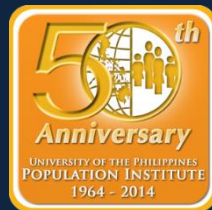


Batang Ina

TEENAGE FERTILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES



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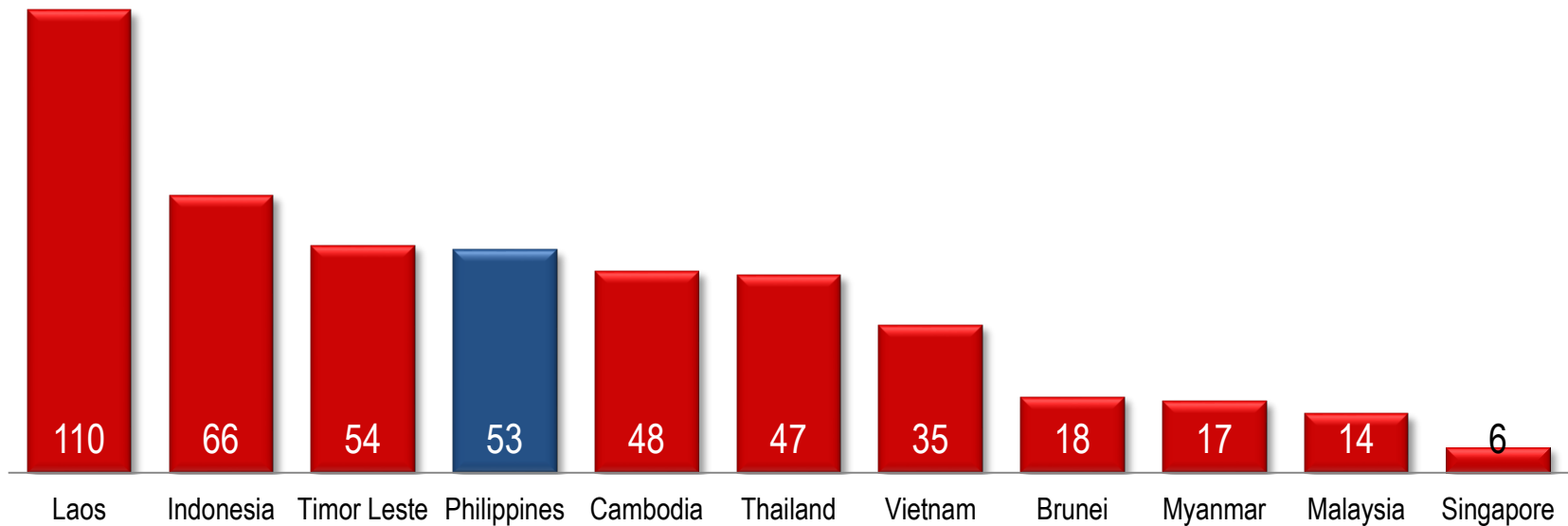
- Profile of teen females
 - Sociodemographic characteristics
 - Sexual behavior
- Fertility knowledge and intentions
- Fertility behavior
- Unintended pregnancies
- Summary and conclusions

Why is teenage fertility a cause for concern?

- Early childbearing is associated with health risks to both the young mother and her child
 - Teenage mothers are at increased risk of pre-term delivery and low birth weight, maternal death, early neonatal death, postpartum hemorrhage
- A teenage mother is also exposed to non-health risks
 - Not finishing school
 - Limited future chances for realizing her full potential
 - Being burdened with child care while still a child herself

The Philippines has one of the highest teen fertility rate in Southeast Asia

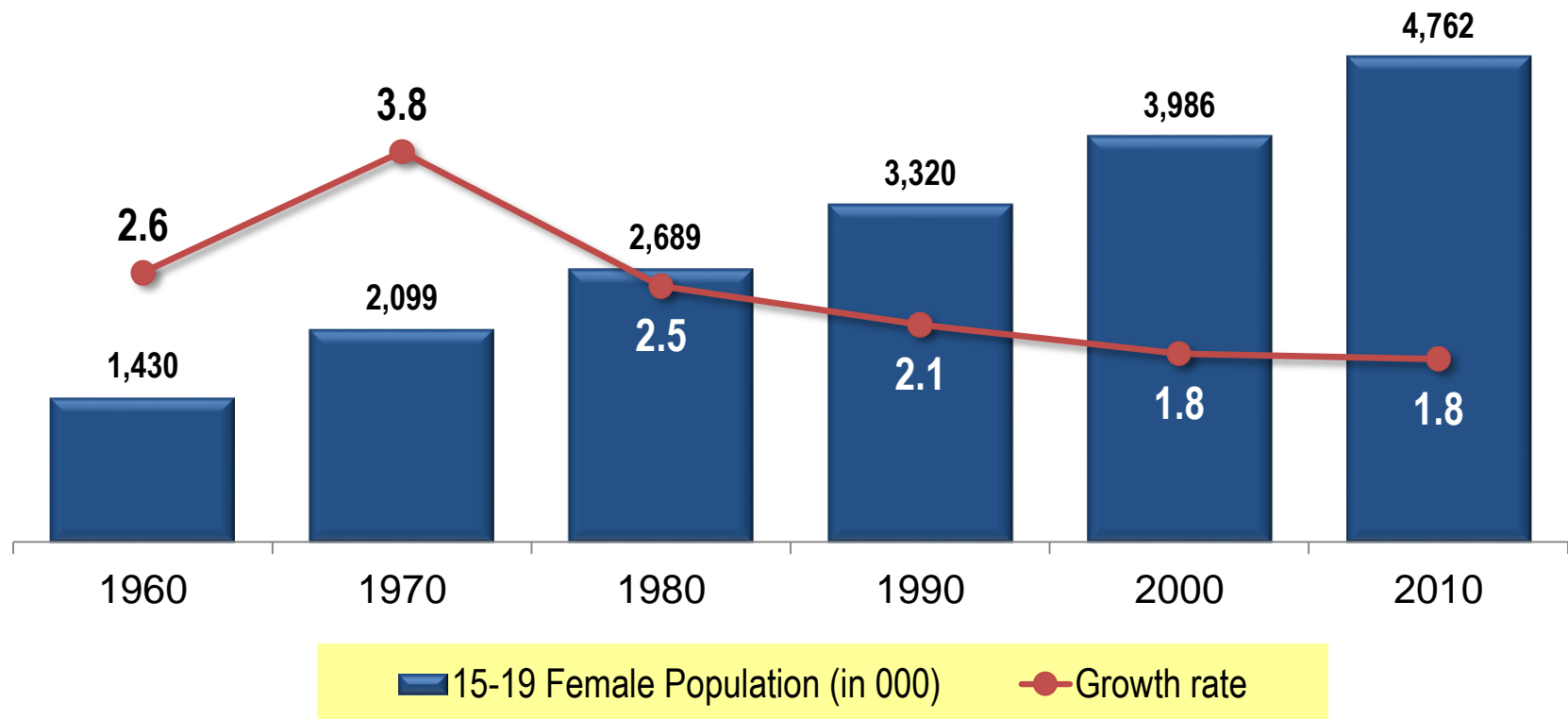
ADOLESCENT BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 WOMEN AGED 15-19 YEARS



Source: UNFPA, Motherhood in Childhood: Facing the Challenge of Adolescent Pregnancy, 2013

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The country's teen female population is steadily increasing although the pace is slowing down



Sources: Various Philippine censuses

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Data

- 1994, 2002 and 2013 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality (YAFS) Surveys
- Subsample: Females in the ages 15-19 years

