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### Teenage Pregnancy Declined from 8.6 percent in 2017 to 5.4 percent in 2022

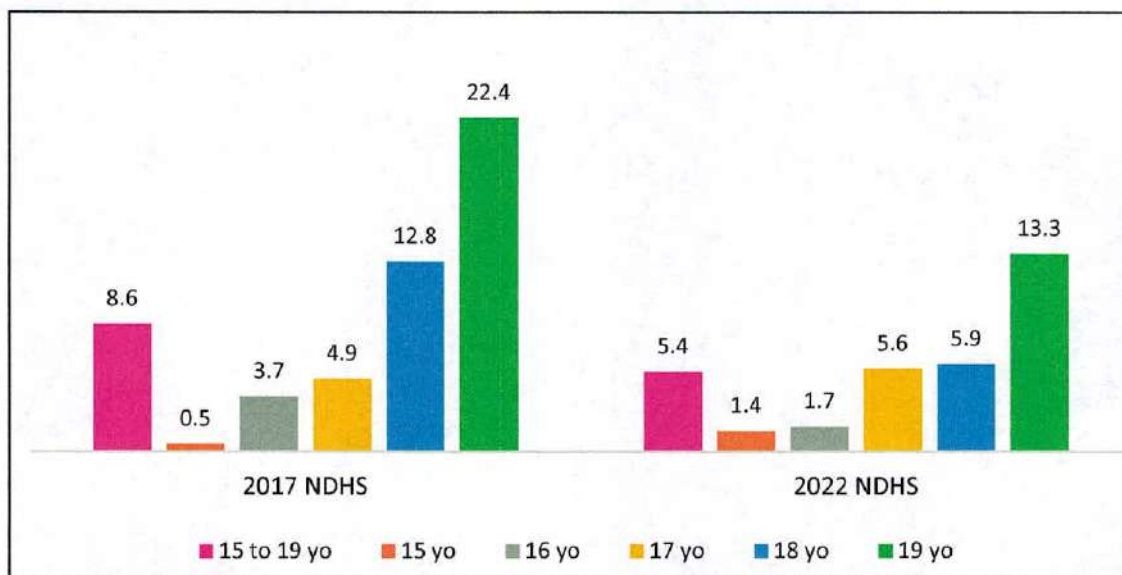
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Teenage pregnancy among Filipino women aged 15 to 19 years declined from 8.6 percent in 2017 to 5.4 percent in 2022. Among women aged 15 to 19 years who have ever been pregnant as of 2022, the highest percentage was recorded in woman aged 19 years (13.3%). This was followed by women aged 18 years (5.9%) and women aged 17 years (5.6%). As expected, the lowest percentage of women aged 15 to 19 years who have begun childbearing was for those who were aged 16 years (1.7%), followed by women aged 15 years (1.4%). (Figure 1)

In 2022, the Philippines posted 5.4 percent among women aged 15 to 19 years have ever been pregnant, about 1.6 percent of them were currently pregnant, and less than one percent (0.4%) have had a pregnancy loss. (Table 1)

