



Trends in Teen Births and Pregnancies

Significant Progress to Date,
But What Does the Future Hold?

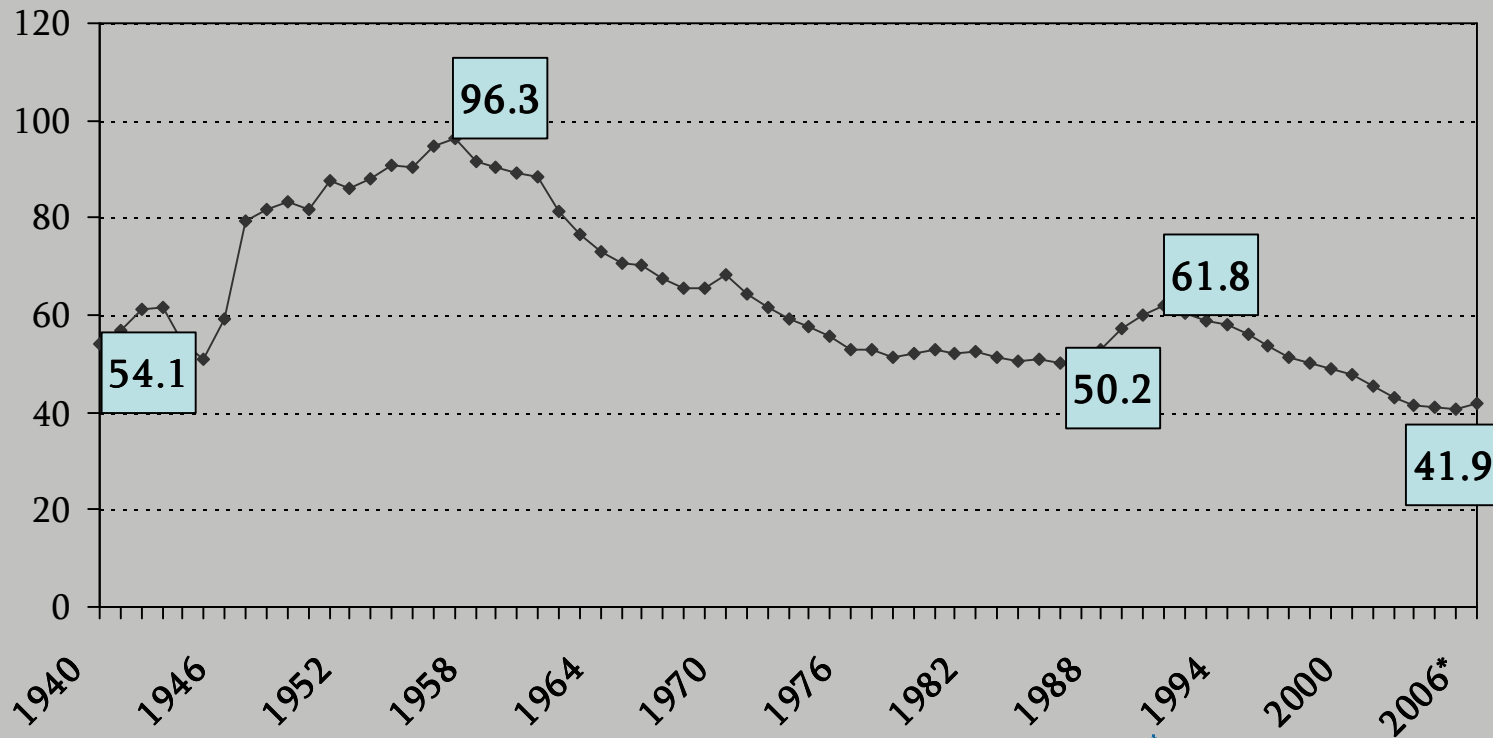


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Historical Perspective: National Teen Birth Rates, 1940-2006*

