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## Executive Summary

The 2004 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* produced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation focused attention on America's "disconnected and vulnerable youth" and identified groups of young people having difficulty transitioning to adulthood. Groups examined in more detail included teens in foster care; youth involved in the juvenile justice system; teens who have children of their own; and youth who never finished high school. The *Data Book* essay explored the disadvantages faced by these youth and their diminished prospects for success as adults and as parents of the next generation of children.

The purpose of this paper is to update and extend this kind of information by providing national and state-level trend data on an expanded set of groups of vulnerable youth. This paper focuses on the five groups shown below:

- Youth ages 15-17 who have been victims of maltreatment during the past year, 2000-2003;
- Youth ages 15-19 living in foster care, 2000-2003;
- Youth ages 15-19 living in juvenile detention facilities, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003;
- Mothers ages 15-19, 1999-2003; and
- Youth ages 15-19 receiving payments from the Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) program, FY 1998 – FY 2002.

Trends in recent years in the number of vulnerable youth ages 15-19 (15-17 for victims of maltreatment) varied across the five measures nationwide. Moreover, there were substantial differences in trends among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. A summary for each group is shown below.

- The number of 15-to-17-year old victims of maltreatment, for the 47 states and the District of Columbia that reported data for each year, steadily increased between 2000 and 2003. There were 9 states with increases of at least 20 percent and 7 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.
- While nationwide the number of foster children age 15-to-19 increased from 131,206 in 2000 to 137,060 in 2003, there were 17 states with increases in their foster children caseload of at least 20 percent and 2 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.
- While nationwide the number of youth in juvenile justice residential placement facilities decreased from 105,055 in 1997 to 96,655 in 2003, there were 7 states with increases of at least 20 percent and 12 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.

- Both nationwide and in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, there was a steady decline in the number of teen mothers between 1999 and 2003. Nationwide the figures fell from 908,694 teen mothers in 1999 to 772,617 in 2003.
- Nationwide and in 37 states plus the District of Columbia there was at least a 20 percent decline between FY 1998 and FY 2002 in the number of youth receiving TANF payments, but there were 2 states in which the number of recipients increased by more than 20 percent. Nationwide the number fell from 859,194 in FY 1998 to 540,535 in FY 2002.

## ***Introduction***

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2004) focused particular attention on America's "most disconnected youth:" those teens in foster care; youth involved in the juvenile justice system; teens who have children of their own; and youth who never finished high school. The *Data Book* essay explored the disadvantages faced by these youth and their diminished prospects for success as adults and as parents of the next generation of children. The *Data Book* itself presented the most currently available national and state-level statistics on these youth.

The purpose of this paper is to update and extend this information by providing national and state-level trend data on an expanded set of groups of vulnerable youth:

- Youth ages 15-17 who have been victims of maltreatment during the past year, 2000-2003;
- Youth ages 15-19 living in foster care, 2000-2003;
- Youth ages 15-19 living in juvenile detention facilities, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003;
- Mothers ages 15-19, 1999-2003; and
- Youth ages 15-19 receiving payments from the Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF) program, FY 1998 – FY 2002.

Each group is described in more detail below.

## ***Youth who have been the victims of maltreatment***

Data on youth who have been substantiated or indicated as victims of maltreatment each year for 2000-2003 are based on administrative data collected by each state and compiled by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). The data include only those youth whose cases have been reported to and investigated by the child protective services systems of each state and, therefore, do not include youth whose cases have either not been reported or have been referred for an "alternative response" by the social services agency. It is important to emphasize that these numbers only reflect youths who were victims of maltreatment in the current year, not those who may have been the victim of maltreatment earlier in their lives. For example, a five-year-old child who was a victim of maltreatment in 1990 would not show up in these figures in 2000, unless they were also a victim of maltreatment again in the year 2000.

It is not appropriate to infer that the incidence of actual child maltreatment is greater in one state than another by making cross-state comparisons of the percentage of each state's youth who are substantiated as victims because states have different definitions of child maltreatment, different systems for dealing with reported cases, and different standards of proof for substantiating allegations of maltreatment. For example, several states refer allegations of less serious forms of maltreatment to social services systems that are separate from the child protective services system (an "alternative response") and these cases never enter the NCANDS system. Data may also be inconsistent over time. Because many states have introduced these alternative systems in recent years, even observed trends within a single state may be the result of policy changes rather than changes in the actual incidence of maltreatment.

