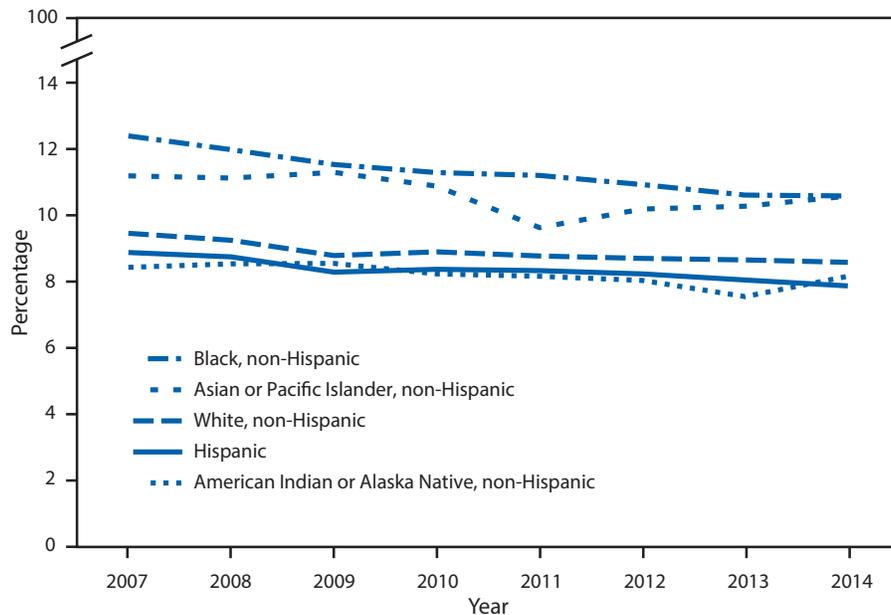


## QuickStats

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### Percentage\* of Preterm Births<sup>†</sup> Among Teens Aged 15–19 Years, by Race/Ethnicity — National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2007–2014<sup>§</sup>



\* Percentages are calculated for singleton births only.

<sup>†</sup> Births occurring <37 weeks gestation are considered preterm. Preterm births are based on the obstetric estimate of gestational age.

<sup>§</sup> The obstetric estimate of gestational age became available for national estimates in 2007.

During 2007–2014, the percentage of births among teens aged 15–19 years that were preterm declined for each racial/ethnic group, except for non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander teens, where the change was not significant. In 2014, the percentage of births that were preterm was higher among non-Hispanic black and non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander teens (10.6% for both) than non-Hispanic white (8.6%), non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native (8.2%), and Hispanic (7.9%) teens.

Source: National Vital Statistics System Birth Data. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/births.htm>.

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