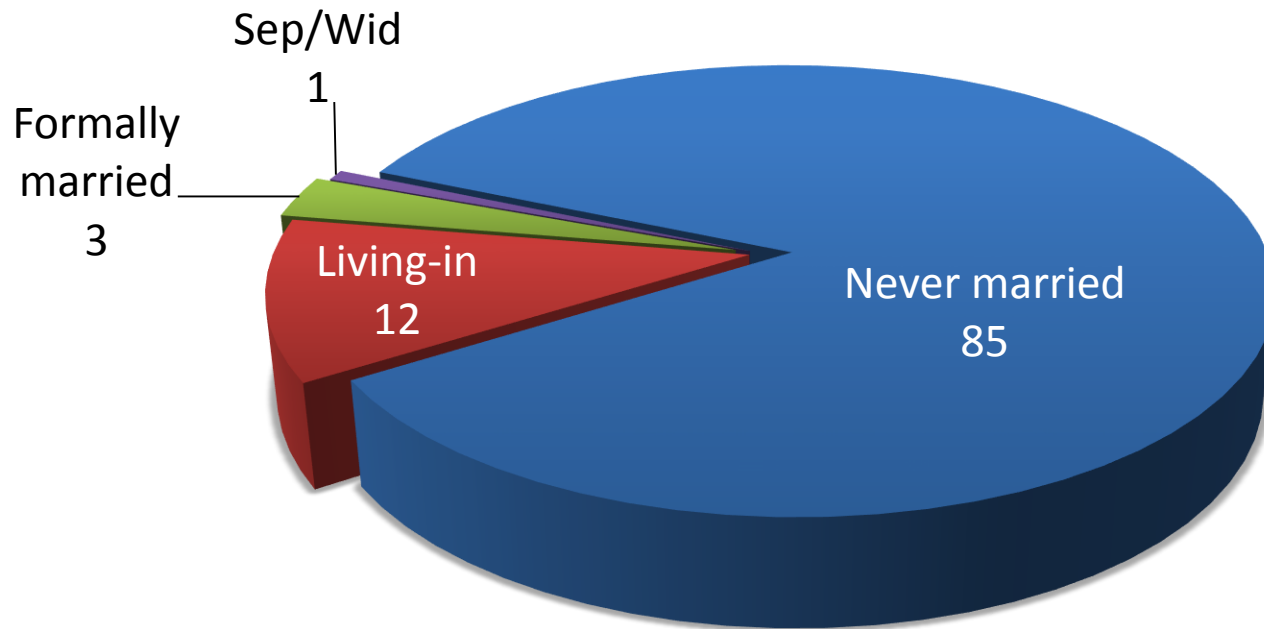
Survey year	Sample size of females 15-19 years old
1994	3,262
2002	5,237
2013	5,653

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PROFILE OF TEEN FEMALES

Most teen females are never married; Over 1 in 10 is living in

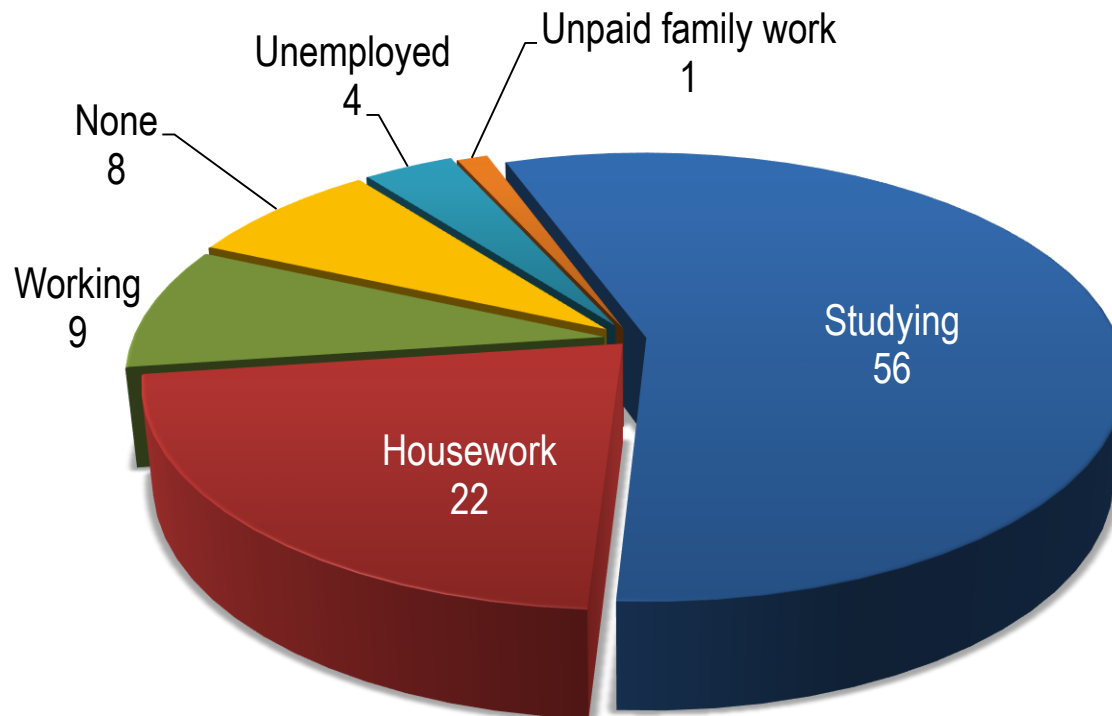
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Most teen females are students

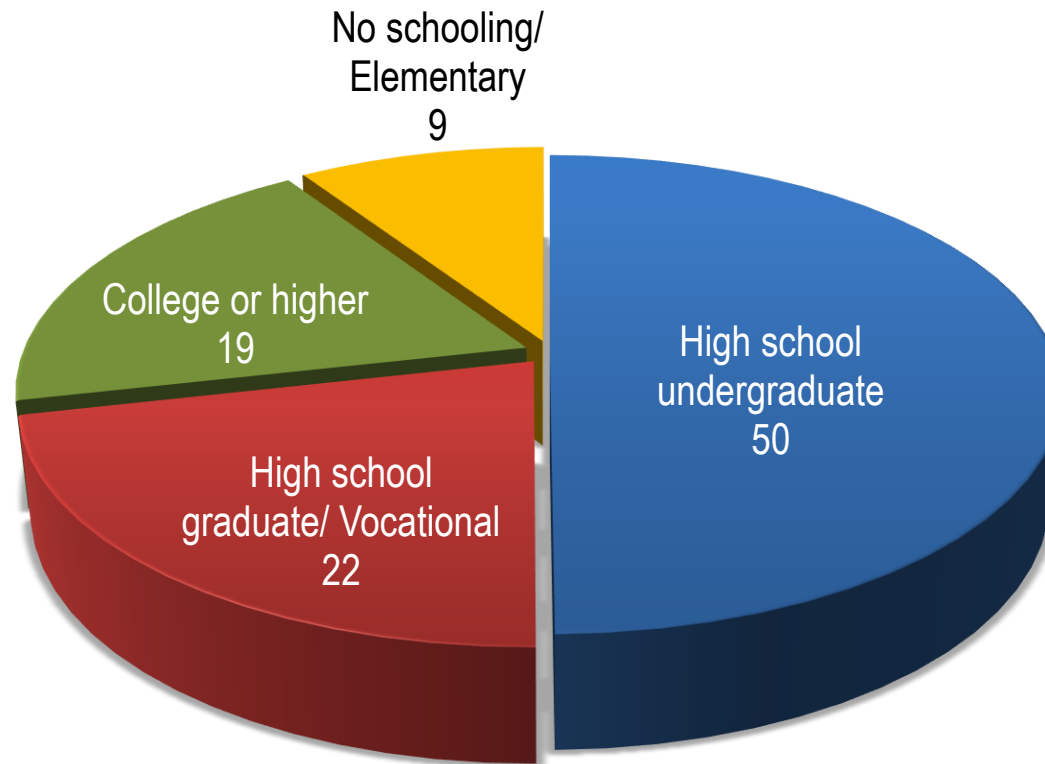
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9 in 10 teen females have reached high school

