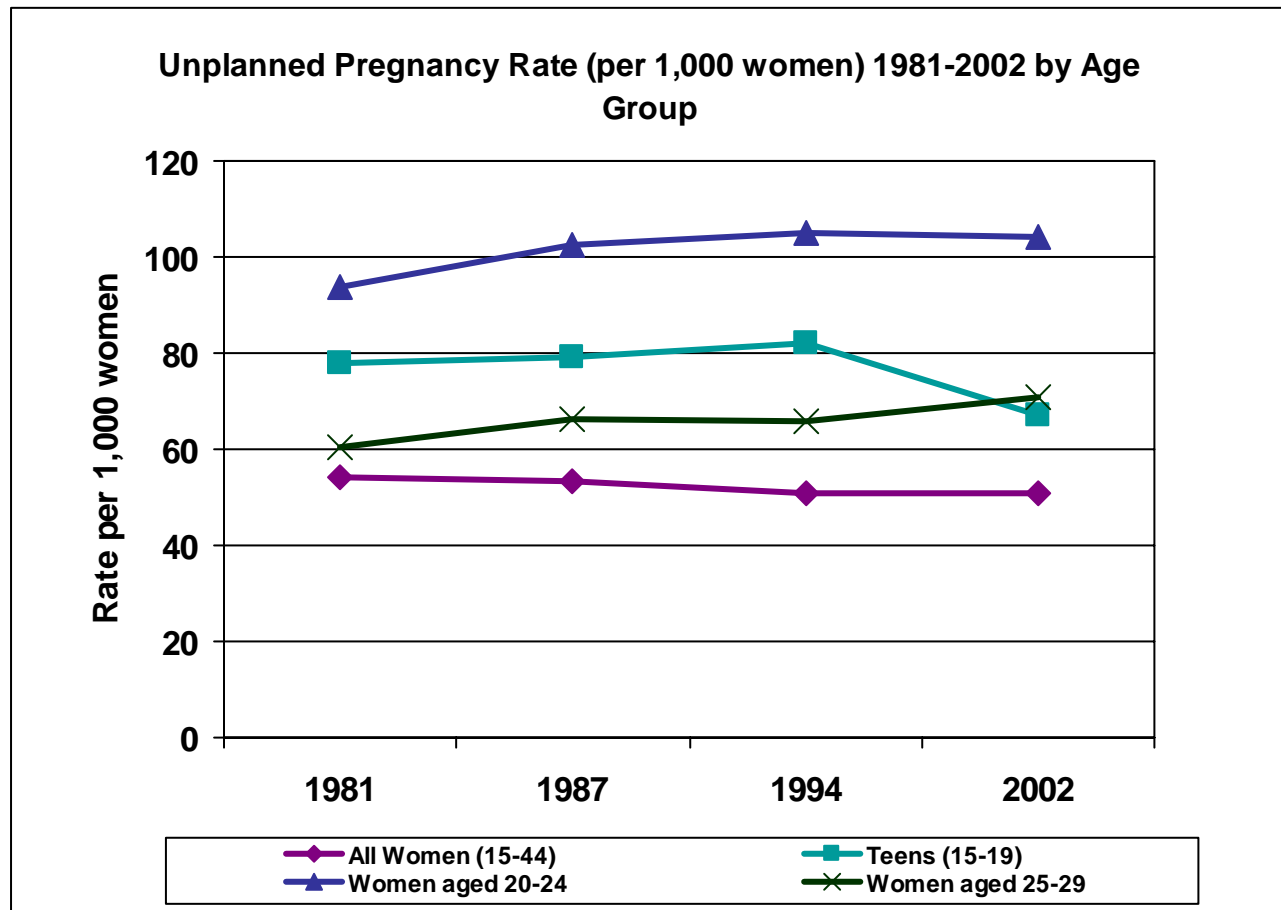




Unplanned Pregnancy Rates in the United States, 1981-2002

Among all women (age 15-44 years), the rate of unplanned pregnancy has remained relatively the same since 1981. However, there are differences over time when exploring the rate of unplanned pregnancy by age. Specifically, there has been a dramatic decline in the rate of unplanned pregnancy among teenagers (aged 15-19), and a slight increase among women in their twenties.



	All Women	Teens (15-19)	Women aged 20-24	Women aged 25-29
1981	54.2	78.1	93.6	60.6
1987	53.5	79.3	102.7	66.1
1994	51	82	105	66
2002	51	67	104	71

Source: Henshaw, S.K. (1998). Unintended Pregnancy in the United States, *Family Planning Perspectives*, 30 (1): 24-29 & 46; and Finer, L.B., and Henshaw, S.K., (2006). Disparities in Rates of Unintended Pregnancy In the United States, 1994 and 2001. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 38(2):90-96.