

FACT SHEET

STATUTORY RAPE

- Two-thirds of births to teenage girls nationwide are fathered by adult men age 20 or older.
De Vita, Carol J. "The United States at Mid-Decade." Population Bulletin, Population Reference Bureau. 50 (4) 1996.
- Among women younger than 18, the pregnancy rate among those with a partner who was six or more years older was 3.7 times as high as the rate among those whose partner was no more than two years older.
Miller, Darroch J.E., Landry, D.J., & Osiak, S. "Age Difference between Sexual Partners in the United States." Family Planning Perspectives. 31(4) July/August, 1999.
- The Alan Guttmacher Institute's 1994 report, *Sex and America's Teenagers*, found that 6 of 10 girls who had sex before age 15 were coerced by males an average of six years their senior.
- Women aged 15-17 who have ever been forced to have sex are twice as likely as those who have not to have a partner who is 3-5 years older.
Ibid., 173.
- Among all sexually active women aged 15-44:
 - 10% had a partner who was three or more years younger
 - 52% a partner who was within two years of their age
 - 20% a partner who was 3-5 years older
 - 18% a partner who was six or more years older
- In contrast, 64% of sexually active women aged 15-17:
 - had a partner within two years of their age
 - 29% a partner who was 3-5 years older
 - 7% a partner who was six or more years older.

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