As shown in Table 1, U.S. totals for 2000 and 2003 could not be presented because of missing data. Maryland and North Dakota did not report the number of victims in 2000, and California did not report the number of victims in 2003. However, the Children’s Bureau has estimated, based on available data, that the *rate* of substantiated child maltreatment for children of all ages for the U.S. as a whole remained essentially unchanged over the 2000-2003 period (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2005). In both 2001 and 2002, there were approximately 90,000 youth ages 15-17 that were substantiated as victims of maltreatment in the U.S. as a whole.

However, totals for the 47 states and the District of Columbia that reported data for each year from 2000 to 2003, shows an increasing number of teens being maltreated between 2000 and 2003.

47-state plus DC total	
2000.....	70,071
2001.....	73,769
2002.....	74,044
2003.....	76,409

States where the number of teens age 15-to-17 who were maltreated changed by 20 percent or more between 2000 and 2003 are shown below:

<u>States Increasing by 20% or More</u>	<u>States Decreasing by 20% or More</u>
Florida	Arizona
Hawaii	Delaware
Massachusetts	Idaho
Minnesota	Kansas
Missouri	Montana
New Hampshire	Tennessee
Rhode Island	Wyoming
Texas	
Utah	

It is important to recognize, as stated earlier, that these changes do not necessarily reflect changes in the actual incidence of child maltreatment because they may be due, at least in part, to changes in policies and program operations.

### ***Youth in foster care***

Data on youth in foster care for 2000-2003 are based on administrative data collected by each state and compiled by the Children’s Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). The data presented are a “snapshot” of all children in foster care on September 30 of each year. However, because many children move into and out of foster care in any given year, the measure is

substantially less than the number of children in care *at some time* during the previous 12-month period.

It is not appropriate to infer that one state is doing a better job of helping its maltreated children than another by making cross-state comparisons of the percentage of each state's youth population that is in foster care. This is because states have different policies and procedures that determine the likelihood that a child will be placed in foster care. For example, several states may place children involved in the juvenile justice system in foster care while others do not.

In contrast, analyses of trends over time in individual states are appropriate since the number of children in foster care is an objective number. As shown in Table 2, there has been a steady upward trend in the number of teens in foster care for the nation as a whole. In 2000, there were 131,206 youth ages 15-19 in foster care in the U.S. This figure increased steadily to 137,060 by 2003.

States where the number of youth in foster care changed by 20 percent or more between 2000 and 2003 are shown below:

States Increasing by 20% or More

Alabama  
Alaska  
Arizona  
Colorado  
Georgia  
Idaho  
Kentucky  
Massachusetts  
Nevada  
New Jersey  
Oregon  
South Dakota  
Texas  
Utah  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

States Decreasing by 20% or More

Illinois  
Oklahoma

***Youth in the juvenile justice system***

Data on youth in residential placement in the juvenile justice system are based on a bi-annual census of juveniles in placement at the end of the day of the fourth Wednesday of October. They may either have been charged with an offense or adjudicated by a court for an offense. Statistics do not include juveniles placed in local jails or federal or state prisons. In addition, because many children move into and out of juvenile placement in any given year, the measure is substantially less than the number of children in residential placement *at some time* during the

previous 12-month period or *ever* in residential placement. These data come from Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement (CJRP).

It should be noted that the number of youth in residential placement reflects not only the number of juveniles that have committed crimes but also the number of juvenile offenders who are arrested and charged, and, of those, the number who are placed in residential facilities. Thus, the number of youth in residential placement reflects state and local policies and practices as well as the as much as criminal behavior among youths. In addition, the upper age for juvenile court jurisdiction varies across states, and this influences the number of youth in residential custody.

As shown in Table 3, for the U.S. as a whole, after remaining relatively stable over the 1997-2001 period, the number of youth ages 15-19 in residential placement dropped sharply from 104,413 in 2001 to 96,655 in 2003. Since the methodology used for collecting these data has remained unchanged over the entire 1997-2003 period, it is likely that this decline is not a statistical artifact. However, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has not yet released a narrative report discussing the 2001-2003 changes.

