

TEEN PREGNANCY IN MANITOBA

Pregnancy rates among teens in Manitoba have declined in recent years (see Table 1), though there is a lack of research on why this is so.

In 1998/99, the rate of 62.5 totaled 2,416 pregnancies among 15-19 year old females in Manitoba. In 2004-05, the rate of 45.2 totaled 1,852 pregnancies in this age group.

Table 1

| Teen Pregnancies among 15-19 year old females in Manitoba | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Rate = pregnancies per 1,000 females in this age group | |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Rate</u> |
| 1997-1998 | 59.9 |
| 1998-1999 | 62.5 |
| 1999-2000 | 60.1 |
| 2000-2001 | 55 |
| 2001-2002 | 53.1 |
| 2002-2003 | 52.1 |
| 2003-2004 | 48.9 |
| 2004-2005 | 45.2 |

Source: Manitoba Health 1999-2006

Table 2

| Provincial Region | Rate (per thousand) 15-19 yrs. (in 2003-2004) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Brandon | 42.6 |
| North Eastman | 45.9 |
| South Eastman | 25.6 |
| Interlake | 39 |
| Central | 31.4 |
| Assiniboine | 27.7 |
| Parkland | 58.3 |
| Norman | 87 |
| Burntwood | 129.2 |
| Churchill | 153.8 |
| Winnipeg | 48.8 |
| Manitoba | 48.9 |

Source: Manitoba Health 2005