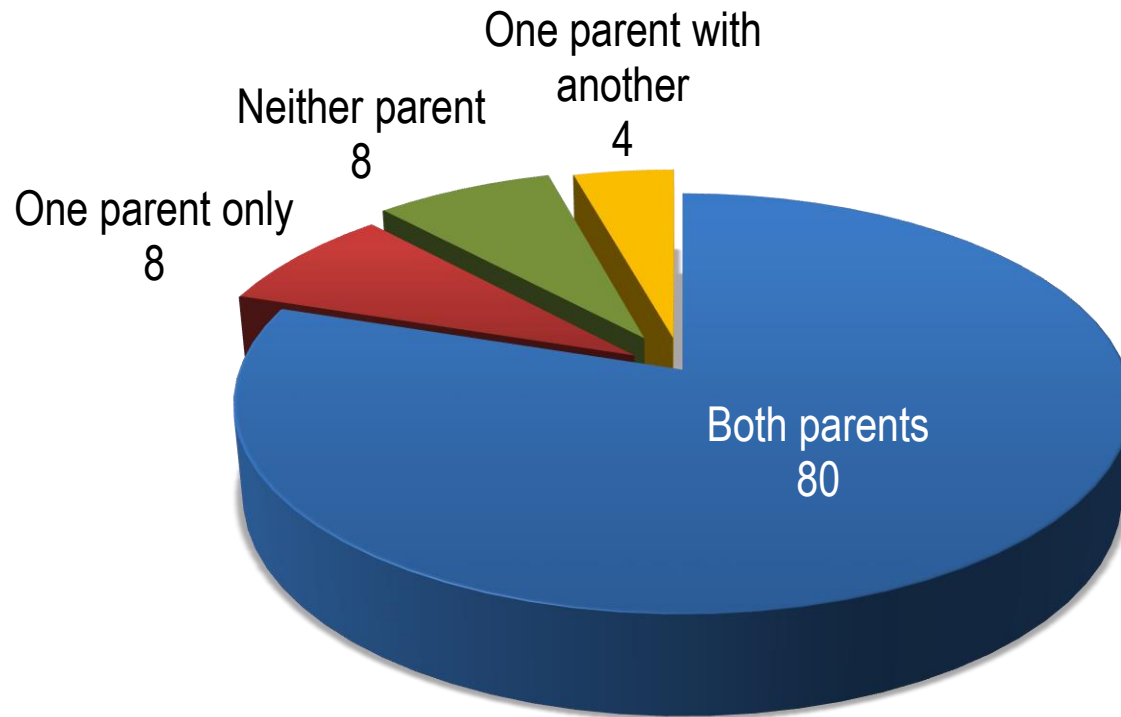
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BY HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



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A great majority of teen females were raised by both parents

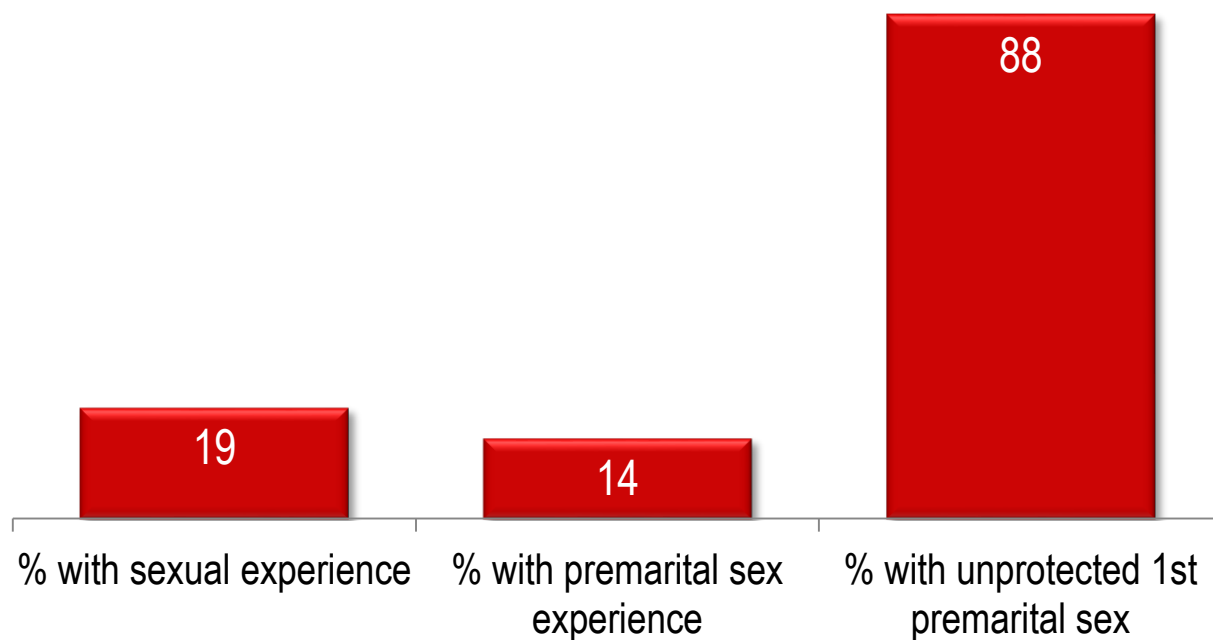
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS BY PERSON WHO MOSTLY RAISED THE RESPONDENT



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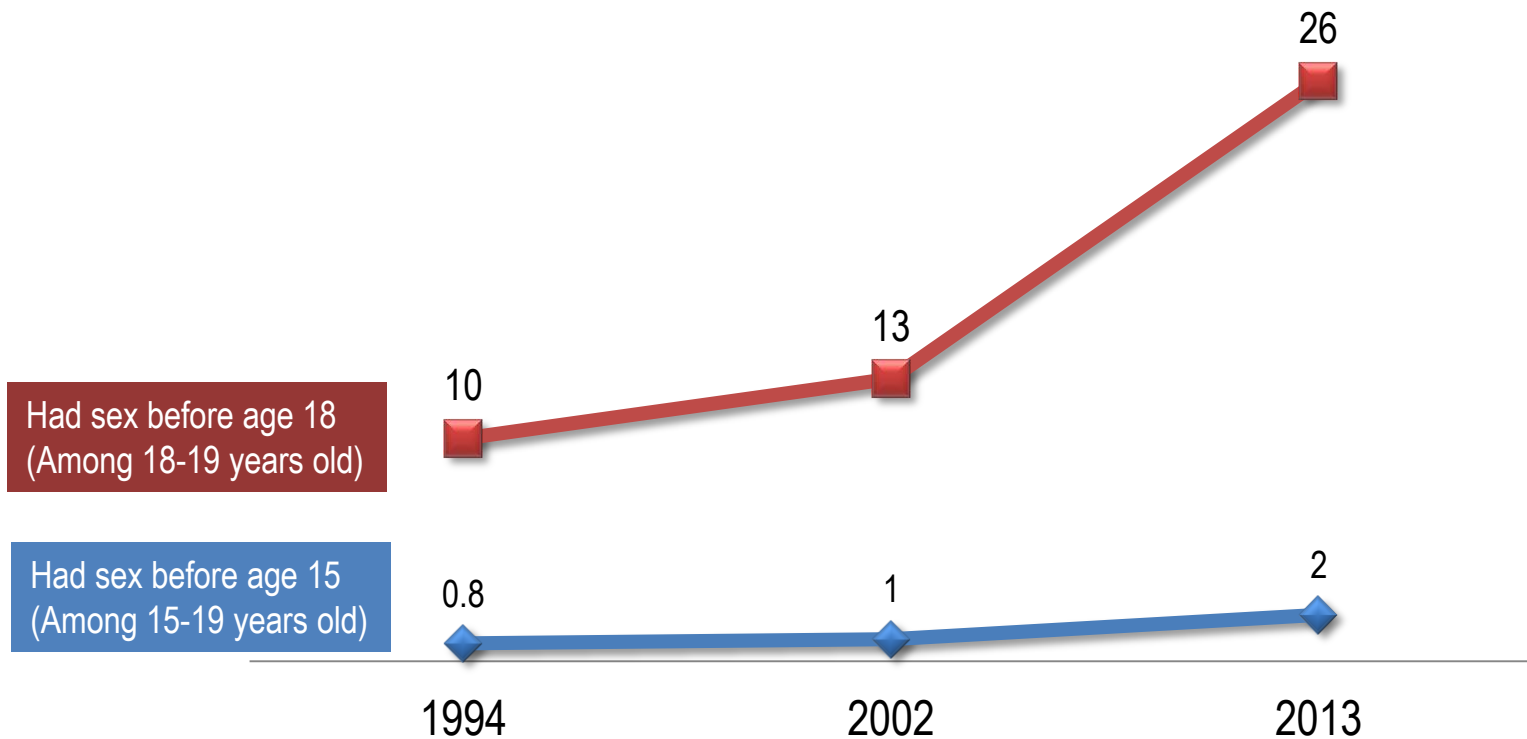
1 in 5 teen females have sexual experience; Most premarital sexual initiations are unprotected from risk of unintended pregnancy and STIs

