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**REPORTED PREGNANCIES  
AND PREGNANCY RATES IN  
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# **Reported Pregnancies and Pregnancy Rates in the District of Columbia, 1998 - 2002**

## **Introduction**

This report provides statistics on the pregnancies of District of Columbia women, which were reported to the Department of Health during the five-year period of 1998-2002. The pregnancy outcome categories included in this report are live births, induced abortions, and fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation. Fetal deaths under 20 weeks gestation and abortions not reported to the Department of Health are not included. Abortion reporting is voluntary in the District of Columbia. The Department of Health does not receive reports on abortions performed in private physicians' offices. Also, abortions performed on District residents outside Washington, D.C. are included. However, demographic information on abortions performed on District of Columbia women outside Washington, D.C. is either not available or limited during this five-year period.

Annual pregnancy rates were calculated using U.S. Census Bureau mid-year population estimates for July 1998 through July 1999 and July 2001-2002 and census 2000 population (April 1, 2000). Prior to 1996, unknown cases in previous reports were distributed according to the reported age proportions. Age proportion distributions based on unknown or not reported cases are no longer performed in these reports.

## **Pregnancies**

A pregnancy can have one out of three outcomes: a live birth, a legally induced abortion, or a fetal death. Thus, the number of pregnancies is the sum of live births, legally induced abortions, and fetal deaths. Reported pregnancies decreased 4.8 percent and pregnancy rates decreased 15.1 percent between 1998 and 2002. Pregnancy rates decreased each year during the five-year period except for 1999, which increased 3.7 percent from 1998. The 10,166 pregnancies reported to the Department of Health in 2002 were 1.9 percent fewer than the 10,361 pregnancies reported in 2001 (Table 1). The pregnancy rate decreased 0.3 percent between 2001 and 2002, going from 71.9 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in 2001 to 71.7 in 2002. Pregnancy rates decreased between 2001 and 2002 in each age group of women except for women 15-19 years, 35-39 years of age, and 40 years and older. The pregnancy rate of 15-19 year old women increased 36.8 percent between 2001 and 2002.

The **teenage pregnancy rate** for 2002 was 101.8 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years, about one and one-half times the teen birth rate in that year (68.9) (Tables 1 and 4). The teenage pregnancy rate increased 36.8 percent from 2001 to 2002. This increase in the 2002 teen pregnancy rate is inconsistent with the decrease in the overall number of live births, abortions, and fetal deaths among teenagers. The increase in the teen pregnancy rate really reflects a dramatic decrease in the population denominator (Appendices, p. 14). The pregnancy rates for teenagers aged 15-17 years and 18-19 years were 91.2 per 1,000 women aged 15-17 years (41.4 percent increase between 2001 and 2002) and 109.7 per 1,000 women aged 18-19 years (34.3 percent increase between 2001 and 2002), respectively (Table 4).

In 2002, 64.9 percent of reported pregnancies to women were Black, 20.5 percent were White, 13.5 percent were other races, and 11.7 percent were Hispanic/Latina (Table 3). It is important to note that “Hispanic/Latino” is not a race category. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race and are, therefore, included in all racial categories (i.e., Black, White, and other races).

### **Live Births**

The number of live births to District of Columbia residents decreased each year during the five-year period, 1998-2002, except for 2000. The 7,494 births in 2002 were 2.4 percent less than the 7,678 births in 1998 and less than one percent fewer than the 7,621 births in 2001 (Table 1). The fertility rate also decreased each year, going from 60.7 per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in 1998 to 59.9 in 1999, 53.3 in 2000, 52.9 in 2001, and 52.8 in 2002 (Table 1 and Figure 1). Fertility rates increased between 2001 and 2002 for women 15-19 years and 35-39 years of age. The fertility rates of women 15-19 years old increased 40 percent and of women 20-24 years old decreased 4.9 percent and of women 30-34 years old decreased 7.3 percent, and 35-39 years old increased 4.2 percent between 2001 and 2002. Thirteen percent of the 2002 live births occurred to mothers under 20 years of age. Mothers aged 20-29 accounted for almost one-half (44.6 percent in 2002) of the births.