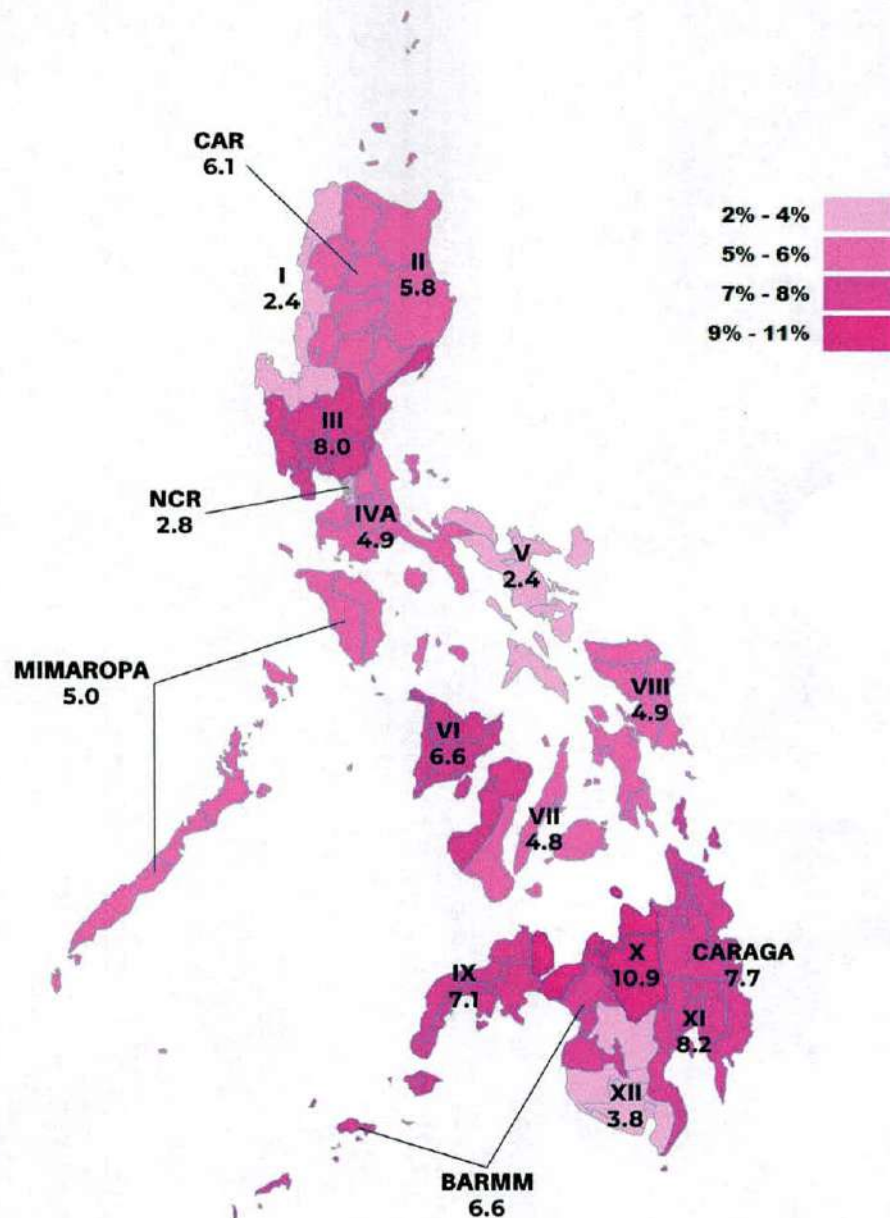
**Figure 1. Percentage of Women Aged 15 to 19 Years Who Have Ever Been Pregnant: Philippines, 2017 and 2022 NDHS**



Sources: 2017 and 2022 National Demographic and Health Surveys, Philippine Statistics Authority

By area of residence, the percentage of women aged 15 to 19 years who have ever been pregnant was slightly lower in urban areas (4.8%) than in rural areas (6.1%). Across regions, Region X-Northern Mindanao (10.9%) had the highest percentage of women aged 15 to 19 years who have ever been pregnant, followed by Region XI-Davao Region (8.2%), Central Luzon (8.0%), and Caraga (7.7%). The lowest percentage of teenage pregnancy were in Region I-Ilocos Region (2.4%) and Region V-Bicol Region (2.4%). (Figure 2)

