

29—Teens who are pregnant Page 66

**Actual indicator:** Pregnancy, under 20 years old

**Source:** New Brunswick Vital Statistics, 2008 and 2010

**Definition:**

Teenage pregnancy is defined as a teenaged or underage girl (under 20 years old) who have had a live

birth.

**Why is this indicator important?**

Teenage pregnancy and early parenthood can lead to poor educational achievement, poor physical and

mental health, poverty and social isolation for mothers and their children. *Socioeconomic*

*disadvantage can be both the cause and effect of youth parenthood.*

1. The region with the highest teenage pregnancy rate in 2008 was:
   1. Moncton
   2. Miramichi
   3. Madawaska
   4. Saint John
2. How many teenage pregnancies were there in Miramichi in 2010?
   1. 19.8
   2. 35.5
   3. 35.5 per 10,000 females under 20
   4. 23.5 per 10,000 females under 20
3. In 2010, how much higher is Miramichi’s teenage pregnancy rate per 10,000 females, than the New Brunswick average?
   1. 12
   2. 10
   3. 5
   4. 17
4. Socioeconomic means:
   1. To be socially unacceptable
   2. The social and economic status of a person
   3. Someone who does not have a lot of money
   4. Being without employment

**Evaluative Question:**

Why do you think that the teen pregnancy rate in Miramichi is so high? Give reasons to support your response.

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