Sixty percent of D.C. resident women who gave birth in 2002 were Black, 24.1 percent were White, 2.5 were Asian/Pacific Islander, 12.3 percent were other races, and 13.3 percent were Hispanic/Latina (Table 3). “Hispanic/Latino” is not a race category. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Therefore, each race category contains persons of both Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

### **Induced Abortions**

The number of reported induced abortions to District of Columbia residents decreased each year during the five-year period, 1998-2002 except for 1999. Reported induced abortions decreased 2.2 percent between 2001 and 2002 and decreased 11.8 percent between 1998 and 2002 (Table 1). The abortion rate in 2002 was 18.3 per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years. Eighteen percent of the 2,592 abortions reported in 2002 occurred among adolescence (under 20 years of age) and 59.1 percent were performed on women in their twenties. Between 2001 and 2002, reported

abortions decreased 39.3 percent for women under 25 and increased 4.1 percent for women 25 years and older.

Seventy-seven percent of D.C. residents obtaining abortions in 2002 were Black, 10.2 were White, and 7.0 were Hispanic/Latina (Table 3). “Hispanic/Latino” is not a race category. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Therefore, each race category contains persons of both Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

### **Fetal Deaths**

The 80 reported fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation in 2002 were 11.1 percent fewer than the 90 reported in 2001, were 25 percent more than the 64 fetal deaths reported in 1998 (Table 1). During this five-year period, 2001 had the highest number of reported fetal deaths. Forty percent of the reported fetal deaths in 2002 occurred among women in their twenties and 36.2 percent occurred among women in their thirties.

Seventy-eight percent of reported fetal deaths in 2002 were to Black women, 13.8 percent were to White women, and 6.2 percent were to Hispanic/Latina women (Table 3). “Hispanic/Latino” is not a race category. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Therefore, each race category contains persons of both Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

### **Summary**

In 2002, 73.7 percent of the reported pregnancies ended in live births, 25.5 percent ended in induced abortions, and 0.8 percent ended in fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation (Table 2). Figures 2a and 2b, depicting the percentage of reported pregnancies ending as a live birth or induced abortion, show lower percentages of the reported pregnancies of women under 20 years and women 20 years and older ending in a live birth and higher percentages ending in abortion in 2002 than in 1998. The proportion of reported pregnancies that ended in a live birth in 2002 varied from 52.5 percent for women 15 years of age and younger to 85.9 percent for women 35-39 years old (Figure 3).

Table 1. NUMBER OF REPORTED PREGNANCIES AND PREGNANCY RATES BY OUTCOME OF PREGNANCY AND AGE OF WOMEN

Age of Women	Reported Pregnancies							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998	1999	
Total.....	10,679	10,982	10,970	10,361	10,166	7,678	7,513	
Under 15 years.....	66	56	64	56	40	42	36	
15-19 years.....	1,604	1,733	1,616	1,481	1,381	1,130	1,077	
20-24 years.....	2,497	3,070	3,110	2,719	2,649	1,790	1,836	
25-29 years.....	2,342	2,486	2,373	2,277	2,256	1,776	1,708	
30-34 years.....	1,950	2,049	2,115	2,162	2,161	1,634	1,578	
35-39 years.....	1,200	1,228	1,285	1,277	1,294	1,044	1,001	
40 years and older.....	294	341	388	368	371	261	260	
Not Reported.....	726	19	19	21	14	1	17	
4								
Total	84.5	87.6	76.3	71.9	71.7	60.7	59.9	
5								
Under 15 years.....	5.3	4.8	4.3	3.7	2.6	3.4	3.1	
15-19 years.....	122.7	134.4	81.4	74.4	101.8	86.5	83.5	
20-24 years.....	151.6	175.3	110.3	96.1	96.1	108.7	104.8	
25-29 years.....	86.9	98.7	85.9	82.2	82.2	65.9	67.8	
30-34 years.....	79.4	85.4	86.7	88.4	88.4	66.5	65.8	
35-39 years.....	51.5	52.7	57	56.4	56.4	44.8	43	
40 years and older/6....	13.3	15.2	18.4	17.4	17.4	11.8	11.6	

1/Rates were calculated using Bureau of the Census July 1998 - July 1999 and July 2001 - July 2002 population estimates and Census April 1, 2000.

