



Did you know? Teenage Pregnancy

Teenage pregnancy in the Philippines is on the rise. In fact, the data derived from the Certificates of Live Births submitted by the Local Civil Registry Offices from 2011 to 2014 show that about one in every ten women of child-bearing age was a teenager, and there were 24 babies born every hour by teenage mothers.



Table 1. Number and Percentage of Births by Age of Mother, Philippines: 2011 - 2014

Age Total	2011	2012			2013	2014			
	1,742,694	100.000	1,786,104	100.000	1,757,881	100.000	1,745,083	100.000	
10	15	0.001	43	0.002	50	0.003	43	0.002	
11	31	0.002	20	0.001	28	0.002	39	0.002	
12	43	0.002	69	0.004	48	0.003	60	0.003	
13	152	0.009	188	0.011	187	0.011	199	0.011	
14	1,140	0.065	1,293	0.072	1,316	0.075	1,536	0.088	
15	5,275	0.303	5,669	0.317	6,352	0.361	6,404	0.367	
16	16,182	0.929	17,553	0.983	18,260	1.039	19,128	1.096	
17	35,296	2.025	37,392	2.093	38,132	2.169	38,683	2.217	
18	62,535	3.588	62,927	3.523	62,736	3.569	62,338	3.572	
19	82,984	4.762	84,120	4.710	82,473	4.692	81,442	4.667	
20-49	1,539,041	88.314	1,576,830	88.283	1,548,299	88.078	1,535,211	87.974	

Source: PSA. Vital Statistics Division

Note: Three decimal points were shown to emphasize percentage of births by teenage mothers

In 2011, Region XI recorded the highest percentage of teenage women who gave birth (14.4%) followed by Region II (13.7%) and by both Regions X and XII (13.2%). In 2012, Region II had the highest percentage of teenage women who gave birth (14.2%), followed by Region XI (13.8%) and by Region XII (13.5%). It can be noted that in 2013, although the increase is not significant, the percentage of teenage women who gave birth continued to increase in Region II with 14.6 percent, followed by Region XI (14.3%) and by Region XII (13.8%). By 2014, the rate further increased. Region II had 14.9 percent teenage women who gave birth followed by Regions XI and XII both with 14.1 percent and Region X with 13.9 percent.

Table 2. Number and Percentage of Births by Teenage Mothers by Region, Philippines: 2011 - 2014

REGION	2011			2012			2013			2014		
	Total	Teenage	Percent	Total	Teenage	Percent	Total	Teenage	Percent	Total	Teenage	Percen
PHILIPPINES	1,746,684	203,653	11.7	1,790,367	209,274	11.7	1,761,523	209,580	11.9	1,748,782	209,872	12.0
NCR	246,011	27,098	11.0	246,994	27,015	10.9	243,626	27,248	11.2	239,736	26,606	11.
CAR	33,530	3,934	11.7	34,000	3,961	11.7	33,329	4,053	12.2	32,263	3,869	12.0
Region I	94,117	11,014	11.7	92,180	10,564	11.5	89,948	10,694	11.9	87,883	10,398	11.8
Region II	65,044	8,925	13.7	65,222	9,285	14.2	63,620	9,279	14.6	62,320	9,285	14.9
Region III	197,646	23,900	12.1	204,510	24,895	12.2	197,294	24,532	12.4	196,409	24,729	12.6
Region IV-A	258,715	28,694	11.1	264,571	29,135	11.0	260,463	29,217	11.2	257,461	28,605	11.
Region IV-B	47,965	5,593	11.7	49,606	5,963	12.0	48,530	6,015	12.4	48,170	6,212	12.
Region V	120,567	12,228	10.1	120,791	12,610	10.4	119,727	12,695	10.6	115,772	12,719	11.0
Region VI	123,459	12,353	10.0	126,333	12,985	10.3	123,987	12,957	10.5	119,231	12,736	10.
Region VII	148,996	16,628	11.2	154,872	17,359	11.2	150,534	16,927	11.2	152,542	16,708	11.
Region VIII	69,160	8,425	12.2	69,932	8,707	12.5	69,292	8,668	12.5	72,423	9,155	12.0
Region IX	58,985	7,419	12.6	59,649	7,400	12.4	58,106	7,117	12.2	60,729	7,861	12.
Region X	83,183	10,950	13.2	86,483	11,522	13.3	87,676	11,644	13.3	86,143	11,971	13.
Region XI	85,400	12,271	14.4	87,124	12,045	13.8	82,150	11,730	14.3	86,463	12,195	14.
Region XII	67,341	8,875	13.2	75,146	10,169	13.5	80,983	11,161	13.8	76,119	10,721	14.
ARMM	7,695	602	7.8	13,382	1,056	7.9	13,004	1,089	8.4	14,783	1,208	8
Region XIII	38,870	4,744	12.2	39,572	4,603	11.6	39,254	4,554	11.6	40,335	4,894	12.