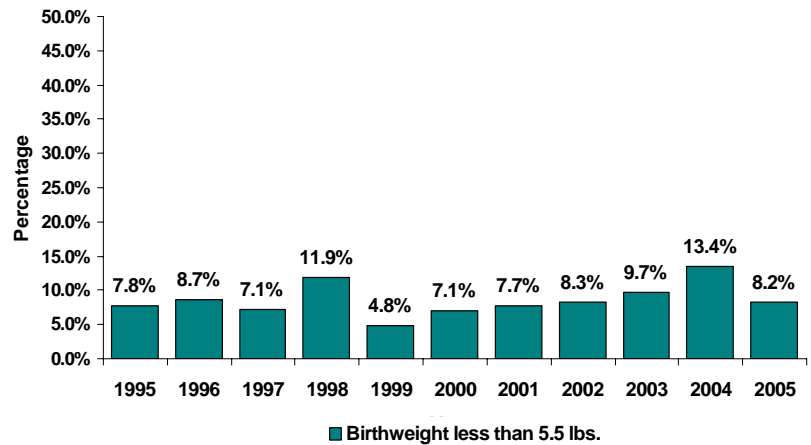
Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County Mother's Own Birthplace, 1995 to 2005



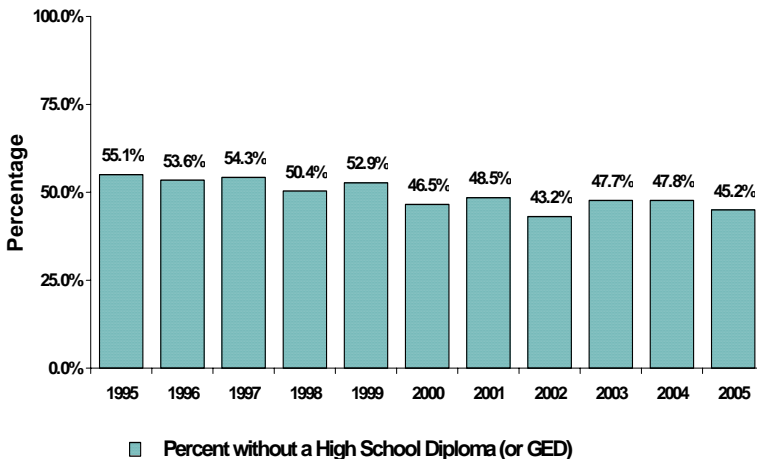
Low Birthweight Births

Teen moms are more likely than older mothers to have babies born at low birthweights (under 5.5 pounds). The percent of low birthweight babies born to Teen Moms in NW Hennepin County has averaged between 8% and 9%. Low birthweight babies face increased health risks.

Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County
Percent of Low Birthweight Births, 1995 to 2005



Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County
Mother's Level of Education at time of Birth, 1995 to 2005



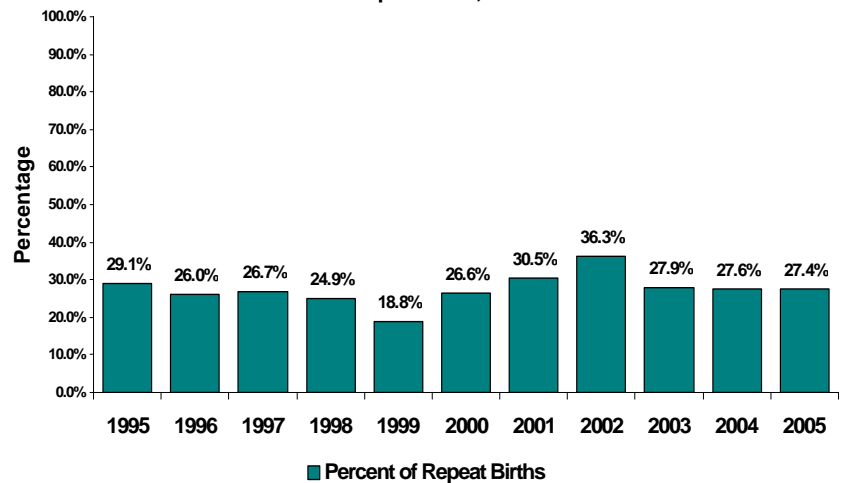
Education

Although the percentage of Teen Mothers without diplomas has declined between 1995 and 2000, approximately 45% do not have a HS diploma (or GED) when their baby is born. Education is the key to a successful start for families headed by Teens.