2/Abortion reporting is voluntary in the District of Columbia. Only abortions performed in D.C. and reported to the D. C. Department of Health.

3/Includes only fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation.

4/Computed by relating the number of events to women of all ages to women aged 15-44 years.

5/Computed by relating the number of events to women under 15 years to women aged 10-14 years.

6/Computed by relating the number of events to women aged 40 years and over to women aged 40-44 years.

Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia.

MEN: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1998-2002

Live Births			Induced Abortions					
2000	2001	2002	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998
7,666	7,621	7,494	2,937	3,407	3,220	2,650	2,592	64
30	37	21	24	19	34	19	19	0
1,056	980	935	471	648	547	496	438	3
1,910	1,785	1,762	697	1,222	1,182	916	868	10
1,623	1,643	1,578	551	766	734	618	665	15
1,677	1,777	1,775	306	461	426	363	373	10
1,049	1,087	1,112	142	216	225	183	166	14
312	307	305	27	73	67	51	61	6
9	5	6	719	2	5	4	2	6
Rate per 1,000 women								
53.3	52.9	52.8	23.2	27.2	22.4	18.4	18.3	0.5
2	2.5	1.4	1.9	1.6	2.3	1.3	1.2	0
53.2	49.2	68.9	36	50.3	27.6	24.9	32.3	0.2
67.7	63.1	60	42.3	69.8	41.9	32.4	29.5	0.6
58.8	59.3	53.7	20.4	30.4	26.6	22.3	22.6	0.6
68.8	72.6	67.3	12.5	19.2	17.5	14.8	14.1	0.4
46.5	48	50	6.1	9.3	10	8.1	7.5	0.6
14.8	14.5	14.6	1.2	3.3	3.2	2.4	2.9	0.3

2000 population.

h (including out-of-state abortions to D.C. residents) are included in this table.

Fetal Deaths

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1999	2000	2001	2002
62	84	90	80
1	0	0	0
8	13	5	8
12	18	18	19
12	16	16	13
10	12	22	13
11	11	7	16
8	9	10	5
0	5	12	6
0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
0.1	0	0	0
0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3
0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
0.4	0.5	0.9	0.5
0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7
0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2

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Table 2. PERCENT OF REPORTED PREGNANCIES ENDING AS A LIVE BIRTH, INDUCED ABORTION, OR FETAL DEATH BY AGE

Age of Women	Live Births						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998	1999
Total.....	71.9	68.4	69.9	73.6	73.7	27.5	31
Under 15 years.....	63.6	64.3	46.9	66.1	52.5	36.4	33.9
15-19 years.....	70.4	62.1	65.3	66.2	67.7	29.4	37.4
20-24 years.....	71.7	59.8	61.4	65.6	66.5	27.9	39.8
25-29 years.....	75.8	68.7	68.4	72.2	69.9	23.5	30.8
30-34 years.....	83.8	77	79.3	82.2	82.1	15.7	22.5
35-39 years.....	87	81.5	81.6	85.1	85.9	11.8	17.6
40 years and older.....	88.8	76.2	80.4	83.4	82.2	9.2	21.4

1/Abortion reporting is voluntary in the District of Columbia. Only abortions performed in D.C. and reported to the D. C. Department of Health are included in this table.

2/Includes only fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation.

Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia.

E OF WOMEN: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1998-2002

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Induced Abortions			Fetal Deaths				
2000	2001	2002	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
29.4	25.6	25.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
53.1	33.9	47.5	0	1.8	0	0	0
33.8	33.5	31.7	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
38	33.7	32.8	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7
30.9	27.1	29.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
20.1	16.8	17.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	1	0.6
17.5	14.3	12.8	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.2
17.3	13.9	16.4	2	2.3	2.3	2.7	1.3

h (including out-of-state abortions to D.C. residents)

