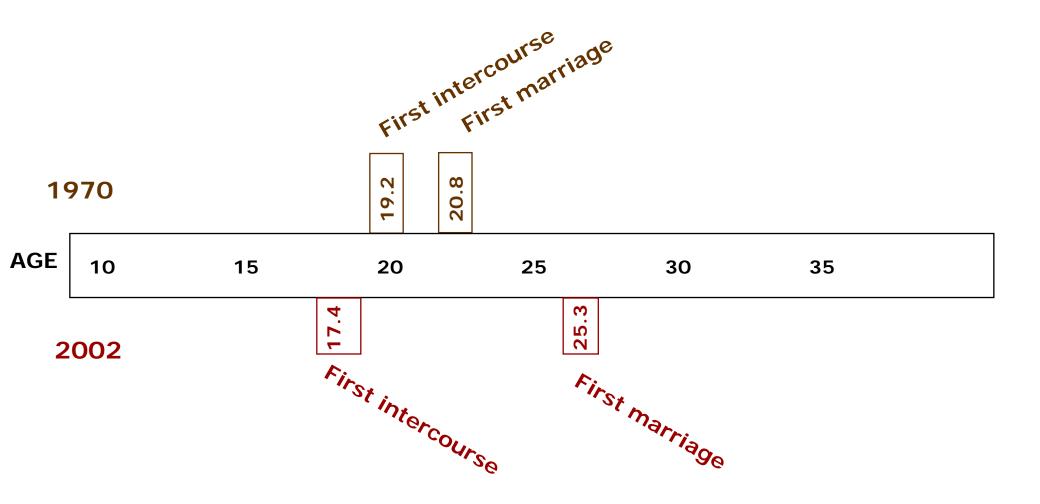
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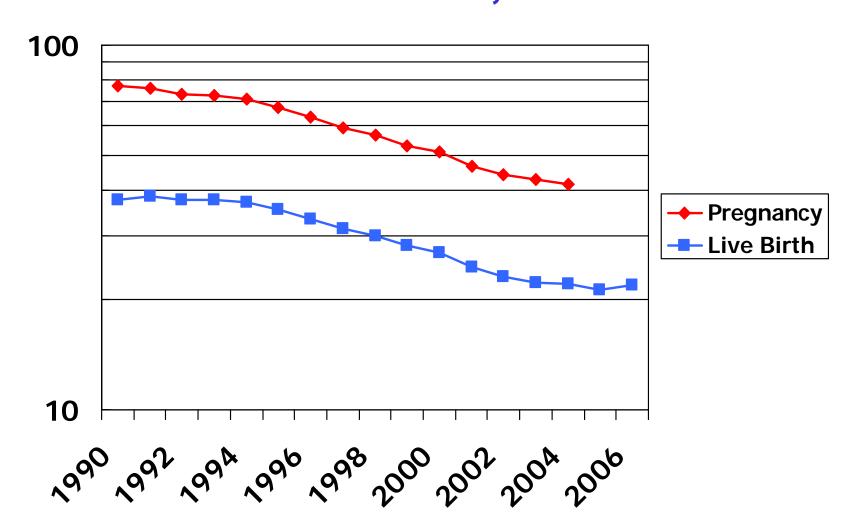
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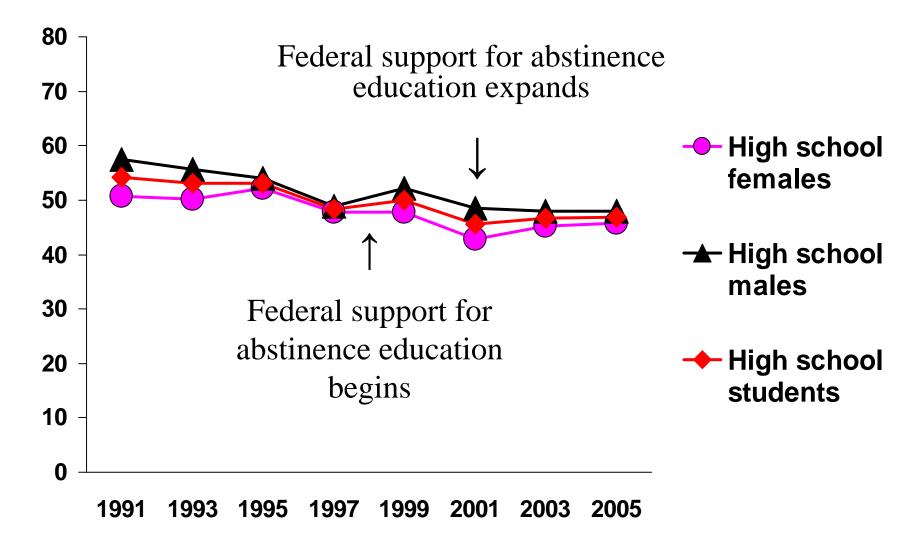
#### Figure 1. Declining Age of First Intercourse & Increasing Age of First Marriage in Women