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OF FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS



The proportion of teen females who have engaged in sex before age 18 increased dramatically in the past 2 decades

PERCENT OF TEEN FEMALES WHO ENGAGED IN SEX BEFORE AGE 15 AND AGE 18

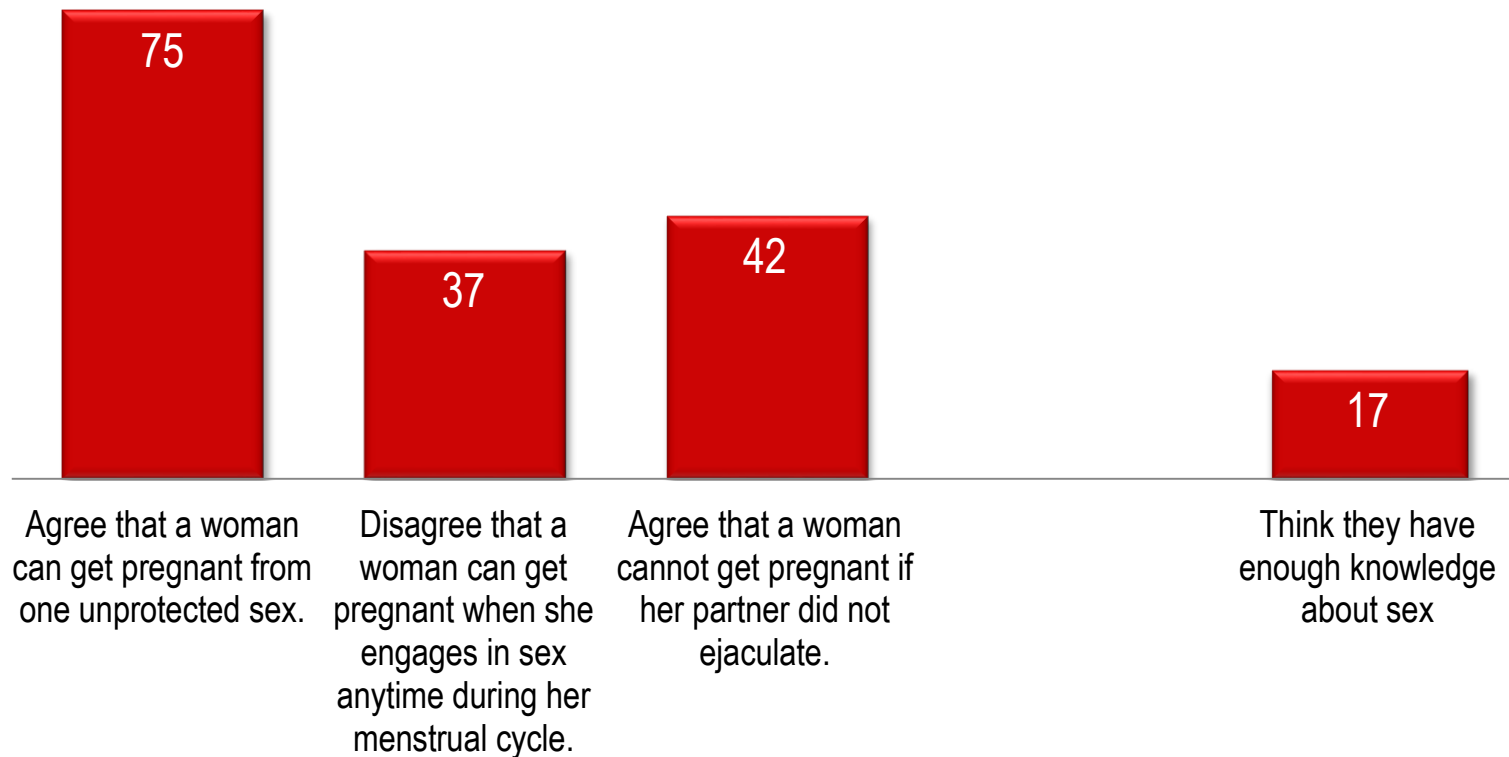


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FERTILITY KNOWLEDGE & INTENTIONS

Teen females have poor knowledge about conception; Most acknowledge their lack of knowledge about sex

PERCENTAGE OF TEEN FEMALES WHO:



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Most teen females believe that it is ideal to have children by their mid-20s

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE IDEAL AGE (IN YEARS) FOR A MAN AND WOMAN TO START HAVING CHILDREN ACCORDING TO FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS

Age	Ideal age for a man to have a child	Ideal age for a woman to have a child
Below 20 years old	2.6	5.8
20-24 years old	26.5	29.8
25-29 years old	57.9	57.2
30 years old and over	13.0	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0
Mean	24.5 years	25.3 years

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Teen females prefer to have 2 children on the average

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS BY PREFERRED NUMBER OF CHILDREN

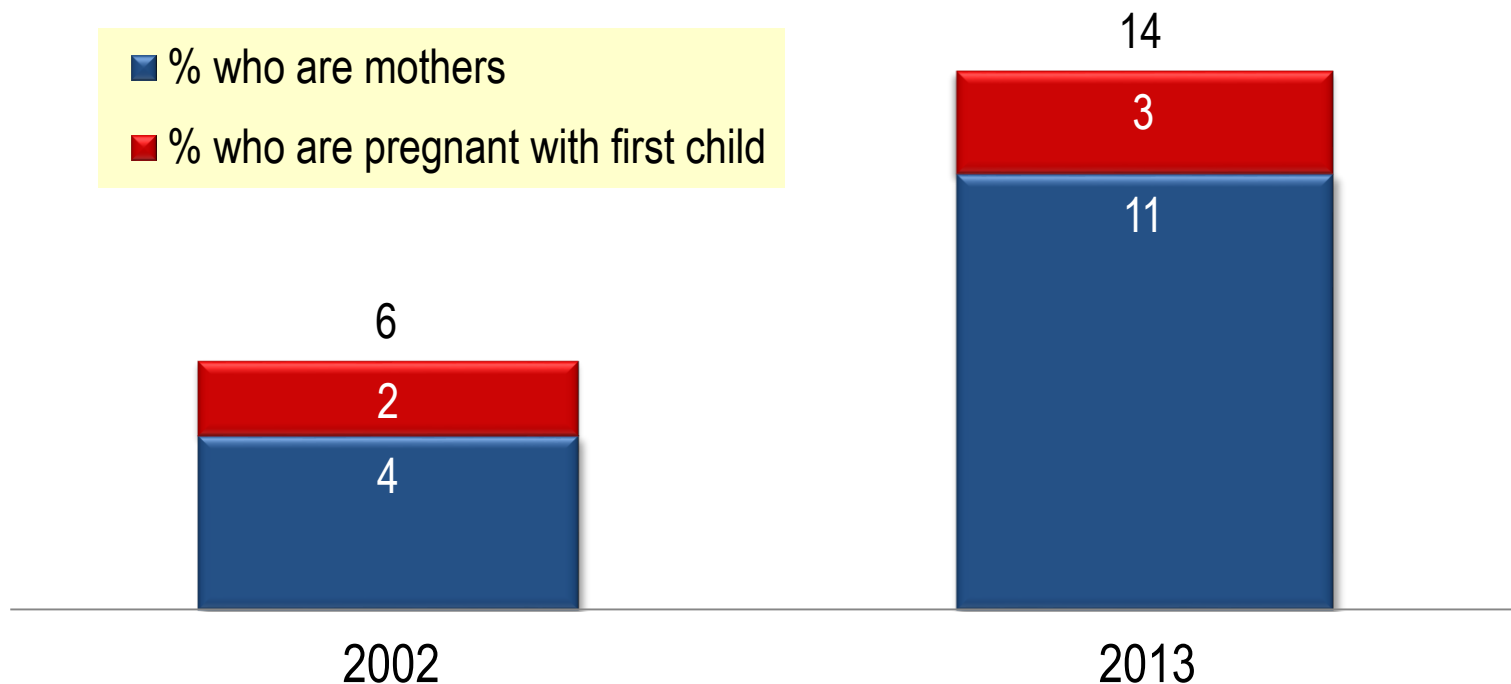
Preferred no. of children	Percent
0	0.6
1	10.7
2	59.0
3	24.3
4 and over	5.4
Total	100.0
Mean	2.3 children