Table 3. NUMBER OF REPORTED PREGNANCIES, LIVE BIRTHS, INDUCED ABORTIONS, AND FETAL DEATHS BY RACE/ETHN

Race/Ethnicity of Women	Reported Pregnancies					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998
<b>Race</b>						
Total.....	10,679	10,982	10,400	10,361	10,166	7,678
Black.....	7,294	7,893	7,150	6,873	6,601	5,381
White.....	1,526	1,753	1,818	2,043	2,083	1,392
Other.....	1,098	1,161	1,261	1,285	1,370	864
Not Reported.....	761	175	171	160	112	41
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
Total.....	10,679	10,982	10,400	10,361	10,166	7,678
Hispanic/Latina..... <sup>3</sup>	956	1,062	1,218	1,214	1,186	762
Not Hispanic/Latina.....	8,926	9,555	8,532	8,496	8,851	6,906
Not Reported.....	797	365	650	651	129	10

1/Abortion reporting is voluntary in the District of Columbia. Only abortions performed in D.C. and reported to the D. C. Department of Health (including out-of-state abortions to D.C. residents) are included in this table.

2/Includes only fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation.

3/Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Therefore, each race category contains persons of both Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin.

Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia.

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Live Births				Induced Abortions			
1999	2000	2001	2002	1998	1999	2001	2002
7,513	7,666	7,621	7,494	2,937	3,407	2,650	2,592
5,081	5,039	4,753	4,532	1,863	2,759	2,052	2,007
1,467	1,543	1,766	1,808	121	279	263	264
884	1,020	1,049	1,118	233	275	233	246
81	64	53	36	720	94	102	75
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7,513	7,666	7,621	7,494	2,937	3,407	2,650	2,592
842	1,006	1,005	1,000	189	219	204	181
6,671	6,657	6,616	6,494	1,961	2,825	1,806	2,288
0	3	0	0	787	363	640	123
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## Fetal Deaths

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1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
64	62	84	90	80
50	53	59	68	62
13	7	12	14	11
1	2	8	3	6
0	0	5	5	1
64	62	84	90	80
5	1	8	5	5
59	59	69	74	69
0	2	7	11	6

Table 4. NUMBER OF REPORTED PREGNANCIES BY OUTCOME AND AGE-SPECIFIC RATES FOR TEENAGERS AGED 15-19 YEARS

Age of Teenagers	Reported Pregnancies					Live Births	
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998	1999
Total (15-19 years).....	1,604	1,733	1,616	1,481	1,381	1,130	1,077
15 years.....	114	113	105	103	98	79	86
16 years.....	239	227	189	177	163	178	145
17 years.....	281	336	344	268	267	198	207
(15-17 years).....	634	676	638	548	528	455	438
18 years.....	471	476	476	452	383	337	287
19 years.....	499	581	502	481	470	338	352
(18-19 years).....	970	1,057	978	933	853	675	639

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Total (15-19 years).....	122.7	134.4	81.4	74.4	101.8	86.5	83.5
15 years.....	49.7	58.7	38.7	37.8	52.9	34.4	44.7
16 years.....	104.9	119.5	67.5	63.0	85.2	78.1	76.3
17 years.....	104.8	123.9	116.3	90.3	132.1	73.9	76.4
(15-17 years).....	87.4	103.4	75.3	64.5	91.2	62.7	67
18 years.....	170.5	164.6	97.5	92.3	114.9	122	99.2
19 years.....	163.5	167.7	77.3	73.8	105.9	110.7	101.6
(18-19 years).....	166.8	166.3	86.0	81.7	109.7	116.1	100.5

1/Rates were calculated using Bureau of the Census July 1998-1999 and July 2001-2002 population estimates and Census April 1, 2000 population estimates.

2/Age-specific fertility rate per 1,000 women in each age/age group category.

3/Age-specific rate per 1,000 women in each age/age group category. Only abortions reported to the D.C. Department of Health (including out-of-state abortions) are included in this table.

4/Age-specific rate per 1,000 women in each age/age group category. Includes only fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestation.

5/Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years.

Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia.