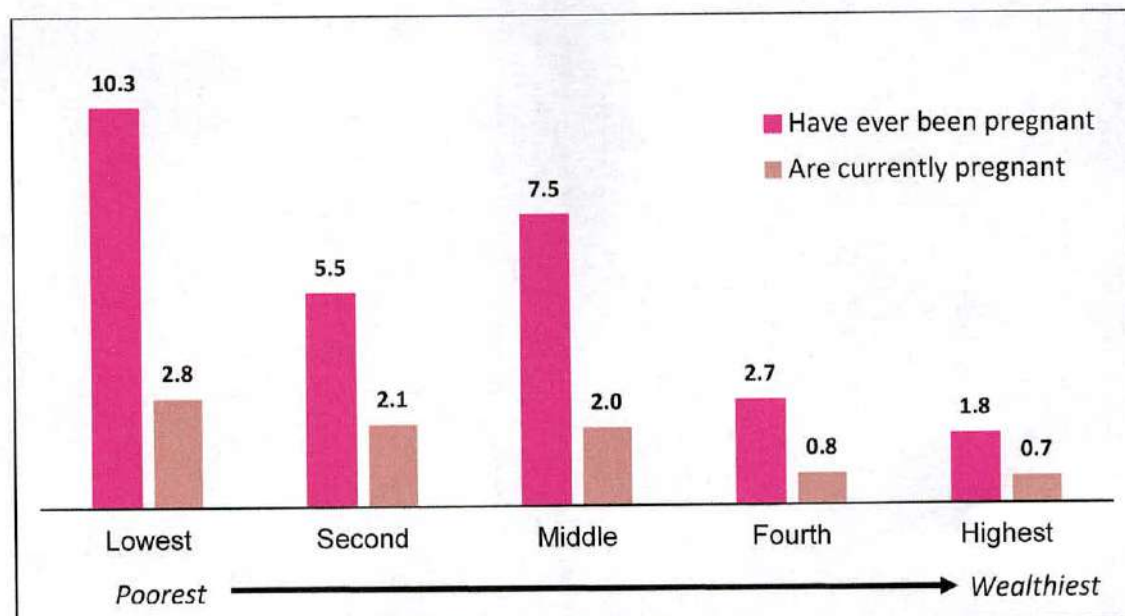
**Figure 2. Percentage of Women Aged 15 to 19 Years Who Have Ever Been Pregnant by Region: Philippines, 2022 NDHS**





In terms of wealth quintile, the percentage of teen women who have ever been pregnant decreases with increasing wealth quintile. About one (1) in every 10 women aged 15 to 19 years in the “poorest” quintile (10.3%) have ever been pregnant while only 1.8 percent of women in the “wealthiest” quintile have ever been pregnant. Among teenagers who are currently pregnant, the trend is also decreasing from poorest to wealthiest, that is, 2.8 percent of women in the “poorest” quintile are currently pregnant down to 0.7 percent of women in the “wealthiest” quintile. (Figure 3)

**Figure 3. Percentage of Women Aged 15 to 19 Years Who Have Ever Been Pregnant and Currently Pregnant by Household Wealth, Philippines: 2022 NDHS**



Source: 2022 National Demographic and Health Surveys, Philippine Statistics Authority

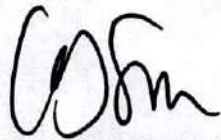
In terms of educational attainment, teenage pregnancy was most common among women aged 15 to 19 years with primary education or with completed grade levels 1 to 6 (19.1%). Percentage of teenage pregnancy decreases as educational attainment increases, that is, 5.3 percent among those who completed grade levels 7 to 10, 4.8 percent among those with completed grade levels 11 to 12, and 1.9 percent for those who attained college level. (Table 1)

The 2022 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) is the seventh Demographic and Health Survey conducted in the Philippines since 1993 as part of The DHS Program. A total of 27,821 women aged 15 to 49 years from 30,372 sample households were successfully interviewed in the 2022 NDHS. The 2022 NDHS provides estimates at the national level, for urban and rural areas, and for each of the 17 regions in the Philippines. A comprehensive analysis of the data will be presented in a final report in 2023.

The 2022 NDHS was implemented by the Philippine Statistics Authority. The funding for the survey was provided by the Government of the Philippines, while the provision of handheld tablets for data collection was supported by the Commission of Population and Development. ICF provided technical assistance through The DHS Program, a

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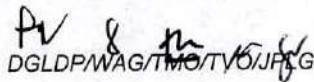
Additional information about the 2022 NDHS may be obtained from the Philippine Statistics Authority, PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines; Telephone: +63-(02)-462-6600; Email: [info@psa.gov.ph](mailto:info@psa.gov.ph); Internet: <https://psa.gov.ph>.



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*Attachments:*

1. *Table 1. Percentage of women aged 15–19 who have ever had a live birth, percentage who have ever had a pregnancy loss, percentage who are currently pregnant, and percentage who have ever been pregnant, according to background characteristics, Philippines NDHS 2022*
2. *Technical Notes*