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Compare Birth Rates, Abortion Rates and Number of Partners

[Birth, Abortion and Pregnancy Rates](#) | [Rates from 1970 to 2000](#) | [Two or More Partners](#) | [STD Rates](#)**Table 1:** Birth, Abortion and Pregnancy Rates; and Abortion Ratio, By Country, Ages 15-19, Mid-1990s

Country	Births per 1,000	Abortions per 1,000	Pregnancies per 1,000	Abortion ratio
Sweden (1996)	7.8	17.2	25.0	68.8
France (1995)*	10.0	10.2	20.2	50.5
Canada (1995)	24.5	21.2	45.7	46.4
Great Britain (1995)**	28.3	18.4	46.7	39.4
United States (1996)	54.4	29.2	83.6	34.9

*Rates are adjusted to the young woman's age in completed years when the event occurred, to be comparable with other countries. Rates are not inflated for the underreporting of abortions.

**Rates for Great Britain (which comprises England, Wales, and Scotland) are calculated by combining data for these administrative areas.

Note: Pregnancy rates include births and induced births but do not include spontaneous abortions or miscarriages. The abortion ratio is the number of abortions per 100 pregnancies, excluding miscarriages.

SOURCE: [The Alan Guttmacher Institute](#) report on Teenage Sexuality and Reproductive Behavior in Developed Countries

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Teenage birthrates declined less steeply in the United States than developed countries between 1970 and 2000.

Year	Sweden	France	Canada	England and Wales	United States
1970	33.9	37.4	42.8	49.7	68.3
1975	28.8	33.1	35.3	36.5	55.6
1980	15.8	25.4	27.2	29.6	53.0
1985	11.0	16.9	23.2	29.5	51.0
1990	14.1	13.3	25.6	33.2	59.9
1995	8.6	10.0	24.2	28.4	56.8
2000	6.8	9.4	20.2	30.8	48.7

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Country	Women	Men
Sweden (1996)*	42.8	31.3
France (1992, 1994)	12.8	28.8
Canada (1996)	23.5	38.1
Great Britain (1990-1991)	unavailable	unavailable
United States (1995)	48.6	48.8

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Country	Adolescents 15-19			General Population
	Female	Male	Total	
Syphilis				
Sweden 1995	1.2	0.0	0.6	0.8
Canada 1996	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.3
England and Wales 1996	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
United States 1996	8.6	4.3	6.4	4.3
Gonorrhea				
Sweden 1995	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.8
France 1996*	8.4	7.0	7.7	8.4
Canada 1996	86.4	33.3	59.4	16.8
England and Wales 1996	83.4	51.5	67.0	22.4
United States 1996**	758.2	394.8	571.8	125.1
Chlamydia				
Sweden 1995	921.0	235.2	569.6	156.0
France 1996**	110.9	1.6	55.1	60.2
Canada 1996	998.6	148.5	563.3	114.8
England and Wales 1996**	339.0	74.2	202.9	75.9
United States 1996**	2,067.0	245.8	1,131.6	192.6

*General population rates for France are calculated using the number of infection cases per 100,000 population at ages 15-59.

** This country has medium or low reporting rates; that is, fewer than 70% of diagnosed cases are estimated to be reported.

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