ARS BY AGE: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1998-2002

2			3			4		
			Induced Abortions			Fetal Deaths		
2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000
1,056	980	935	648	547	496	438	8	13
68	67	66	27	36	36	31	0	1
120	117	101	81	68	59	60	1	1
220	162	181	127	121	105	83	2	3
408	346	348	235	225	200	174	3	5
301	297	252	188	172	154	130	1	3
347	337	335	225	150	142	134	4	5
648	634	587	413	322	296	264	5	8
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53.2	49.2	52.8	50.3	27.6	24.9	32.3	0.6	0.7
25.1	24.6	35.6	14	13.3	13.2	16.7	0	0.4
42.8	41.6	52.8	42.6	24.3	21	31.3	0.5	0.4
74.4	54.6	89.6	46.8	40.9	35.4	41.1	0.7	1
48.2	40.7	60.1	37	30.1	23.5	30.1	0.5	0.6
61.7	60.7	75.6	65	35.2	31.5	39	0.3	0.6
53.4	51.7	75.5	65	23.1	21.8	30.2	1.2	0.8
57	55.6	75.5	65	28.3	25.9	34	0.8	0.7

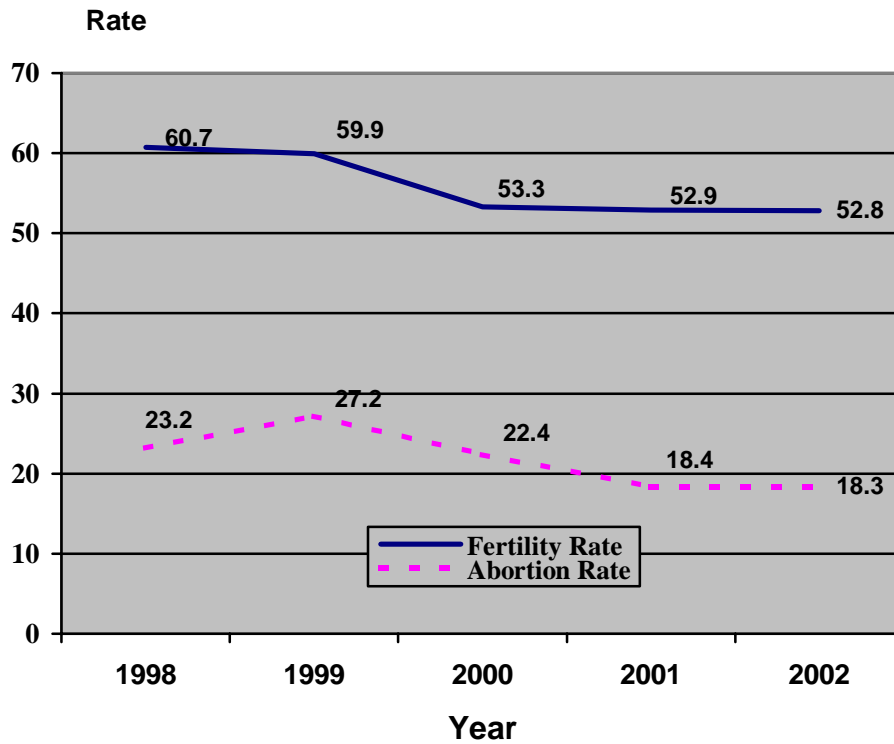
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	2001	2002
	5	8
	0	1
	1	2
	1	3
	2	6
	1	1
	2	1
	3	2
	0.3	0.3
	0	0.5
	0.4	1
	0.3	1.5
	0.2	1
	0.2	0.3
	0.3	0.2
	0.3	0.3

