

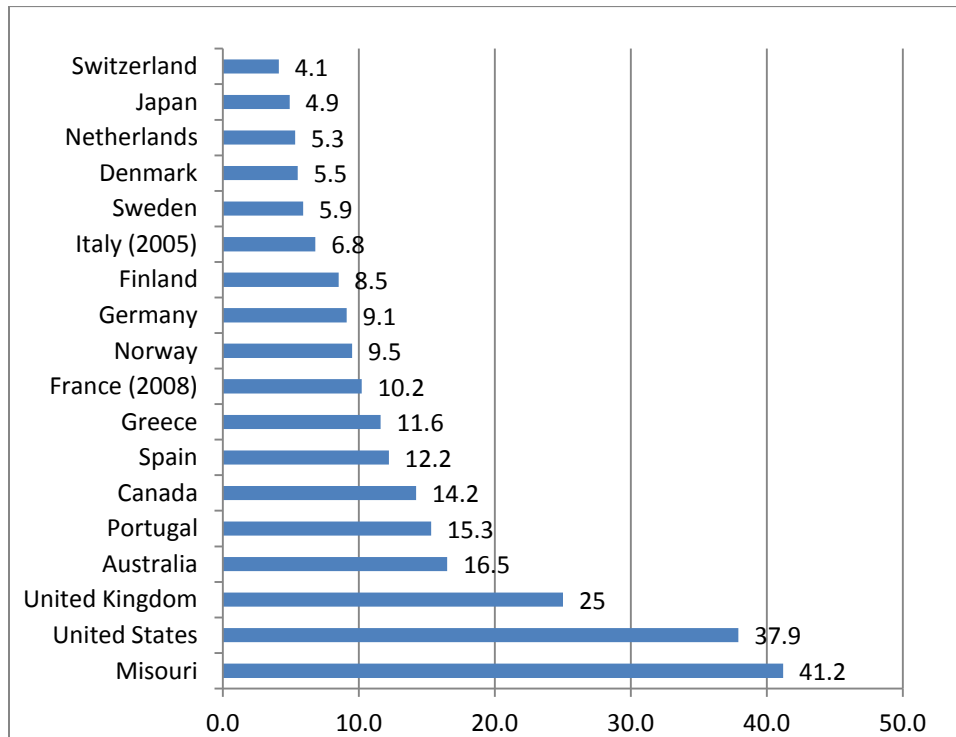


# Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership

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The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership promotes adolescent sexual health and teen pregnancy prevention by uniting Missouri through advocacy, collaboration, training, and public awareness.

## 2009 Teen Birth Rate per 1,000



In 2010, the US teen birth rate dropped to 34.3 and the Missouri teen birth rate dropped to 37.0. Missouri teen pregnancy (births plus abortions) rates were 44.2 in 2010.

While the teen pregnancy rate is at its lowest since 1972 (declining 42% since its peak in 1990), the US still has the highest teen birth rate in the industrialized world.<sup>1</sup>

Teens in the United States and Europe have similar levels of sexual activity. However, European teens are more likely than U.S. teens to use contraceptives generally and to use the most effective methods; they therefore have substantially lower pregnancy rates.<sup>2</sup>

In the US, the use of contraceptives during first premarital sex has been increasing, rising from 56% among women whose first premarital sex occurred before 1985, to 76% among those who first had sex in 2000–2004, to 84% among those whose first sex occurred in 2005–2008.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/press/pdf/2008pregnancydata.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Santelli J, Sandfort T and Orr M, Transnational comparisons of adolescent contraceptive use: what can we learn from these comparisons? *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, 2008, 162(1):92–94.

<sup>3</sup> Mosher WD and Jones J, Use of contraception in the United States: 1982–2008, *Vital and Health Statistics*, 2010, Series 23, No. 29.