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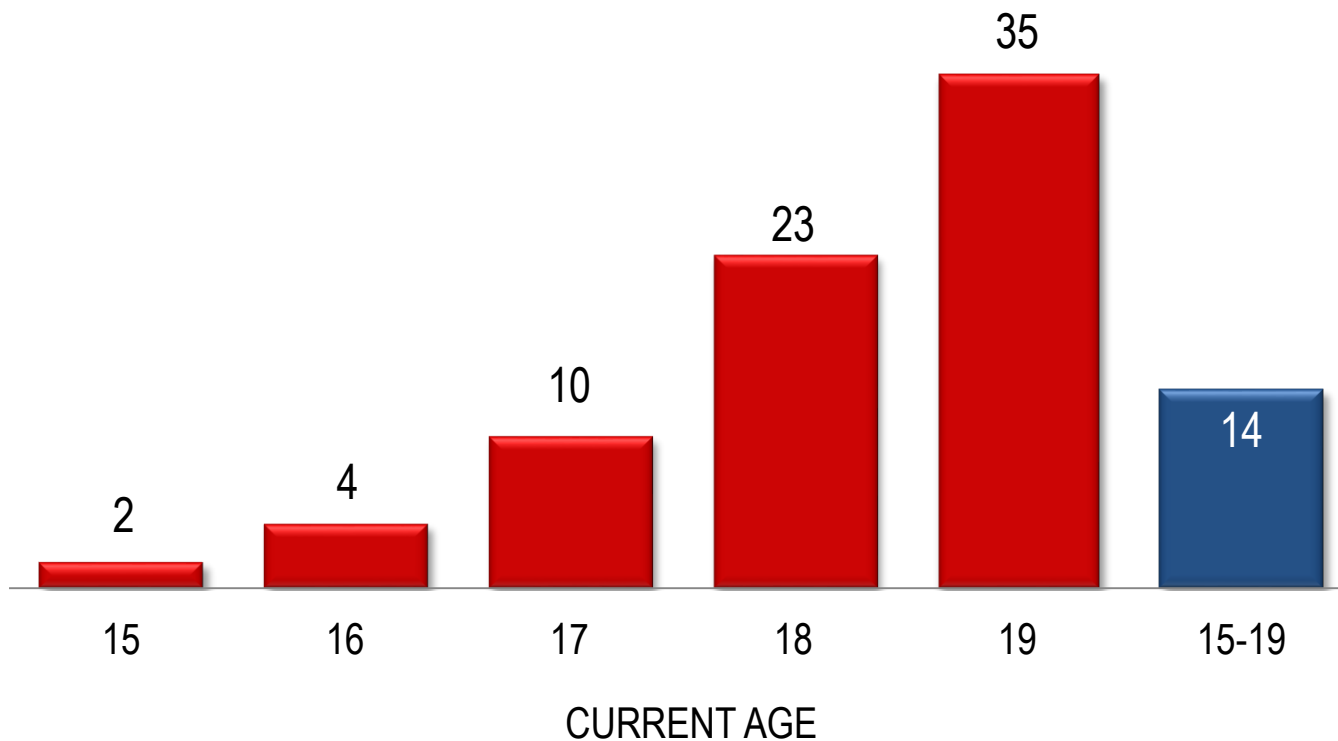
The proportion who have begun childbearing DOUBLED in the past decade.

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WHO HAVE BEGUN CHILDBEARING



The proportion of teenage females who have begun childbearing increases with age.

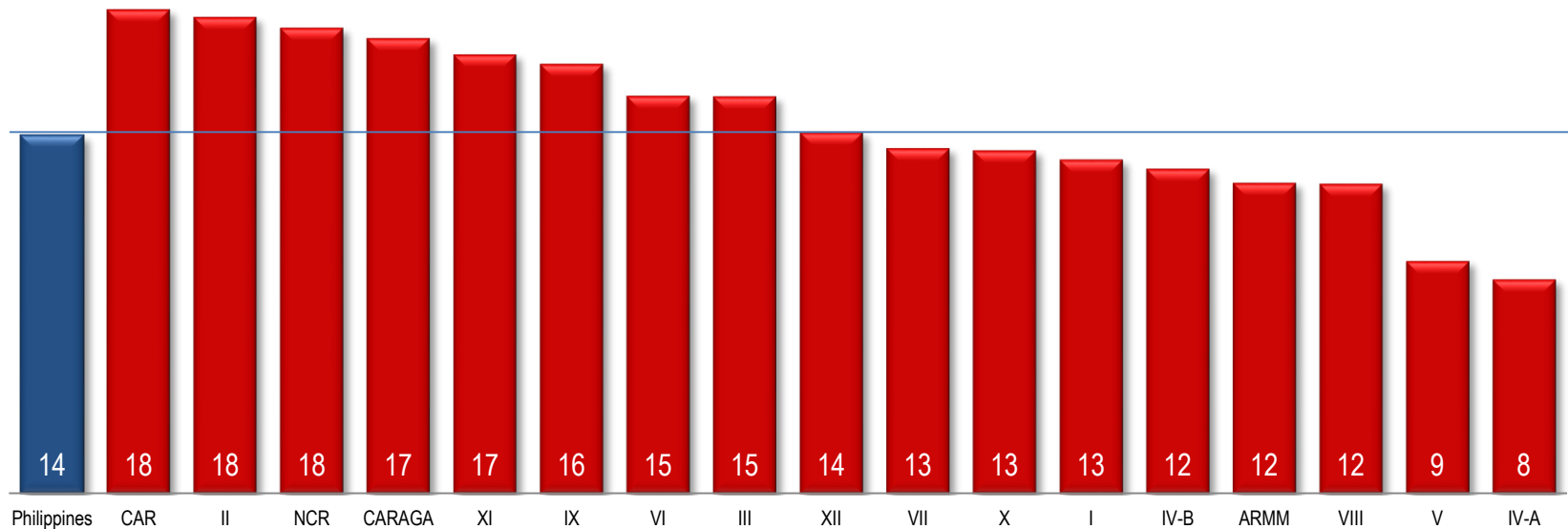
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Teenage fertility is highest in CAR and Cagayan Valley; Lowest in Bicol and CALABARZON