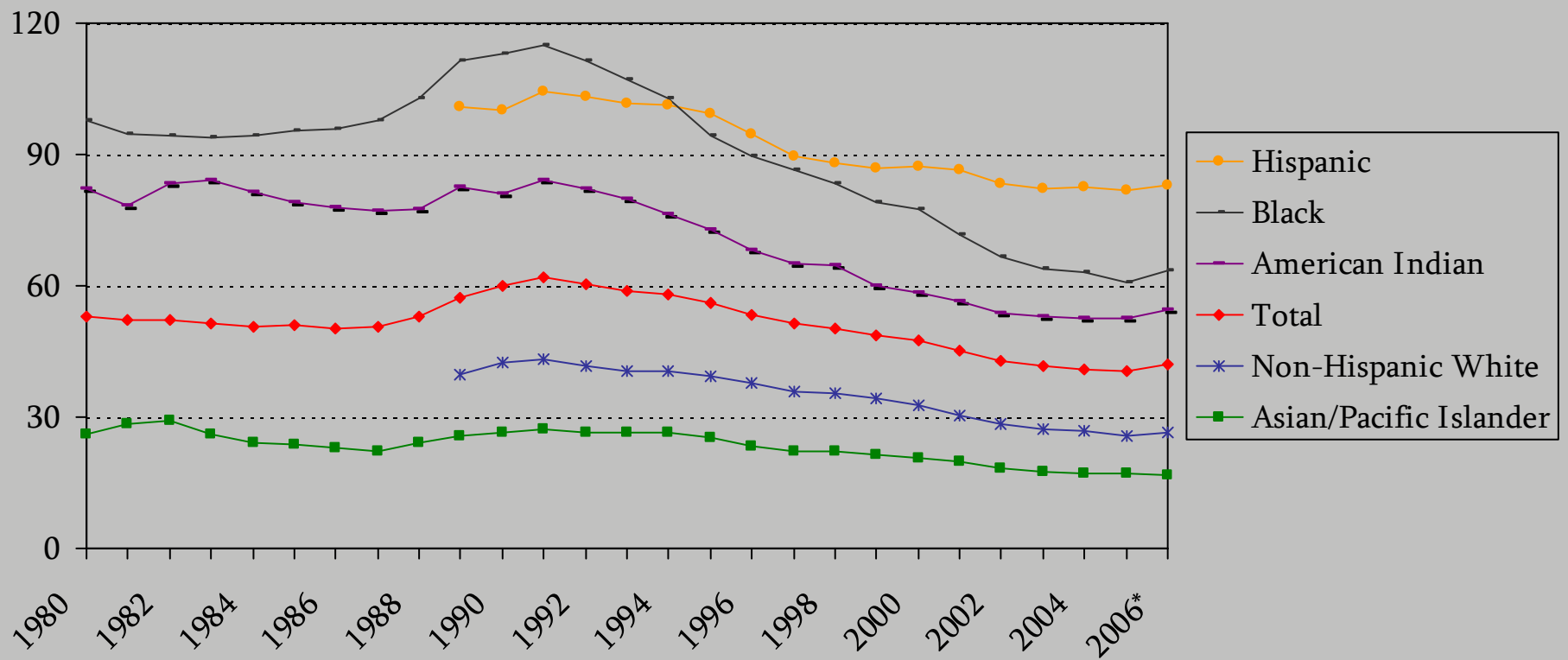
From 1940 to 1957, the teen birth rate increased 78% to a record high. The birth rate dropped fairly steadily from the end of the 1950s through the mid-1980s, but then increased 23% between 1986 and 1991. Between 1991 and 2005, the teen birth rate decreased 34% to