In contrast to the national trend, between 1997 and 2003 the number of youth in juvenile justice residential placement facilities increased by at least 20 percent in several states.

States Increasing by 20% or More

Florida  
Idaho  
Indiana  
Massachusetts  
Oklahoma  
Utah  
West Virginia

States Decreasing by 20% or More

Georgia  
Illinois  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Michigan  
Mississippi  
New Mexico  
Tennessee  
Washington  
Wisconsin

***Teen mothers***

Data on mothers 15-19 years old are based on birth data from the Vital Statistics system of the National Center for Health Statistics. These data are based on the age of the mother for every birth occurring in the U.S. By counting first births to women within specific age ranges in each year and then adding appropriately across years, it is possible to calculate in any given year how many women whose age is currently 15-19 have already had at least one birth. For example, a first birth occurring in 1997 to a woman whose age was 16 in that year implies that she counts as a 15-19-year-old mother in the years 1997- 2000 (but not 2001, when she would be age 20).

Because in any given year, the number of teen mothers reflects births occurring in previous years as well as the current year, the number of 15-19-year-old mothers is substantially greater than the

number of births occurring to teens in that year. Yet, for counting vulnerable young women, it is the number of teen mothers rather than the number of teen births that is important.

Because the state-level estimates are based on the state in which the birth took place rather than the current state of residence of the mother, state-level statistics do not reflect interstate migration of teen mothers that has taken place since the time of the birth. However, this factor is likely to have a small effect on the numbers.

As shown in Table 4, there has been a steady decline in the number of teen mothers between 1999 and 2003 in the U.S. as a whole, in all states, and in the District of Columbia. In 1999, there were over 900,000 teen mothers; by 2003, this number had declined to under 800,000. The decline in teen mothers reflects the continuing decline in teen childbearing which has decreased from 61.8 births per thousand women ages 15-19 in 1991 to 41.6 births per thousand in 2003 (Martin, Hamilton & Sutton, 2005).

### ***Youth receiving payments from TANF***

Data on youth ages 15-19 receiving payments from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program are based on special tabulations of administrative data from the Administration on Children and Families. They include all teens receiving TANF payments at any time during the government fiscal year (October through September).

As shown in Table 5, there has been a decline from around 860,000 teen recipients nationwide in 1998 to around 540,000 in 2002. The decline in welfare reciprocity reflects the robust economy of the late 1990s and the effects of federal welfare reform which was instituted in 1997. The rate of decline was especially large in 1999 and 2000 but has slowed down since then.

As shown in Table 5, between FY 1998 and FY 2002, the number of youth receiving payments from TANF decreased by at least 20 percent in 37 states and the District of Columbia. In contrast, the number of recipients in Tennessee and Wisconsin increased by over 20 percent over the same period.

### ***Summary***

Trends in recent years in the number of vulnerable youth ages 15-19 (15-17 for victims of maltreatment) varied across the five measures nationwide. Moreover, there were substantial differences in trends among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- The number of 15-to-17-year old victims of maltreatment, for the 47 states and the District of Columbia that reported data for each year, steadily increased between 2000 and 2003. There were 9 states with increases of at least 20 percent and 7 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.
- While nationwide there was a small increase in the number of foster children, between 2000 and 2003, there were 17 states with increases in their caseload of at least 20 percent and 2 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.
- While nationwide there was a substantial decrease in the number of youth in juvenile justice residential placement between 1997 and 2003, there were 7 states with increases of at least 20 percent and 12 states with decreases of at least 20 percent.

- Both nationwide and in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, there was a decline in the number of teen mothers between 1999 and 2003.
- Finally, nationwide and in 37 states plus the District of Columbia between FY 1998 and FY 2002, there was at least a 20 percent decline in the number of youth receiving TANF payments, but there were 2 states in which the number of recipients increased.