### Pregnancy and Birth Rates, 15-17 Years, 1976-2006, U.S.



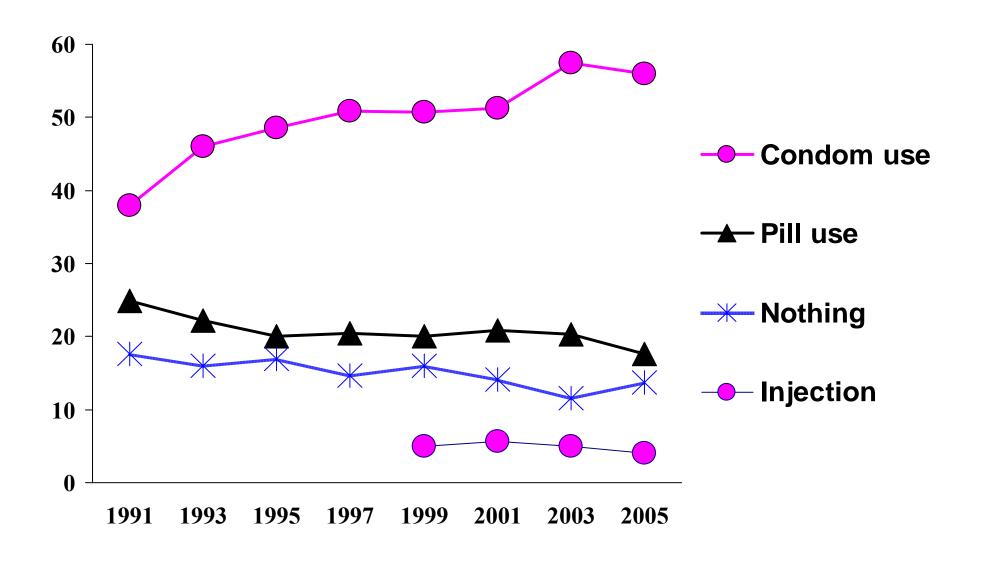
#### Figure 2. Ever had Sexual Intercourse, Grades 9-12, National YRBS



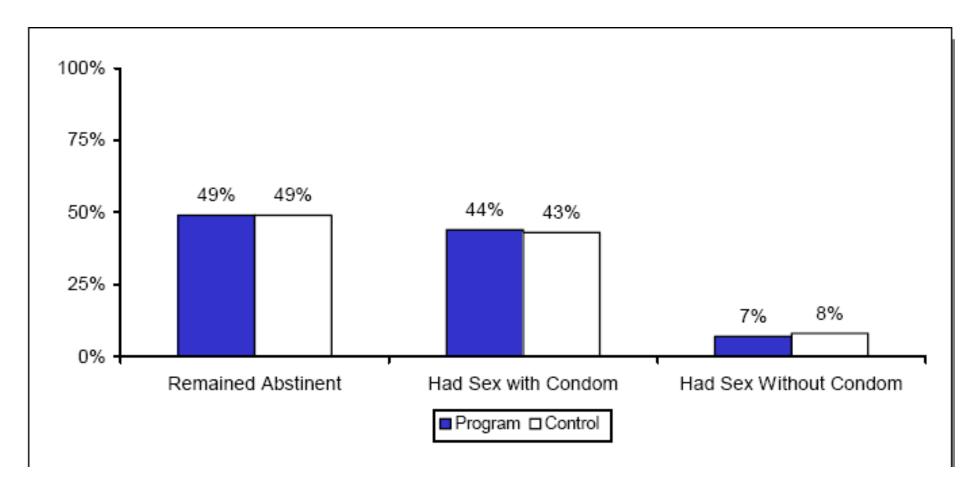
#### Recent Declines in Teen Pregnancy are Due to Contraceptive Use

- 86% of decline among 15-19 year olds between 1995 and 2002 (NSFG)
  - 76% among 15-17 year olds
- 70% of decline in pregnancy among high school students, 1991-2003 (YRBS)

Figure 3. Contraceptive Use at Last Sex, Women in Grades 9-12, National YRBS



## Abstinence-Only Impact on First Intercourse: Mathematica Evaluation



Trenholm C, et al. "Impacts of Four Title V, Section 510 Abstinence Education Programs," Mathematica Research Group, 2007.