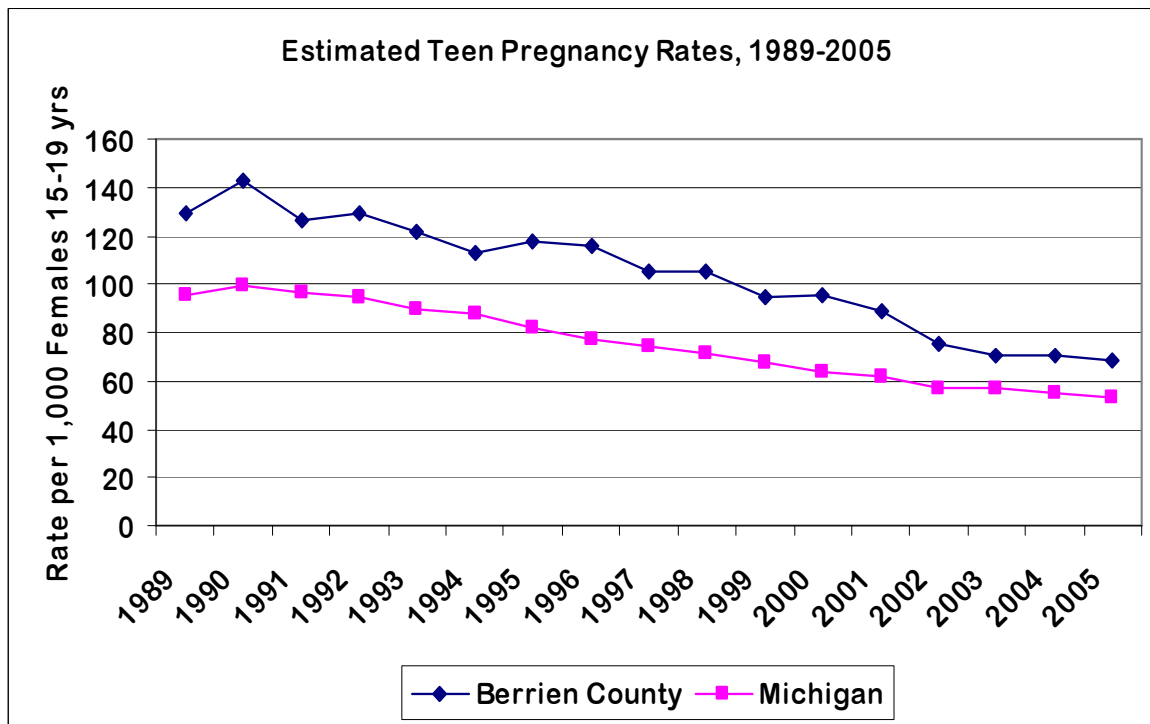


Teenage Pregnancy



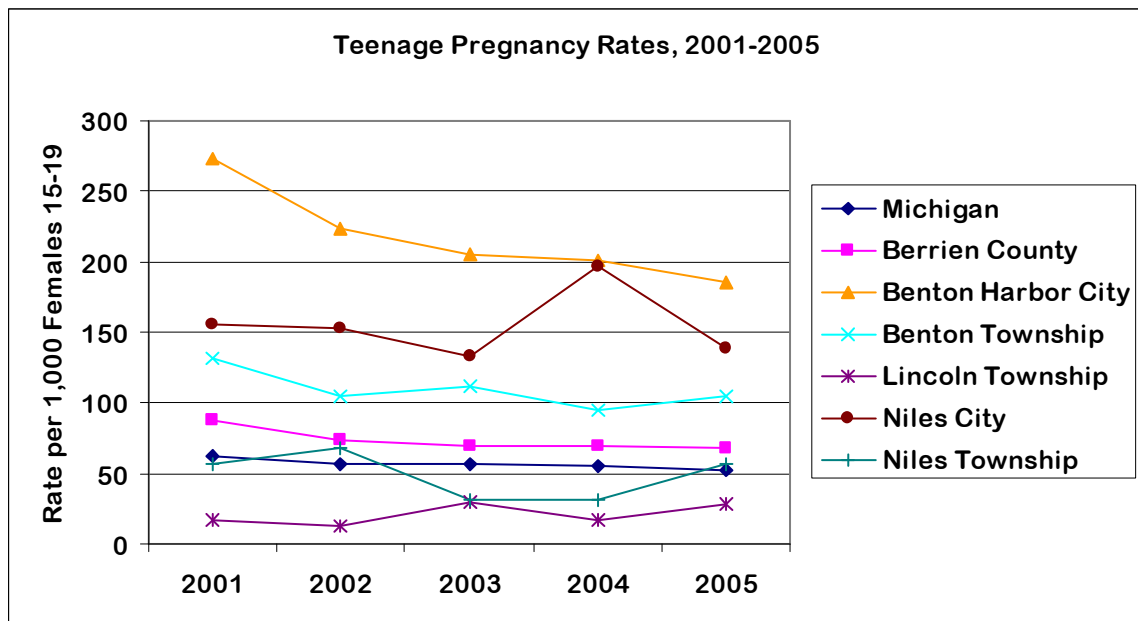
Although teenage females in Berrien County continue to have a higher estimated teenage pregnancy rate (68.4 per 1,000 in 2005) than teenage females in Michigan (52.2 per 1,000 in 2005), there has been a definite decline in the rate since 1989. Benton Harbor City (185.9 per 1,000 females 15-19 years) had the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Berrien County in 2005.



Source: Michigan Resident Birth Files, MDCH

*Pregnancies are the sum of Live Births, Abortions and Estimated Miscarriages. Miscarriages are estimates adapted from a model developed by C. Tietz and J. Bongaarts of the Population Council (20% of the live births and 10% of the abortions). Abortions for females 10-19 are used in place of 15-19.

Teenage Pregnancy



Source: Michigan Resident Birth Files, MDCH

Teenage Pregnancy Rates per 1,000 Females Ages 15-19

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Michigan	61.7	56.4	56.4	54.6	52.2
Berrien County	88.3	73.9	70.0	69.7	68.4
Benton Harbor City	272.6	223.8	205.8	200.4	185.9
Benton Township	131.3	104.3	111.5	95.3	104.3
Lincoln Township	17.4	13.0	30.4	17.4	28.2
Niles City	155.3	152.6	133.5	196.2	139.0
Niles Township	56.3	67.6	31.5	31.5	56.3

Source: Vital Records and Health Data Development Section, MDCH

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