**Figure 1. Abortion Rate\* and Fertility Rate\*\*  
District of Columbia, 1998-2001**

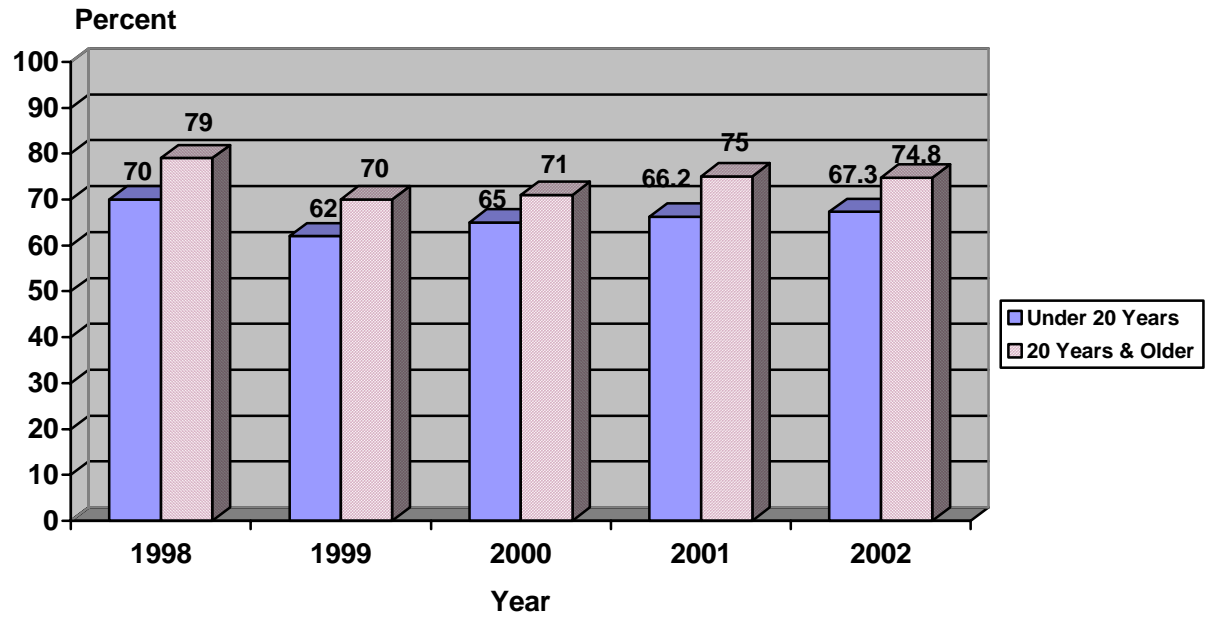


\*The abortion rate is the number of abortions per 1,000 females 15-44 years of age.

\*\*The fertility rate is the number of births per 1,000 females 15-44 years of age.

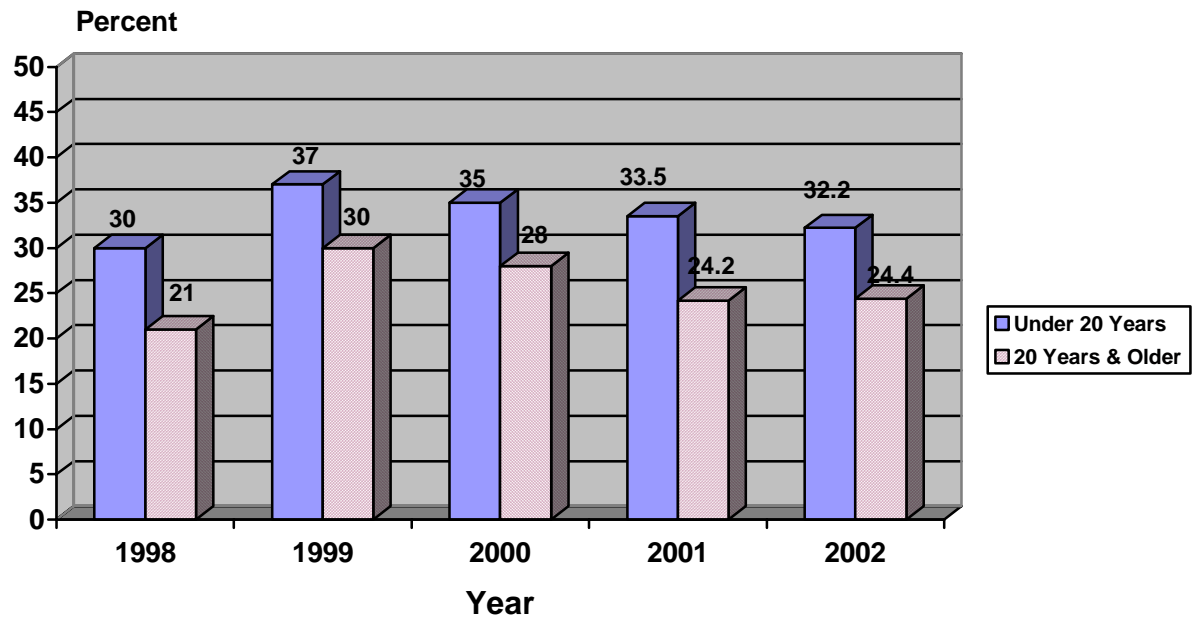
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**Figure 2A. Percent of Reported Pregnancies Ending as a Live Birth by Age: District of Columbia, 1998-2002**