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**Table 1. Youth ages 15-17 years old who have been victims of maltreatment by state, 2000-2003**

<b>State</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>% change 2000 - 2003</b>
United States	n/a	89,956	90,227	n/a	n/a
Alabama	1,136	1,043	1,172	1,090	-4.0%
Alaska	616	1,260	681	663	7.6%
Arizona	707	490	494	436	-38.3%
Arkansas	981	1,018	1,028	940	-4.2%
California	13,540	13,466	13,946	n/a	n/a
Colorado	639	440	595	649	1.6%
Connecticut	1,332	1,224	1,289	1,282	-3.8%
Delaware	228	225	138	134	-41.2%
District of Columbia	281	311	328	262	-6.8%
Florida	9,973	13,158	12,788	14,490	45.3%
Georgia	3,073	3,013	3,516	3,654	18.9%
Hawaii	326	373	388	413	26.7%
Idaho	318	388	176	157	-50.6%
Illinois	2,217	1,957	1,943	2,037	-8.1%
Indiana	2,199	2,324	2,210	2,284	3.9%
Iowa	1,053	1,100	1,045	1,094	3.9%
Kansas	809	665	608	544	-32.8%
Kentucky	1,803	1,555	1,601	1,687	-6.4%
Louisiana	970	1,071	1,032	1,025	5.7%
Maine	321	274	238	310	-3.4%
Maryland	n/a	2,548	2,040	2,134	n/a
Massachusetts	3,246	3,388	3,522	4,056	25.0%
Michigan	2,531	2,791	2,785	2,917	15.3%
Minnesota	670	827	833	807	20.4%
Mississippi	602	797	402	595	-1.2%
Missouri	853	1,053	1,059	1,140	33.6%
Montana	256	139	187	144	-43.8%
Nebraska	323	272	296	302	-6.5%
Nevada	366	356	344	299	-18.3%
New Hampshire	83	104	104	112	34.9%
New Jersey	833	783	821	884	6.1%
New Mexico	586	596	570	547	-6.7%
New York	8,193	8,487	9,578	9,391	14.6%
North Carolina	2,660	2,818	2,842	2,739	3.0%
North Dakota	n/a	173	197	151	n/a
Ohio	5,538	5,562	5,448	5,261	-5.0%
Oklahoma	1,138	1,137	1,082	994	-12.7%
Oregon	617	460	549	644	4.4%
Pennsylvania	835	823	937	861	3.1%
Rhode Island	291	289	333	379	30.2%
South Carolina	1,215	1,109	995	980	-19.3%
South Dakota	357	419	393	311	-12.9%
Tennessee	1,673	909	769	894	-46.6%
Texas	2,805	2,945	3,615	3,379	20.5%
Utah	973	1,214	1,184	1,383	42.1%
Vermont	184	155	206	156	-15.2%
Virginia	687	1,007	757	750	9.2%
Washington	432	355	259	390	-9.7%
West Virginia	804	783	690	915	13.8%
Wisconsin	2,227	2,217	2,151	1,970	-11.5%
Wyoming	111	86	63	58	-47.7%

Ages 15-17; calculated with numbers from:

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Child Maltreatment 2000, Child Maltreatment 2001, Child Maltreatment 2002, and Child Maltreatment 2003 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005).

Ages 18-21 were not included in these calculations due to incomplete state reporting for this age group. The states flagged with "n/a" did not report incidences of child maltreatment for that year: Maryland and North Dakota in 2000 and California in 2003. United States totals are therefore not reported for 2000 and 2003.