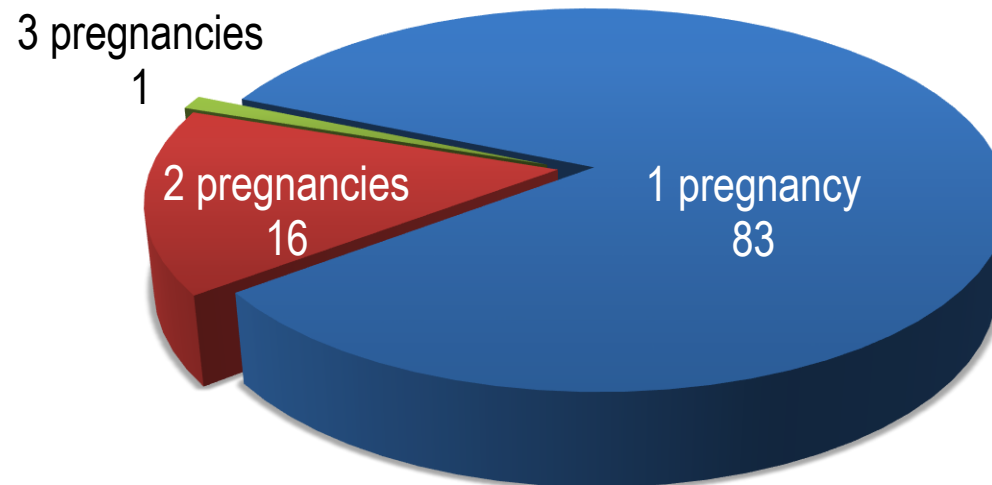
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About 1 in 5 teen females have been pregnant more than once

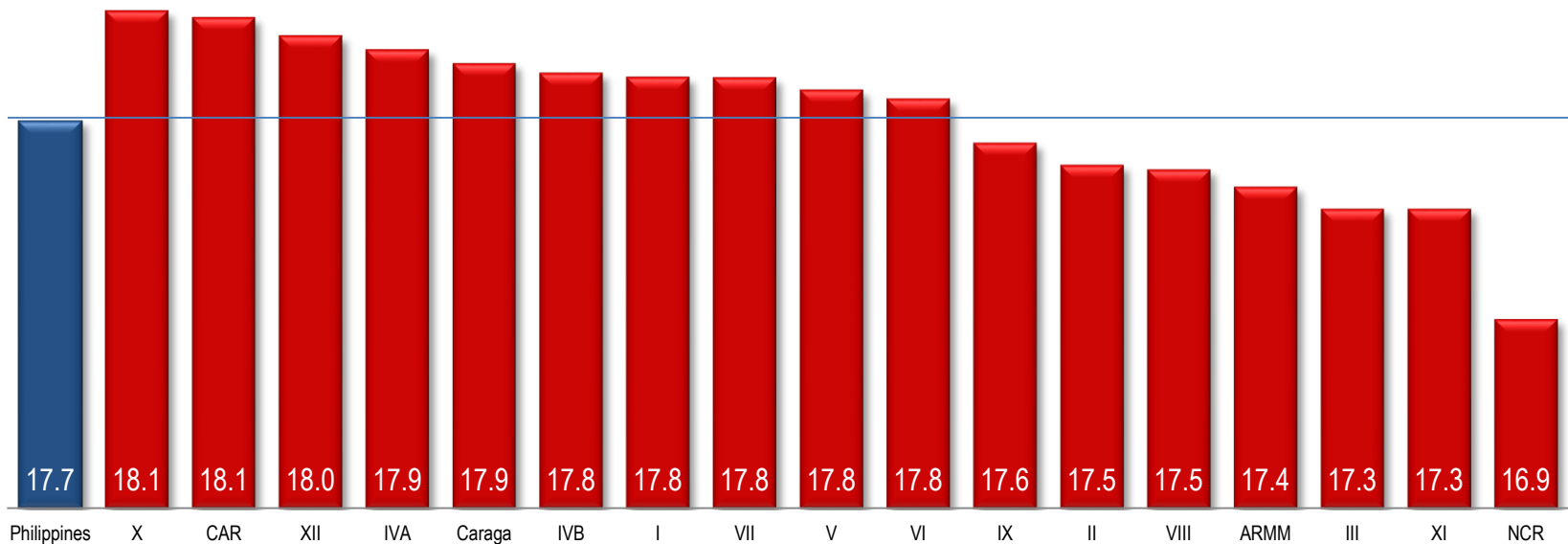
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF EVER-PREGNANT FEMALES
AGE 15-19 YEARS BY NUMBER OF PREGNANCIES



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Median age at first birth among teen females is 18 years

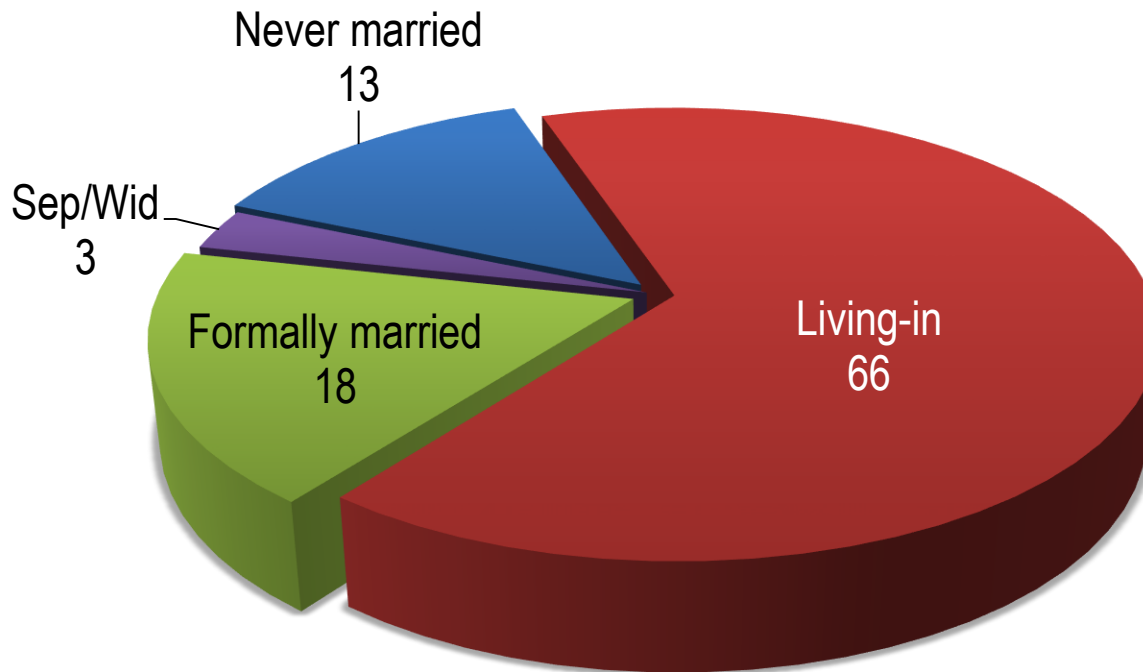
MEDIAN AGE AT FIRST BIRTH AMONG FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS



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Most teenage mothers are living-in; Over 1 in 10 teenage mothers are never married