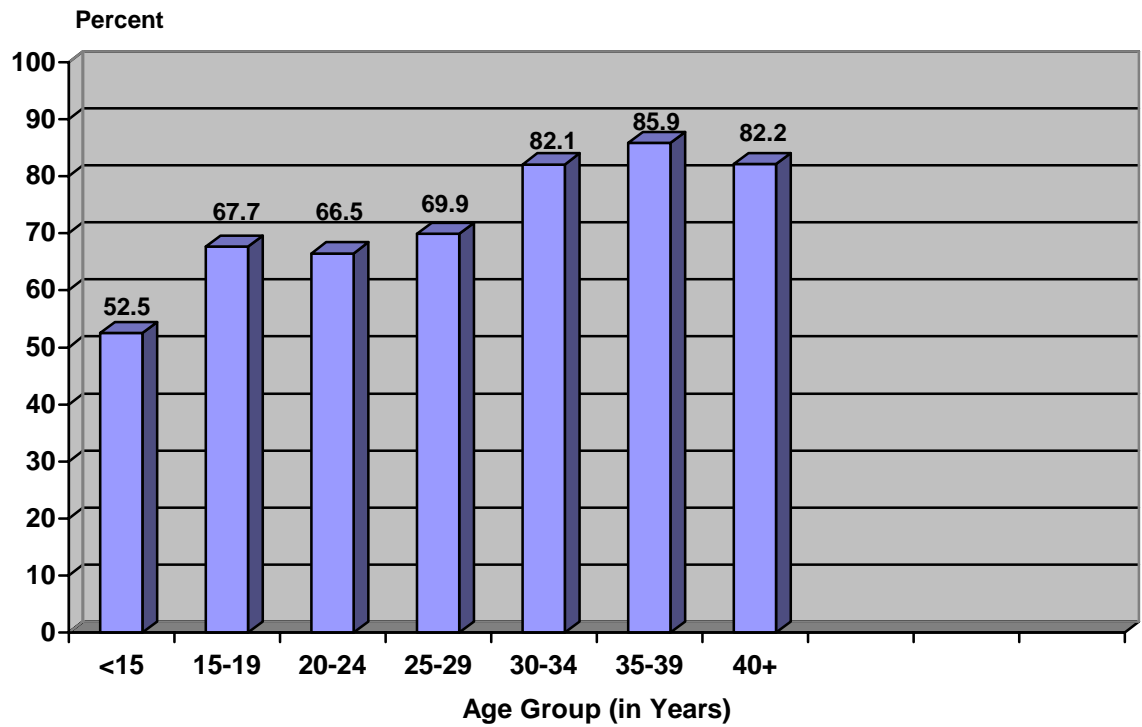
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**Figure 2B. Percent of Reported Pregnancies Ending as Abortion by Age: District of Columbia, 1998-2002**



Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health, Government of the District of Columbia.

**Figure 3. Percent of Reported Pregnancies Ending as a Live Birth by Age: District of Columbia, 2002**



Source: State Center for Health Statistics Administration, Department of Health,  
Government of the District of Columbia.