a record low of 40.5 in 2005. Between 2005 and 2006 the teen birth rate increased 3% - the first increase in 15 years.



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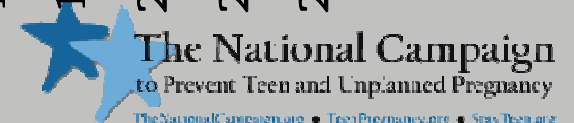
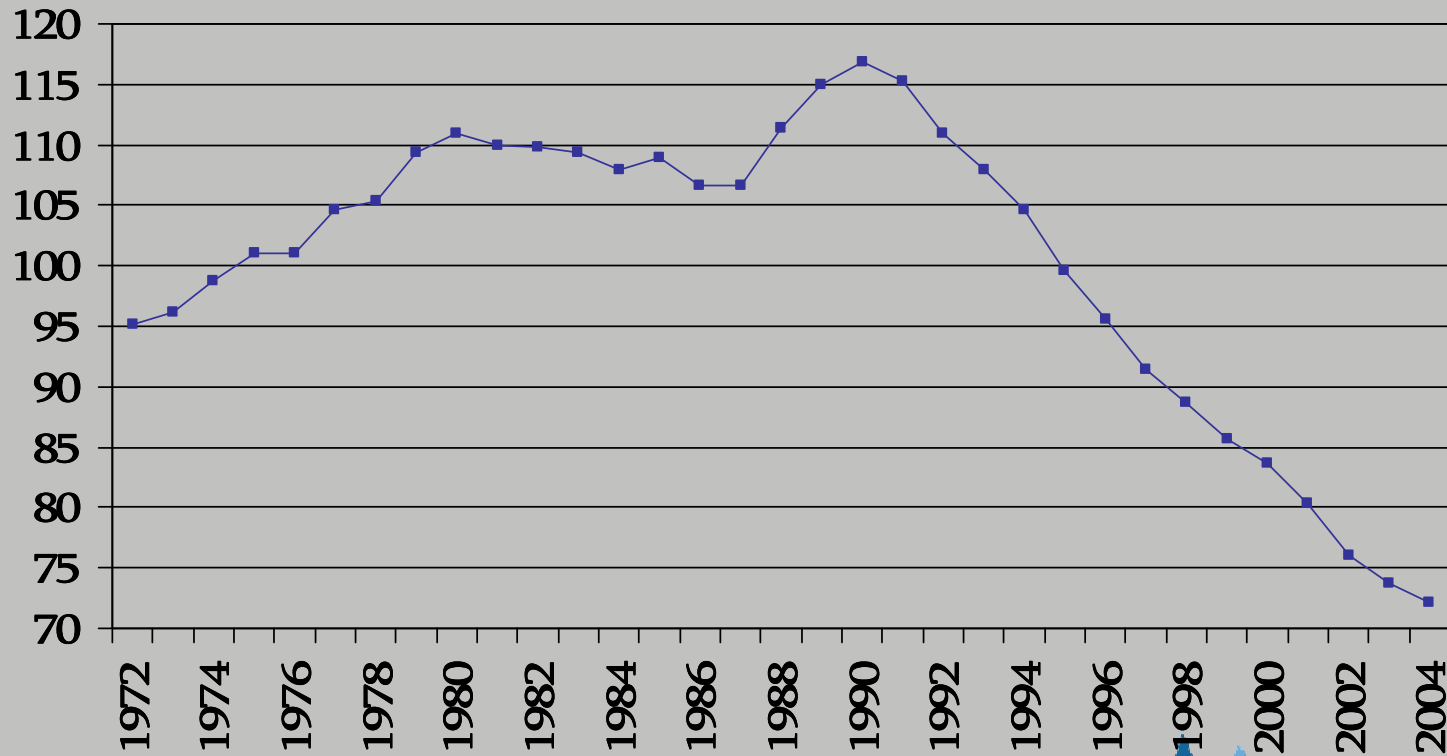
Teen Birth Rates by Race/Ethnicity 1980-2006*



