

TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND MOTHERHOOD

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Overall, 8% of women age 15-19 had begun childbearing: 6% had had a live birth, and 2% were pregnant at the time of the interview. The proportion of teenagers who had begun childbearing rises rapidly with age, from 1% at age 15 to 19% at age 19.



15% of teenagers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had begun childbearing as compared with only 6% in Punjab.

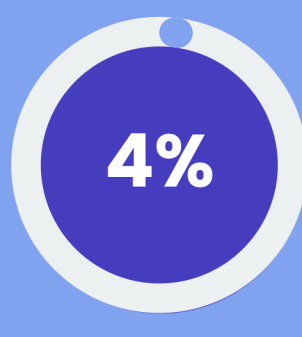
The median age at first birth for women age 25-49 is 22.8 years, an increase of 0.6 years in the past 5 years since the 2012-13 PDHS, which was 22.2 years



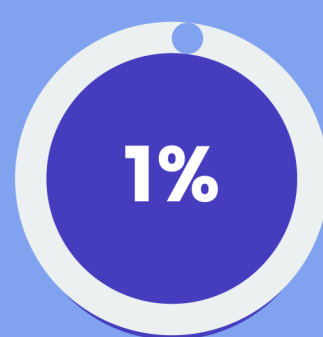
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Percentage of women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing, according to educational background characteristics, Pakistan

The issue of adolescent fertility is important for both health and social reasons. Children born to very young mothers are at increased risk of sickness and death. Teenage mothers are more likely to experience adverse pregnancy outcomes and to be constrained in their ability to pursue educational opportunities than young women who delay childbearing.