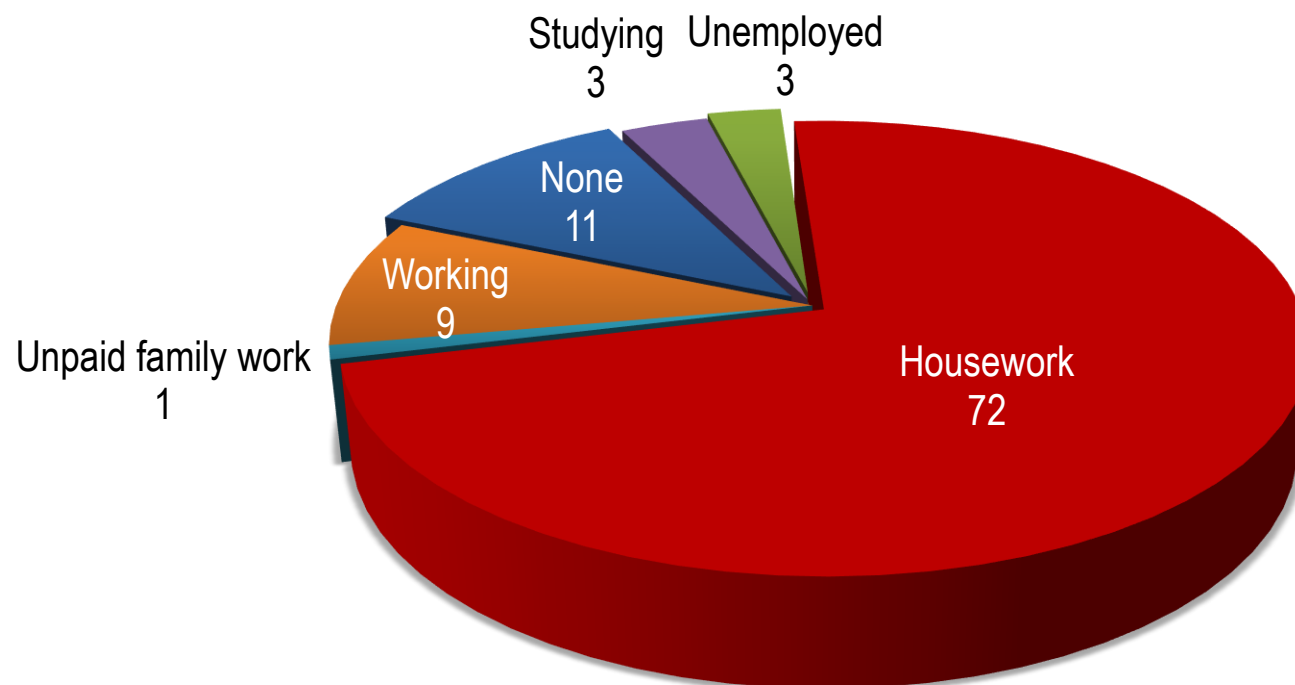
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WHO HAVE
BEGUN CHILDBEARING BY MARITAL STATUS



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Most teenage mothers are doing housework

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WHO HAVE BEGUN CHILDBEARING BY MAIN ACTIVITY



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Profile of teenage mothers

- 26% are below 18 years old
- Mostly high school undergraduates (36%) or high school graduates (37%)
- 76% have premarital sex experience
- 24% are currently pregnant



UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES

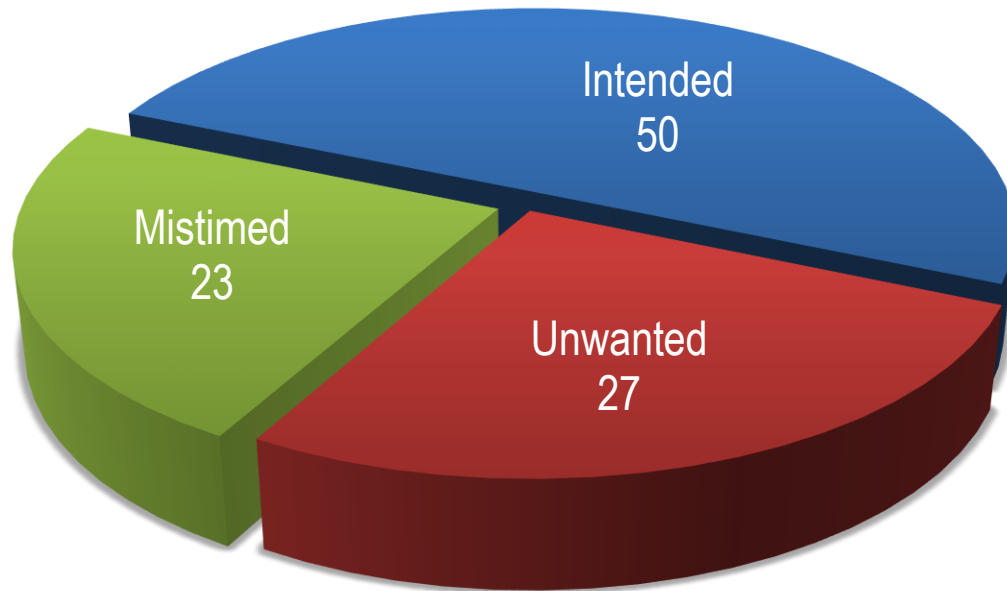
Unintended pregnancy

- “At the time you became pregnant, did you want to become pregnant then, did you want to wait until later, or did you not want to become pregnant at all?”
 - Wanted then (Intended pregnancy)
 - Wanted to wait later (Mistimed pregnancy)
 - Did not want at all (Unwanted pregnancy)

- Mistimed + Unwanted = Unintended pregnancy

Half of teen females who have been pregnant have unintended pregnancies

PERCENTAGE OF EVER-PREGNANT FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS BY INTENTION STATUS OF PREGNANCY

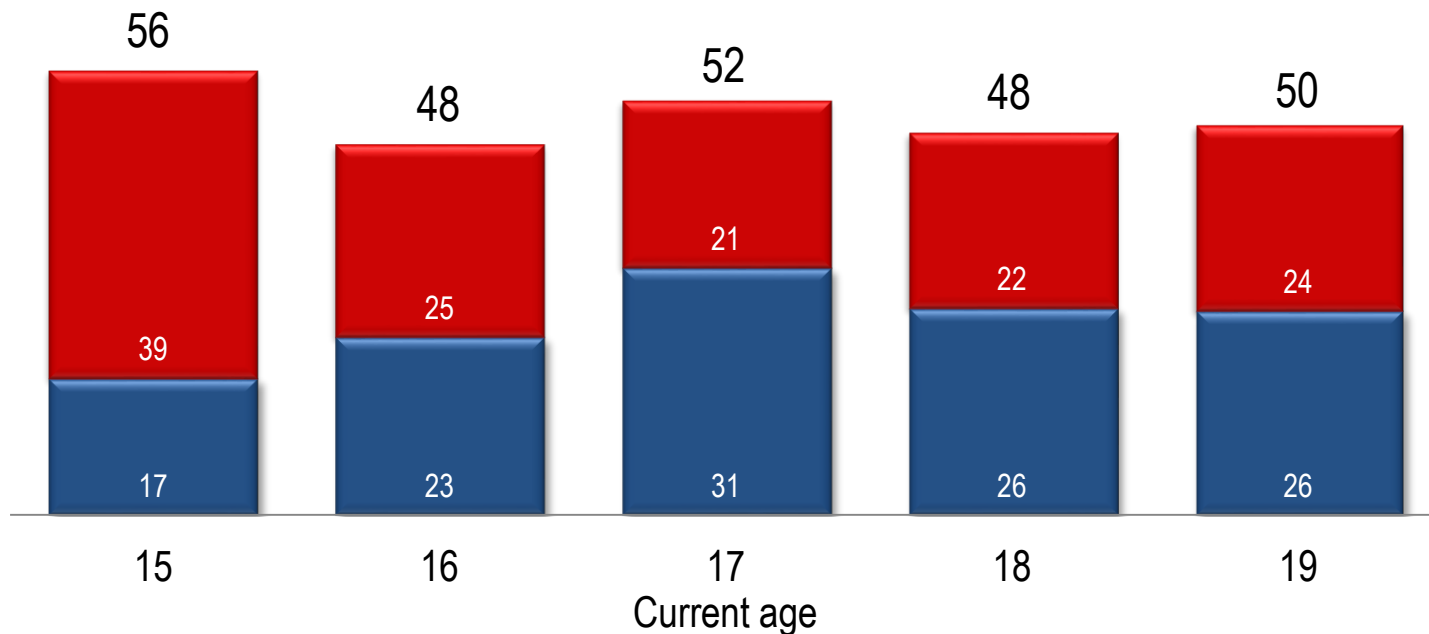


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No substantial difference in unintended pregnancies by age

PERCENTAGE OF EVER-PREGNANT FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WITH UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES

