



Consequences of Teen Childbearing for Child Abuse, Neglect, and Foster Care Placement

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Foster care entries 1982–2003 (118,206 first placements)

<u>Mother's age at first birth</u>	<u>Percent</u>
15 and under	13.5
16–17	24.9
18–19	23.1
20–21	13.9
22 and over	24.6

61.5

Duration of first placement spells 1982–2003

<u>Mother's age at first birth</u>	<u>Days</u>
15 and under	1,086
16–17	962
18–19	745
20–21	668
22 and over	638