**Table 2. Youth ages 15-19 years old living in foster care by state, 2000-2003**

State	2000	2001	2002	2003	% change 2000 - 2003
United States	131,206	132,641	135,999	137,060	4.5%
Alabama	1,394	1,511	1,623	1,783	27.9%
Alaska	279	286	322	360	29.0%
Arizona	1,450	1,544	1,624	1,772	22.2%
Arkansas	857	811	807	821	-4.2%
California	28,344	27,571	26,360	27,283	-3.7%
Colorado	2,241	2,329	3,308	3,092	38.0%
Connecticut	1,916	1,929	1,709	2,075	8.3%
Delaware	352	355	328	314	-10.8%
District of Columbia	732	810	854	866	18.3%
Florida	5,273	4,668	4,610	4,560	-13.5%
Georgia	1,743	1,961	2,389	2,492	43.0%
Hawaii	424	431	435	475	12.0%
Idaho	220	252	266	283	28.6%
Illinois	7,975	7,377	6,561	5,935	-25.6%
Indiana	1,684	1,963	1,936	1,887	12.1%
Iowa	1,867	1,748	1,705	1,741	-6.7%
Kansas	1,940	1,854	1,860	1,722	-11.2%
Kentucky	1,684	1,745	2,188	2,167	28.7%
Louisiana	1,392	1,328	1,271	1,123	-19.3%
Maine	842	915	876	909	8.0%
Maryland	3,345	3,431	3,529	3,568	6.7%
Massachusetts	3,481	3,647	4,108	4,275	22.8%
Michigan	4,607	4,438	5,305	5,462	18.6%
Minnesota	3,127	3,130	3,085	2,740	-12.4%
Mississippi	725	773	698	666	-8.1%
Missouri	3,167	3,361	3,331	3,138	-0.9%
Montana	425	375	380	376	-11.5%
Nebraska	2,263	2,553	2,585	2,439	7.8%
Nevada	245	313	636	604	146.5%
New Hampshire	310	309	359	363	17.1%
New Jersey	1,819	2,029	2,249	2,499	37.4%
New Mexico	344	341	374	405	17.7%
New York	10,563	10,566	11,043	10,931	3.5%
North Carolina	2,263	2,202	2,088	2,168	-4.2%
North Dakota	401	415	410	432	7.7%
Ohio	4,949	5,541	5,611	5,365	8.4%
Oklahoma	2,021	1,473	1,421	1,511	-25.2%
Oregon	1,323	1,375	1,535	1,630	23.2%
Pennsylvania	6,026	6,431	6,665	7,074	17.4%
Rhode Island	804	893	916	928	15.4%
South Carolina	1,155	1,315	1,385	1,377	19.2%
South Dakota	193	236	264	279	44.6%
Tennessee	4,178	4,033	3,888	3,700	-11.4%
Texas	3,266	3,576	3,850	4,007	22.7%
Utah	492	606	716	782	58.9%
Vermont	582	610	650	576	-1.0%
Virginia	2,132	2,224	2,524	2,451	15.0%
Washington	1,489	1,529	1,541	1,516	1.8%
West Virginia	1,186	1,245	1,258	1,707	43.9%
Wisconsin	1,377	1,867	2,148	2,009	45.9%
Wyoming	339	416	415	422	24.5%

Child Trends estimates based on data from the *Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)*. Numbers indicate 15-19-year-olds who were in foster care at the end of the Federal fiscal year, September 30 of years 2000-2003.  
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**Table 3. Youth ages 15-19 years old in juvenile justice residential facilities by state, 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003**

<b>State</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>% change 1997 - 2003</b>
United States	105,055	107,667	104,413	96,655	-8.0%
Alabama	1,686	1,590	1,617	1,794	6.4%
Alaska	351	381	348	336	-4.3%
Arizona	1,869	1,902	1,884	1,890	1.1%
Arkansas	603	705	651	675	11.9%
California	19,899	19,071	18,144	16,782	-15.7%
Colorado	1,656	1,788	1,773	1,776	7.2%
Connecticut	684	783	630	627	-8.3%
Delaware	312	348	306	333	6.7%
District of Columbia	264	258	171	285	8.0%
Florida	5,976	6,813	6,777	8,208	37.3%
Georgia	3,621	3,729	2,943	2,451	-32.3%
Hawaii	135	117	102	129	-4.4%
Idaho	243	360	531	489	101.2%
Illinois	3,426	3,885	3,561	2,715	-20.8%
Indiana	2,484	2,649	3,234	3,045	22.6%
Iowa	1,065	1,017	1,104	975	-8.5%
Kansas	1,242	1,254	1,116	1,071	-13.8%
Kentucky	1,080	1,188	990	837	-22.5%
Louisiana	2,775	2,745	2,457	1,821	-34.4%
Maine	318	243	228	222	-30.2%
Maryland	1,497	1,578	1,197	1,167	-22.0%
Massachusetts	1,065	1,188	1,323	1,302	22.3%
Michigan	3,711	3,996	3,504	2,706	-27.1%
Minnesota	1,521	1,761	1,947	1,527	0.4%
Mississippi	756	783	693	528	-30.2%
Missouri	1,401	1,161	1,392	1,413	0.9%
Montana	303	246	267	261	-13.9%
Nebraska	741	657	717	672	-9.3%
Nevada	858	789	900	921	7.3%
New Hampshire	186	216	204	198	6.5%
New Jersey	2,250	2,385	2,079	1,941	-13.7%
New Mexico	777	855	837	606	-22.0%
New York	4,662	4,815	4,593	4,308	-7.6%
North Carolina	1,203	1,428	1,317	1,203	0.0%
North Dakota	273	234	180	246	-9.9%
Ohio	4,317	4,530	4,554	4,176	-3.3%
Oklahoma	807	1,122	870	1,059	31.2%
Oregon	1,461	1,548	1,509	1,275	-12.7%
Pennsylvania	3,963	3,819	4,065	4,341	9.5%
Rhode Island	426	309	312	342	-19.7%
South Carolina	1,584	1,650	1,398	1,443	-8.9%
South Dakota	528	603	495	522	-1.1%
Tennessee	2,118	1,533	1,656	1,434	-32.3%
Texas	6,897	7,953	8,523	7,662	11.1%
Utah	768	984	1,014	954	24.2%
Vermont	48	66	63	51	6.3%
Virginia	2,880	3,084	2,811	2,376	-17.5%
Washington	2,217	2,094	2,055	1,656	-25.3%
West Virginia	399	387	474	498	24.8%
Wisconsin	2,013	1,923	1,941	1,524	-24.3%
Wyoming	339	309	327	357	5.3%