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National Teen Girls (15- 19) Pregnancy Rates, 1972-2004

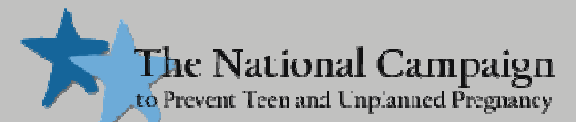
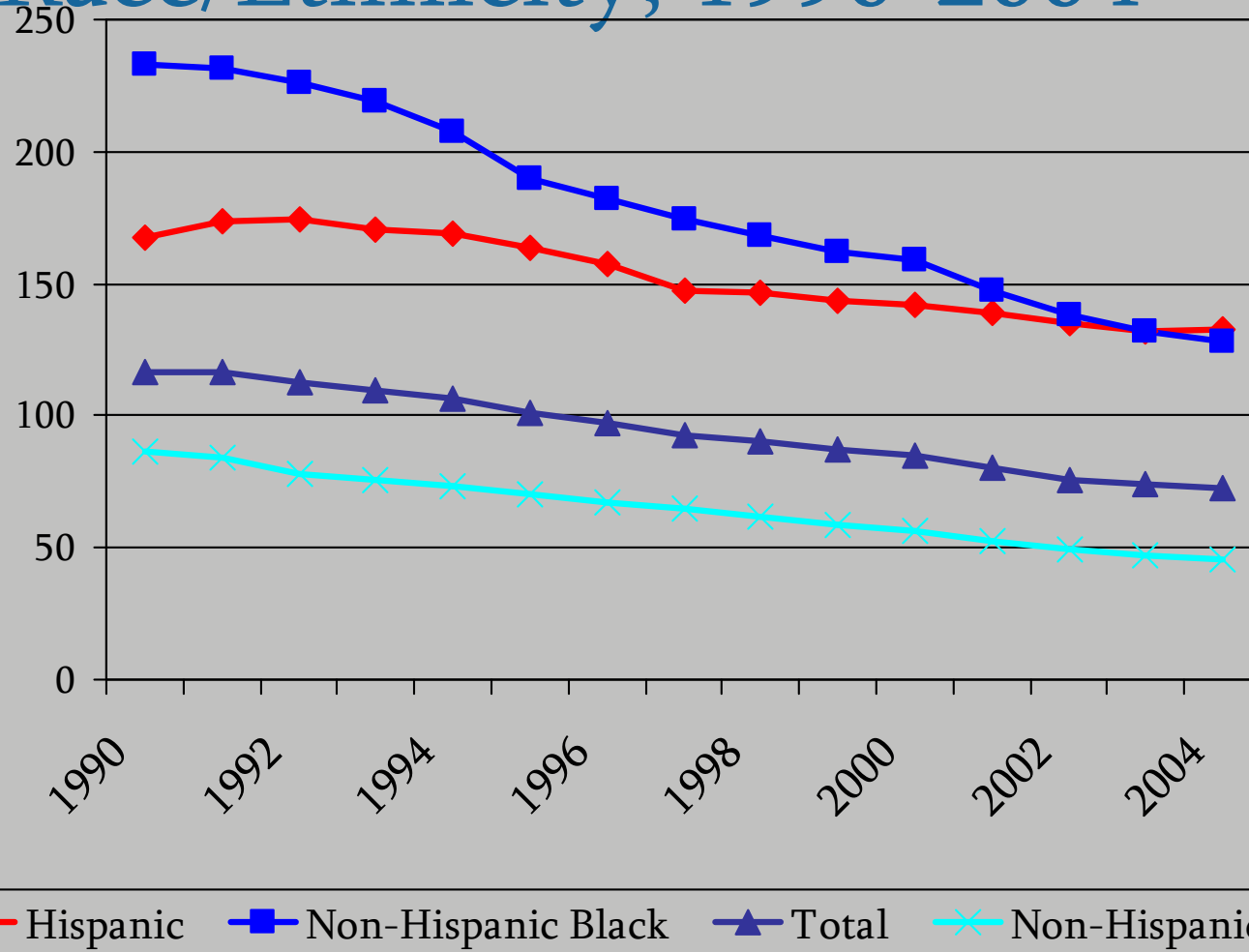


