



Hello everyone,

The nation's teen pregnancy rate rose 3% in 2006, according to a report released today by the Guttmacher Institute. This is the first increase in the teen pregnancy rate since 1990. The sober report provides national teen pregnancy data through 2006 and information about teen pregnancy rates at the state level through 2005. (Please note that there are slight differences in the estimates from the Guttmacher Institute and the National Center for Health Statistics due to differences in how they estimate the number of fetal losses.) The discouraging trends may actually have a modest silver lining. They provide those concerned about too-early pregnancy and childbearing a fresh opportunity to make the case for an investment in teen pregnancy prevention programs that can change behavior. Congress and the Administration have taken an important step in helping to reverse the recent increases in teen pregnancy by investing over \$100 million in programs that help to change teen behavior in positive ways. The new data suggest that the nation's collective efforts to postpone childbearing must be more creative and intense.

More information, including The National Campaign's statement on the teen pregnancy rate increase and the full Guttmacher Institute report is available through the following links:

- [The National Campaign's statement](#)
- [Full Guttmacher Institute report](#)
- [Birth and Pregnancy Rates web portal](#)
- [National Data](#)
- [State Data](#)

Please contact me if you have questions.

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