Note: To preserve the privacy of the juvenile residents, state level cell counts have been rounded to the nearest multiple of three. "State of Offense" refers to where the juvenile committed the offense for which they were being held. 1997 U.S. total includes 3,402 juvenile offenders in private facilities for whom State of offense was not reported. 1999 U.S. total includes 2,646 juvenile offenders in private facilities for whom State of offense was not reported and 174 juvenile offenders in tribal facilities. 2001 U.S. total includes 2,436 juvenile offenders in private facilities for whom State of offense was not reported and 195 juvenile offenders in tribal facilities. 2003 U.S. total includes 1,398 juvenile offenders in private facilities for whom State of offense was not reported and 123 juvenile offenders in tribal facilities.

Source: Sickmund, Melissa, Sladky, T.J., and Kang, Wei. (2005) "Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook." Online. Available: <http://www.ojdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/cjrp/>. Data source: Author's analysis of OJDP's "Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003" [machine-readable data files].

Data are received and prepared for analysis at the Bureau of the Census facility in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Respondent questions were fielded by Government Division, Bureau of the Census. The inclusion criteria for the census are as follows: Younger than 21. Assigned a bed in a residential facility at the end of the day on the fourth Wednesday in October. Charged with an offense or court- adjudicated for an offense. In residential placement because of that offense. from: <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/cjrp/asp/methods.asp>