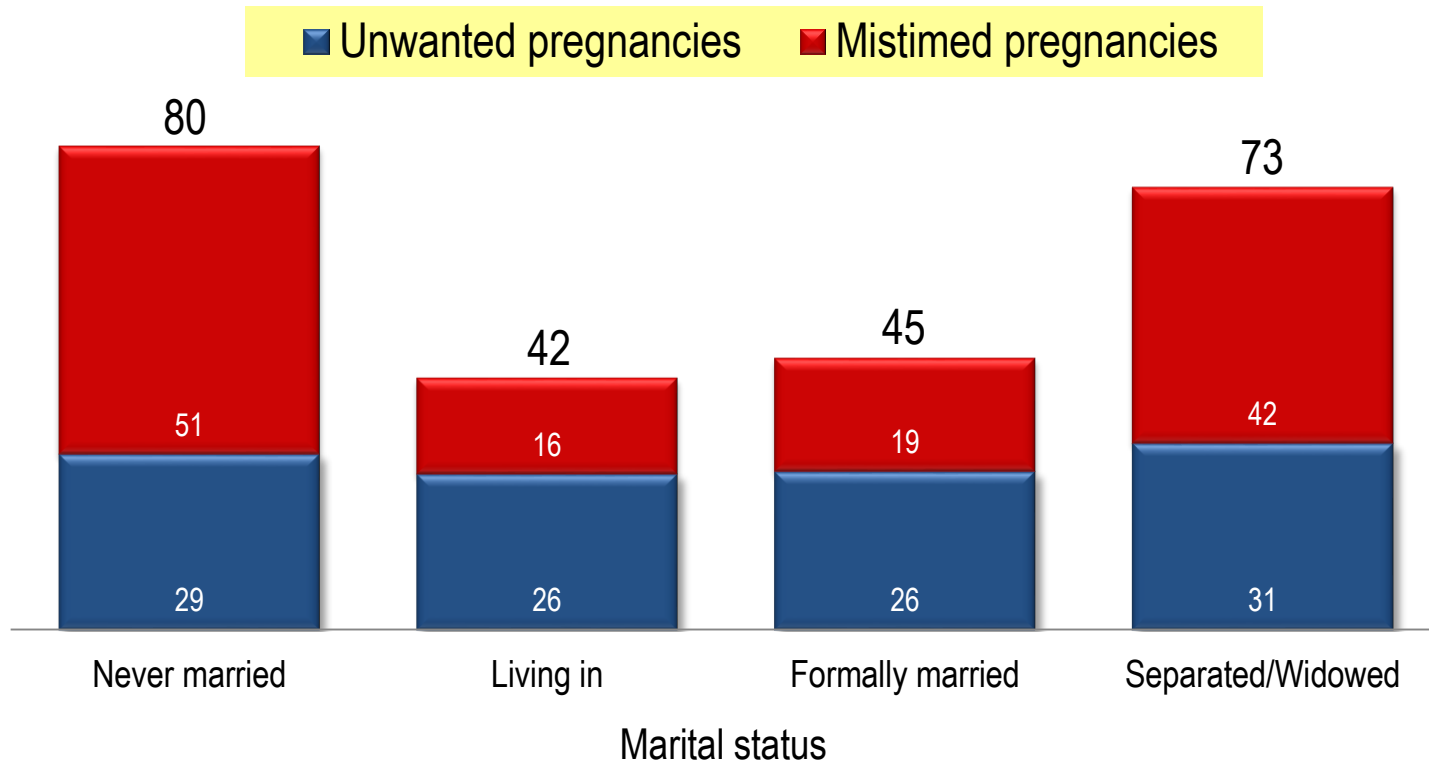
■ Unwanted pregnancies ■ Mistimed pregnancies



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Unintended pregnancies are more common among unmarried teen females than those in union

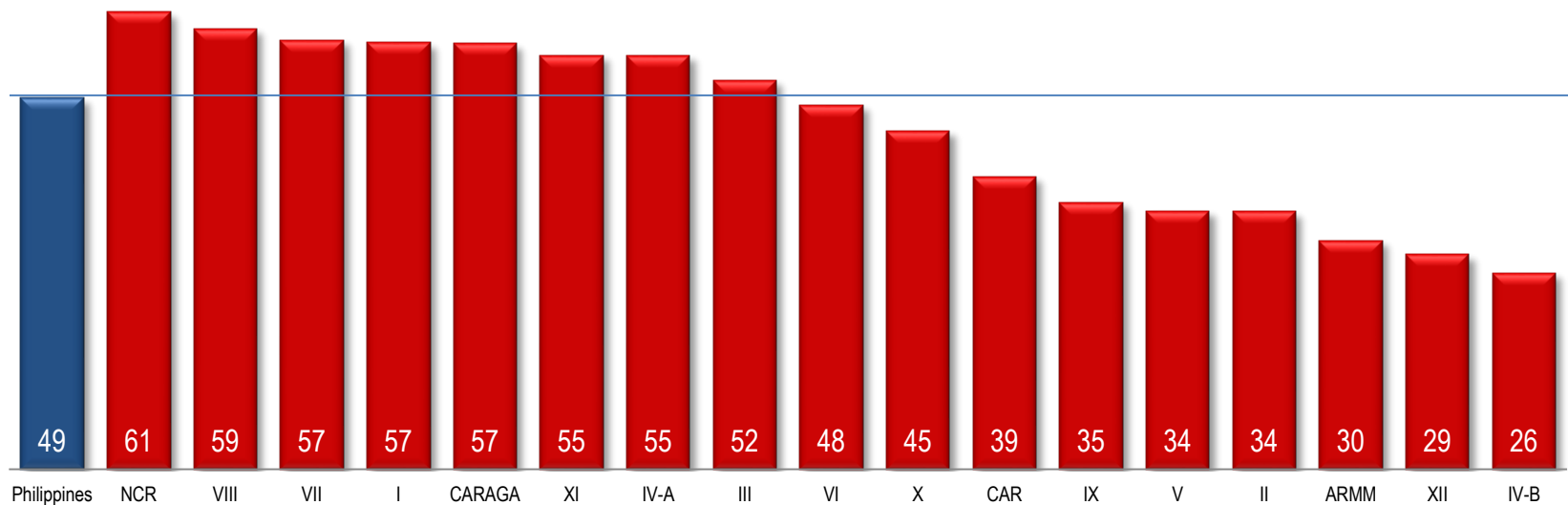
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Unintended pregnancies among teen females is highest in NCR and lowest in MIMAROPA

PERCENTAGE OF EVER-PREGNANT FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WITH UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES



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1 in 10 ever-pregnant teen females did something to end pregnancy early

PERCENTAGE OF EVER-PREGNANT FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS WHO DID SOMETHING TO END PREGNANCY EARLY



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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- 1 in 5 teen females have sexual experience
- Most sexual initiations occur prior to marriage and without any form of protection against the risk of unintended pregnancies and STIs
- Rising trend in early sexual initiation
 - Doubling of proportion who have engaged in sex before age 18

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- There is much room for improvement in the level of knowledge about conception among female teens
- There is likewise an inadequate knowledge about sex
- This lack of knowledge on fertility and sexuality may be one of the factors that drive them to early and unprotected sexual behaviors and eventually to early childbearing

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- Most teen females think it is ideal to have children when they are in their mid-20s
- On the average, teen females prefer to have 2 children (lower than the country's current TFR of 3 children)
- If this ideal age at childbearing and desired fertility will be met, we may see a substantial decline in fertility in the future and achieve replacement fertility sooner

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- The level of teenage fertility doubled in the past decade
- A typical teenage mother:
 - At least 18 years old
 - High school undergrad/grad
 - Doing housework
 - Living-in
 - Have premarital sex experience
- Half of ever-pregnant teen females have unintended pregnancies
- 1 in 10 did something to end the pregnancy early

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- Of the estimated 4.9 million teen females in 2013:
 - Almost 1 million have sexual experience
 - Around 600,000 have unprotected premarital sexual initiation
 - Around 700,000 have begun childbearing
 - Around 353,000 have unintended pregnancies
 - 188,000 unwanted pregnancies
 - 165,000 mistimed pregnancies
 - Around 80,000 did something to end their pregnancy early



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