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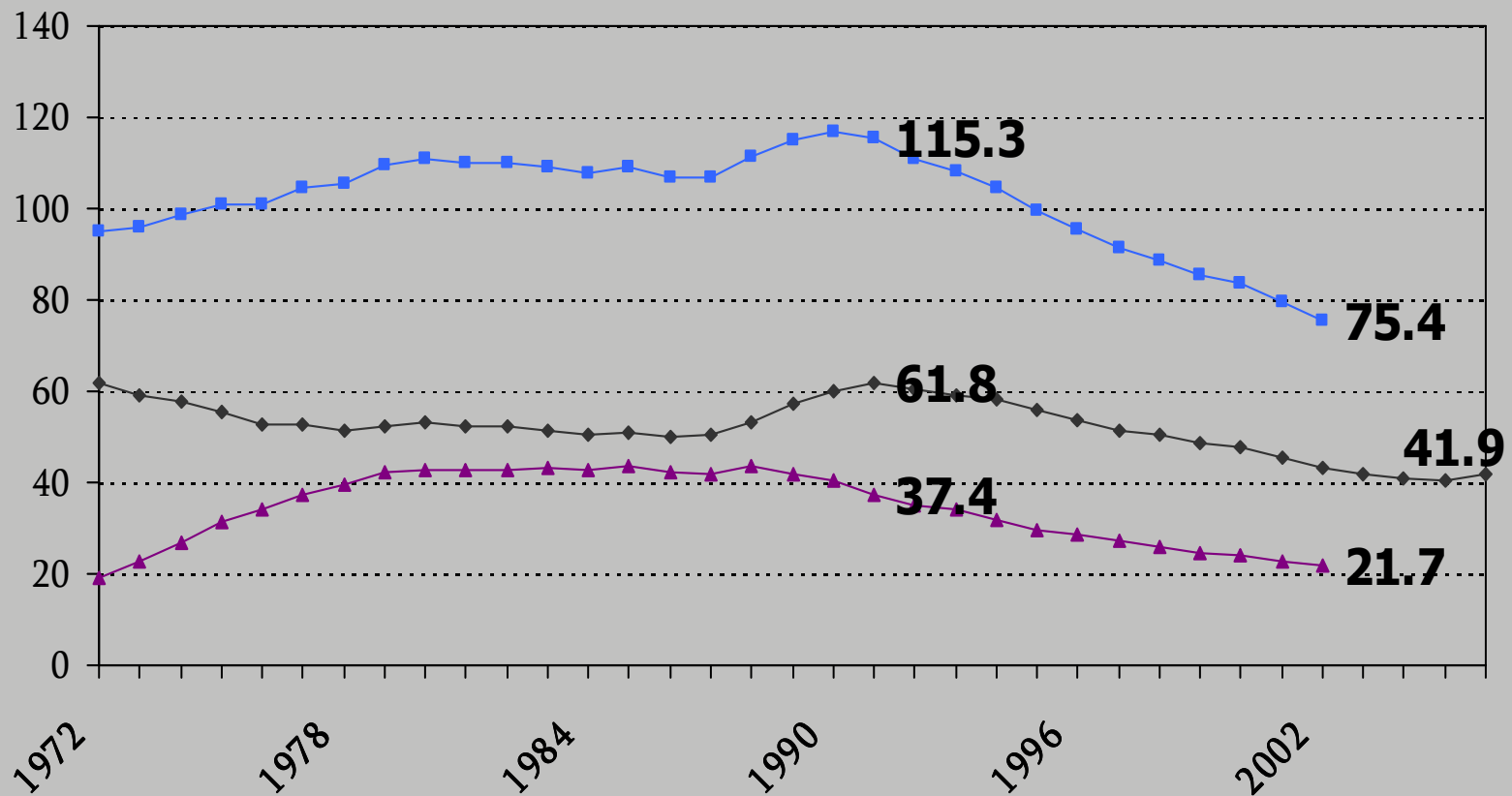
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Teen Pregnancy Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 1990-2004