**Table 4. Youth ages 15-19 years old who are teen mothers by state, 1999-2003**

State	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% change 1999 - 2003
United States	908,694	882,649	846,168	805,184	772,617	-15.0%
Alabama	19,574	18,659	17,449	16,365	15,594	-20.3%
Alaska	2,087	2,064	2,010	1,928	1,826	-12.5%
Arizona	21,892	22,089	21,695	21,146	21,125	-3.5%
Arkansas	12,123	11,747	10,995	10,381	10,072	-16.9%
California	113,197	108,916	103,792	97,708	93,638	-17.3%
Colorado	13,552	13,770	13,667	13,341	12,735	-6.0%
Connecticut	6,177	6,100	5,977	5,684	5,505	-10.9%
Delaware	2,682	2,569	2,440	2,322	2,269	-15.4%
District of Columbia	2,289	2,159	2,044	1,918	1,757	-23.2%
Florida	47,575	47,157	46,026	44,169	42,496	-10.7%
Georgia	33,968	33,193	32,122	30,687	29,411	-13.4%
Hawaii	3,467	3,428	3,174	2,907	2,774	-20.0%
Idaho	4,398	4,241	4,064	3,833	3,606	-18.0%
Illinois	41,553	39,762	37,745	35,429	33,243	-20.0%
Indiana	21,073	20,095	18,916	17,822	17,053	-19.1%
Iowa	7,401	6,959	6,642	6,328	6,073	-17.9%
Kansas	8,759	8,511	8,131	7,868	7,457	-14.9%
Kentucky	15,347	14,507	13,493	12,717	12,190	-20.6%
Louisiana	22,407	21,423	20,148	19,047	18,063	-19.4%
Maine	2,441	2,403	2,290	2,096	2,065	-15.4%
Maryland	13,854	13,876	13,281	12,778	12,308	-11.2%
Massachusetts	11,189	10,677	10,019	9,305	8,926	-20.2%
Michigan	27,925	26,612	25,275	23,658	22,633	-19.0%
Minnesota	10,383	10,199	9,908	9,363	9,120	-12.2%
Mississippi	16,134	15,352	14,476	13,691	12,857	-20.3%
Missouri	18,856	18,374	17,411	16,489	15,681	-16.8%
Montana	2,436	2,387	2,335	2,301	2,184	-10.3%
Nebraska	4,539	4,535	4,371	4,284	4,165	-8.2%
Nevada	6,840	6,942	6,717	6,610	6,514	-4.8%
New Hampshire	1,945	1,855	1,694	1,614	1,535	-21.1%
New Jersey	16,445	15,806	14,966	14,193	13,643	-17.0%
New Mexico	9,489	9,120	8,873	8,683	8,471	-10.7%
New York	42,579	40,867	39,271	36,819	34,406	-19.2%
North Carolina	28,548	28,245	27,240	25,990	24,789	-13.2%
North Dakota	1,343	1,289	1,208	1,166	1,089	-18.9%
Ohio	35,715	34,297	32,249	29,962	28,722	-19.6%
Oklahoma	13,182	13,388	13,266	13,055	12,504	-5.1%
Oregon	10,437	9,873	9,322	8,515	7,808	-25.2%
Pennsylvania	28,243	27,383	26,203	24,753	23,919	-15.3%
Rhode Island	2,425	2,339	2,298	2,233	2,082	-14.1%
South Carolina	16,540	16,296	15,434	14,528	13,830	-16.4%
South Dakota	2,234	2,118	2,098	2,030	1,866	-16.5%
Tennessee	21,969	21,157	20,384	19,187	18,485	-15.9%
Texas	99,755	98,317	96,126	94,537	92,996	-6.8%
Utah	7,818	7,500	7,118	6,537	6,015	-23.1%
Vermont	975	952	944	936	821	-15.8%
Virginia	18,604	18,072	17,440	16,769	16,267	-12.6%
Washington	15,613	15,118	14,247	13,218	12,485	-20.0%
West Virginia	5,762	5,351	5,035	4,755	4,567	-20.7%
Wisconsin	13,289	13,015	12,619	12,113	11,611	-12.6%
Wyoming	1,666	1,585	1,520	1,416	1,366	-18.0%

First births to women ages 10-19 at time of birth and age 15-19 in 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, and 1999 by state of birth. Excludes first births to women age 14 or under in certain years for each of the reported years because some or all women in these groups were not yet 15-years-old in their respective reported years: in years 1999-2002 for reported year 2003, in years 1998-2002 for reported year 2002, years 1997-2001 for reported year 2001, years 1996-2000 for reported year 2000, and years 1995-1999 for reported year 1999. Excludes first births to women age 14 or under in the following years for each reported year: years prior to 1997 for reported year 2002, years prior to 1996 for reported year 2001, years prior to 1995 for reported year 2000, years prior to 1994 for reported year 1999 because some or all women in these groups were 20 years or older at that reported year.

Source: Estimates of first births from 1994-2003 Natality Data Sets, Series 21, Numbers 4-16 (SETS versions), and 16H (ASCII Version), National Center for Health Statistics.