# **APPENDICES**

<b>Census 2000 Population by Age and Gender District of Columbia</b>			
<b>Age in Years</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Total all ages</b>	<b>572,059</b>	<b>302,693</b>	<b>269,366</b>
<b>Under 5</b>	<b>32,536</b>	<b>16,053</b>	<b>16,483</b>
<b>5-9</b>	<b>35,385</b>	<b>17,625</b>	<b>17,760</b>
<b>Total 10-44 years</b>	<b>309,147</b>	<b>158,654</b>	<b>150,493</b>
<b>10-14</b>	<b>30,018</b>	<b>14,921</b>	<b>15,097</b>
<b>15-19</b>	<b>37,867</b>	<b>19,851</b>	<b>18,016</b>
<b>20-24</b>	<b>51,823</b>	<b>28,206</b>	<b>23,617</b>
<b>25-29</b>	<b>52,849</b>	<b>27,617</b>	<b>25,232</b>
<b>30-34</b>	<b>48,913</b>	<b>24,391</b>	<b>24,522</b>
<b>35-39</b>	<b>45,949</b>	<b>22,558</b>	<b>23,391</b>
<b>40-44</b>	<b>46,720</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>20,618</b>
<b>Total 15-44 years</b>	<b>279,129</b>	<b>143,733</b>	<b>135,396</b>
<b>45-49</b>	<b>39,397</b>	<b>20,652</b>	<b>18,745</b>
<b>50-54</b>	<b>35,913</b>	<b>19,298</b>	<b>16,615</b>
<b>55-59</b>	<b>27,803</b>	<b>15,128</b>	<b>12,675</b>
<b>60-64</b>	<b>21,980</b>	<b>11,928</b>	<b>10,052</b>
<b>65-69</b>	<b>18,525</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>8,162</b>
<b>70-74</b>	<b>17,394</b>	<b>10,453</b>	<b>6,941</b>
<b>75-79</b>	<b>14,976</b>	<b>9,374</b>	<b>5,602</b>
<b>80-84</b>	<b>10,028</b>	<b>6,613</b>	<b>3,415</b>
<b>85 and over</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>2,423</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<b>2002 Estimated Population by Selected Age for Women: District of Columbia</b>	
<b>Age in Years</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>Total all ages</b>	<b>570,898</b>
<b>Women:</b>	<b>301,250</b>
<b>Total 10-44 years</b>	<b>157,255</b>
<b>10-14</b>	<b>15,447</b>
<b>15-19</b>	<b>13,562</b>
<b>20-24</b>	<b>29,376</b>
<b>25-29</b>	<b>29,383</b>
<b>30-34</b>	<b>26,364</b>
<b>35-39</b>	<b>22,231</b>
<b>40-44</b>	<b>20,892</b>
<b>Total 15-44 years</b>	<b>141,808</b>

<b>Census 2000 Population and 2002 Population Estimates by Individual Age for Women Aged 15 to 19 Years District of Columbia</b>		
<b>Age of Women (in years)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2002*</b>
<b>Total 15-19</b>	<b>19,851</b>	<b>13,562</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>1,854</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>1,914</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>2,021</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,334</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>6,498</b>	<b>4,439</b>

**\*2.4 percent of total Census 2000 population. Estimated population of individual age is based on Census 2000 proportion by age.**

**Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.**

## **Technical Notes**

### **Source of Data**

Data shown in this report for 1998-2002 are based on 100 percent of the resident birth and fetal death certificates in the District of Columbia (DC) and DC resident births that occurred in other states through the inter-state exchange agreement. Abortion reporting in the District of Columbia is voluntary. Hospitals and free-standing clinics that agree to participate, report abortion data on a standardized reporting form to the Department of Health. Abortions that are performed in private physicians' offices are not reported to the DC Department of Health; therefore, their data are not included in this report.

### **Age of Woman**

Age of woman is computed in most cases from the mother and infant's date of birth as reported on the birth certificate. In the case of the fetal death certificate, the woman's age is computed from her date of birth and the date of the fetal death occurred. In the case of the abortion reporting form, the woman's age is directly reported.

### **Race and Hispanic Origin**

Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth and fetal death certificates and the abortion reporting form. Race of woman is reported in nine categories on the birth and fetal death certificates: white, black, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino, "other" Asian or Pacific Islander, and "other" race. Race of woman on the abortion reporting form is reported in three categories: white, black, and "other" race. Hispanic origin of woman is reported as either Hispanic or not Hispanic on all reporting data sources.

### **Population Denominators**

Pregnancy, birth, fertility, abortion, and fetal death rates are based on population estimates from July 1998-1999 and July 2001-2002 and Census 2000 population.

### **Computation of Rates**

In computing the general pregnancy, birth, fertility, abortion, and fetal death rates, the population denominator is the number of women aged 15-44 years. In computing age-specific rates, the number of events to women in each specified age-group is related to the female population in the associated age-group (e.g., the number of events to women under 15 years divided by the population of women aged 10-14 years).