The percent of Repeat Births to Teen Mothers in NW Hennepin County is not changing.

In 2005, 27.4 % of the births to Teenagers in NW Hennepin County were to mothers who had previously given birth.

Births to Teenage Mothers in NW Hennepin County
Percent of Repeat Births, 1995 to 2005



Place of Residence

The highest teen birth rates in Northwest Hennepin County are in the cities of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park. The next highest rates are in the first ring cities of Crystal, Osseo, Robbinsdale and New Hope.

City	Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Age 15 - 19
Brooklyn Center	60.4
Brooklyn Park	44.0
Crystal	36.1
Osseo	32.3
Robbinsdale	29.4
New Hope	26.1
Hanover	25.0
Dayton	17.7
Rogers	14.7
Champlin	13.9
Golden Valley	11.9
Maple Grove	10.8
Plymouth	10.0
Corcoran	6.0
Hassan Twp.	2.5
Average birth rate:	
NW Hennepin	25.3
Hennepin County	32.7

Note: Birth rates are based on data from 2000 to 2004; the population base used is from the US Census 2000.

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Teen Parent Services in NW Hennepin County

School Enrollment

We estimate that 150 or 50 percent of the teen moms were in traditional or alternative school programs in 2005. In one program, the **Osseo Alternative Learning Center** program, the majority (72%) of the teen moms who enrolled their children in ALC daycare have graduated with diplomas or GEDs since 2001.

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

188 pregnant or parenting teens living in Northwest Hennepin County were receiving **MFIP** in December 2005. These teens made up 27 percent of the 698 pregnant or parenting teens throughout all of Hennepin County who were receiving MFIP benefits that month.

Case Management Services

In 2005, the **Hennepin County Adolescent Parent Services** program provided services to 118 teen parents in the Northwest Hennepin area. This is a 76 percent increase over 2004. Seventeen percent of all Hennepin County Adolescent Parent Services program participants are from the Northwest Hennepin area.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

In 2006, the **WIC** program served 496 pregnant and parenting teens from suburban Hennepin County. WIC data for NW suburban cities cannot currently be separated from other suburban Hennepin County WIC data. In addition to nutrition services, the WIC program refers teens for home visiting services by a public health nurse.

Doula Programs

Everyday Miracles, a program providing doulas to low income women and pregnant teens in NW Hennepin County and Anoka-Hennepin School district, served 254 teens in 2006. Doulas supported these young women and teens by ensuring continuing prenatal care, preparing them for delivery, teaching parenting skills, and mentoring these new families.

Nurse Home Visiting

Minnesota Visiting Nurse Association (MVNA) served 153 pregnant and parenting teens in 2006 in suburban Hennepin County. There were no repeat pregnancies during the time the teen was receiving MVNA services. 84% of teens that were closed from MVNA services were attending or had graduated from high school.

Early Childhood

190 Northwest Hennepin County teen mothers received **childcare assistance** in 2006. More than 83% of this childcare was received in licensed childcare settings.

Mentoring

Genesis II for Families Bright Beginnings, a program providing mentoring to pregnant and parenting teens, served 76 moms in 2006. This post-partum program focuses on keeping teens on track to complete health services such as well-baby/immunizations visits, post-partum exams; encouraging teens to return and complete school; and connecting teen moms to community services and resources.

HUG.

The **HUG** (Helping Us Grow) program provides home visiting services that focus on promoting early childhood learning. In 2006 the program served 61 teens in the Northwest Hennepin area.

Fathers of Babies Born to Teens

NWTPC has identified 11 programs providing services to NW Hennepin County fathers. These programs emphasize completing education, and building parenting skills and participation.