**Table 5. Youth ages 15-19 years old TANF recipients by state, FY1998-2002**

<b>State</b>	<b>FY 1998</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>% change 1998 - 2002</b>
United States	859,194	733,200	607,164	568,587	540,535	-37.1%
Alabama	6,265	4,861	5,524	6,373	6,071	-3.1%
Alaska	2,551	2,411	2,158	1,738	1,845	-27.7%
Arizona	8,594	7,409	8,082	7,399	9,182	6.8%
Arkansas	4,143	3,278	3,169	3,034	2,983	-28.0%
California	210,966	188,672	138,928	127,543	131,491	-37.7%
Colorado	5,511	4,127	2,836	2,542	2,774	-49.7%
Connecticut	11,916	9,253	7,666	7,184	6,228	-47.7%
Delaware	2,366	1,764	1,354	1,358	1,324	-44.0%
District of Columbia	4,868	4,467	3,742	3,404	3,686	-24.3%
Florida	30,102	22,442	18,516	15,388	14,340	-52.4%
Georgia	21,394	15,832	15,066	13,369	13,205	-38.3%
Hawaii	5,106	4,779	4,392	3,730	3,243	-36.5%
Idaho	442	308	265	264	303	-31.4%
Illinois	51,835	35,490	25,635	18,566	16,606	-68.0%
Indiana	9,435	9,661	7,429	9,027	10,602	12.4%
Iowa	5,608	5,174	4,351	4,636	4,814	-14.2%
Kansas	3,650	3,491	3,442	3,319	3,510	-3.8%
Kentucky	12,996	10,537	9,418	8,716	8,440	-35.1%
Louisiana	19,225	16,496	7,611	7,062	6,694	-65.2%
Maine	4,271	3,735	2,889	2,642	2,592	-39.3%
Maryland	11,468	8,302	7,407	8,012	6,735	-41.3%
Massachusetts	17,094	12,921	11,026	12,502	11,867	-30.6%
Michigan	31,279	29,726	20,379	19,345	20,185	-35.5%
Minnesota	13,632	14,480	13,630	13,147	11,846	-13.1%
Mississippi	6,998	4,716	4,369	4,375	4,405	-37.1%
Missouri	16,258	15,325	11,115	11,346	11,718	-27.9%
Montana	1,974	1,345	1,337	1,429	1,475	-25.3%
Nebraska	3,637	3,089	2,561	2,308	2,470	-32.1%
Nevada	2,181	1,598	1,369	1,495	2,581	18.3%
New Hampshire	1,327	1,426	1,117	1,157	1,236	-6.9%
New Jersey	21,869	19,459	14,565	13,130	11,003	-49.7%
New Mexico	5,910	6,691	6,070	4,760	4,078	-31.0%
New York	96,313	86,940	77,401	76,181	46,386	-51.8%
North Carolina	15,952	12,380	10,762	8,520	8,093	-49.3%
North Dakota	897	816	715	677	706	-21.3%
Ohio	36,766	30,719	26,060	23,059	23,204	-36.9%
Oklahoma	6,420	5,278	4,172	3,819	3,989	-37.9%
Oregon	5,611	5,003	4,464	3,980	4,457	-20.6%
Pennsylvania	38,858	28,660	26,720	21,533	21,807	-43.9%
Rhode Island	4,270	3,662	4,016	3,721	4,008	-6.1%
South Carolina	7,248	5,476	4,679	4,686	5,721	-21.1%
South Dakota	1,143	950	840	818	881	-22.9%
Tennessee	13,459	14,392	13,696	14,821	16,670	23.9%
Texas	34,234	27,823	31,586	32,517	31,177	-8.9%
Utah	2,762	2,359	2,249	1,844	1,901	-31.2%
Vermont	1,823	1,639	1,444	1,350	1,244	-31.8%
Virginia	10,163	8,851	7,182	6,641	6,286	-38.1%
Washington	19,560	17,138	15,146	14,094	13,927	-28.8%
West Virginia	4,478	3,198	3,082	3,640	3,944	-11.9%
Wisconsin	4,076	4,482	5,401	6,273	6,513	59.8%
Wyoming	290	169	131	113	89	-69.3%

TANF RECIPIENT TEENS AGED 15-19

FY 1998: Oct97-Sept98, Source: National Emergency TANF Datafile as of 5/28/1999

FY 1999: Oct98-Sept99, Source: National Emergency TANF Datafile as of 4/14/2000

FY 2000: Oct99-Sept00, Source: National TANF Datafile as of 5/23/2001

FY 2001: Oct00-Sept01, Source: National TANF Datafile as of 5/15/2002

FY 2002: Oct01-Sept02, Source: National TANF Datafile as of 4/15/2003

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