Historical Perspective: National Teen Pregnancy, Birth, and Abortion Rates, 1972-2006*



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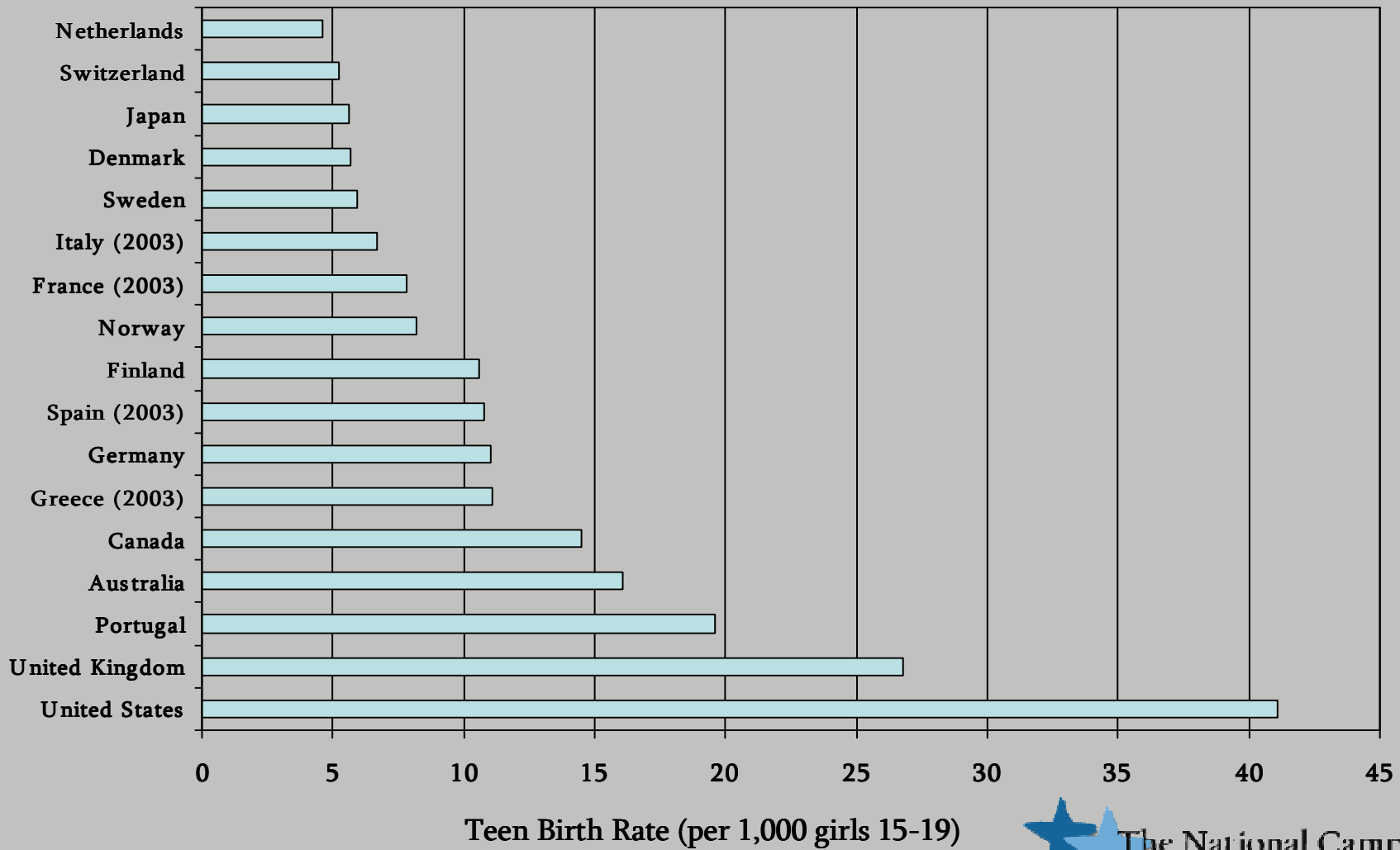
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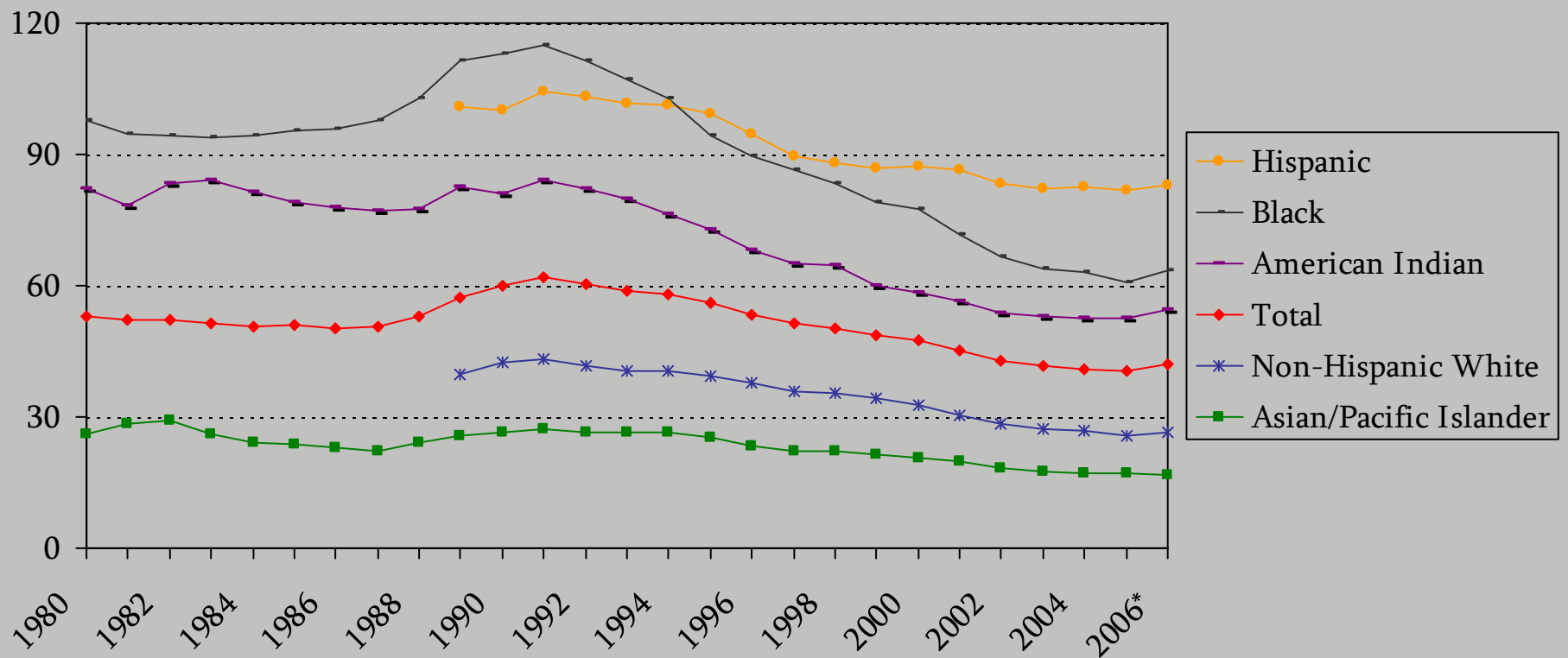
This Progress Matters

