

## Teen Birthrate is at an All-Time Low Among Hispanics and Blacks

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Teenagers in America aren't having babies anymore.

An analysis released by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention revealed the birthrate among American teenagers is at an all-time low, according to the Washington Post. Hispanics and black teens have had the most radical change with a nearly 50 percent drop since 2006.

“There has been a change in social norms that has happened in the past 20 years, and the idea of not having sex or delaying sex is now something that can be okay,” Bill Albert, chief program officer for the National Campaign To Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, said.

Experts agree the two major causes for less teen pregnancies are better access to contraception and the Internet. Most teens have better access to different forms of contraception, which allows them have sex without risking a pregnancy. Having access to the Internet has also proven to contribute to the decrease in teen pregnancies because of all the information there is about the effects of having a child so young.

Shows like MTV's “16 and Pregnant” and “Teen Mom” show the struggles young moms go through and could be a contributing factor to the rate going down. This analysis does prove that pregnancies among the youth is at an all-time low but it still exists.

“The United States has made remarkable progress in reducing both teen pregnancy and racial and ethnic differences,” CDC Director Tom Frieden said, “but the reality is, too many American teens are still having babies.”

We hope this trend continues because babies shouldn't be having babies.