- If teen birth rates had not declined since 1991, there would have been:
 - 1.2 million more babies born to teens,
 - 460,000 more young children in poverty in 2002,
 - 700,000 more young children living with single mothers in 2002.

International Comparison Teen Birth Rates, 2004*



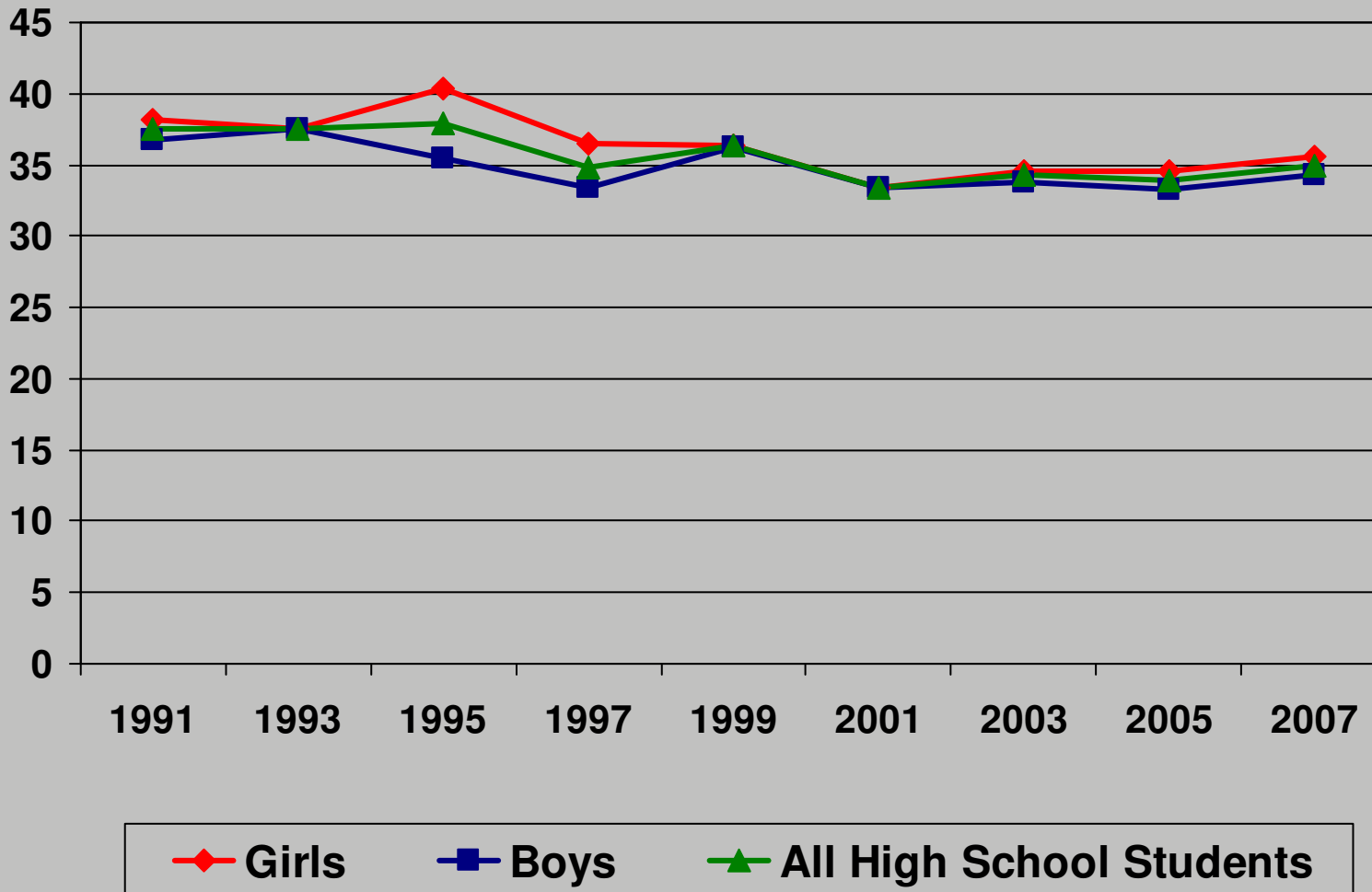
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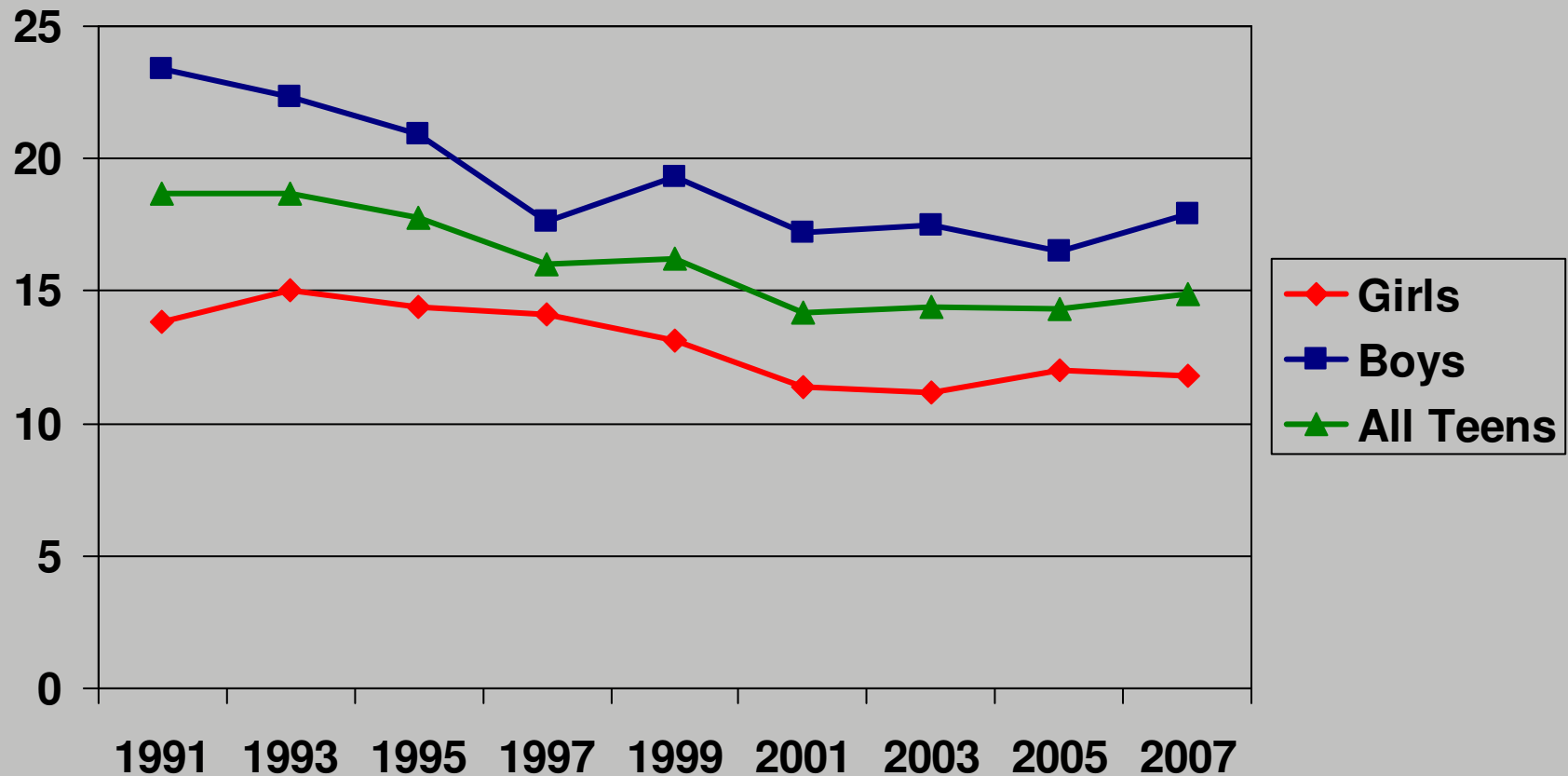
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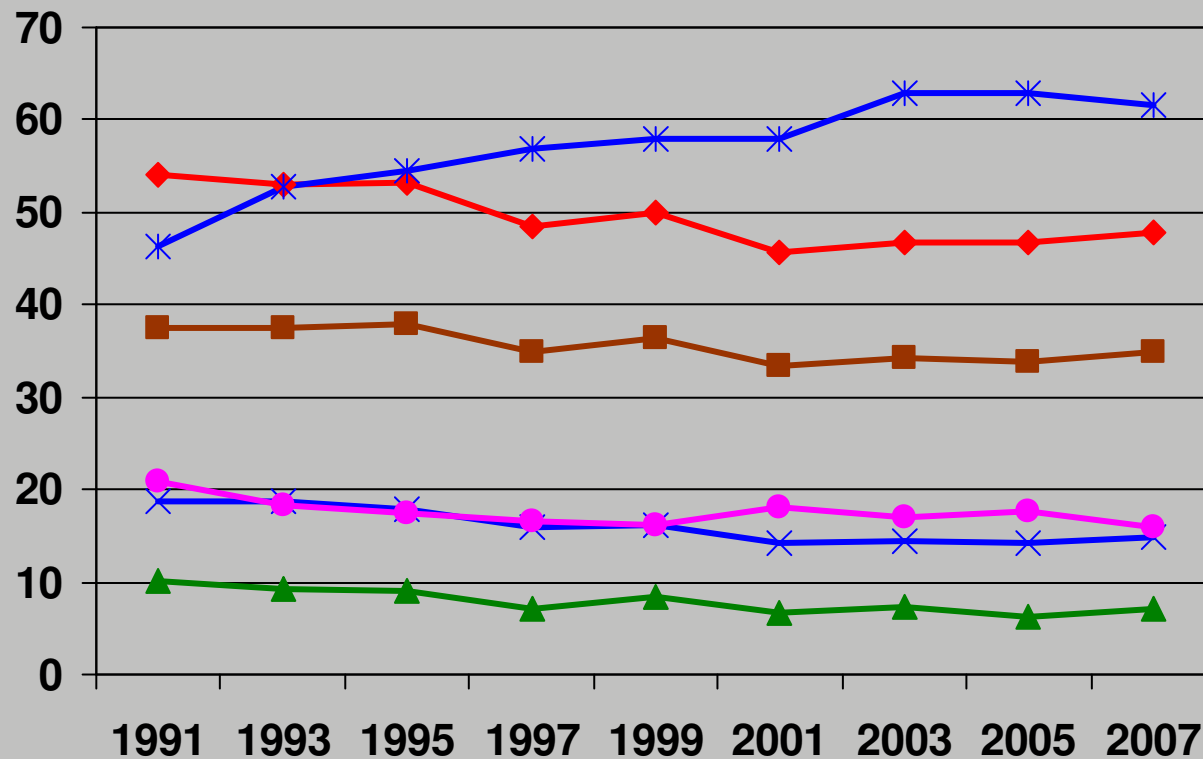
Proportion of Sexually Active High School Students by Gender, YRBS 1991-2007



Proportion of Sexually Active High School Students Who Have Had 4 or More Partners, by Gender, YRBS 1991-2007



Measures of High School Student Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use, YRBS 1991-2007



- ◆ Sexually Experienced
- ▲ Had Sex Before Age 13
- ✱ Condom Use at Last Sex
- Sexually Active
- ✕ Have Had 4 or More Partners
- Birth Control Pill Use at Last Sex