

Office of Communications and Marketing
Teen Pregnancy Campaign
OER Notes

If you finish high school, get a job, and get married before having children, you have a 98% chance of not being in poverty.

Citation: Haskins, R. & Sawhill, I. (2009). Our Vision: In Haskins, R. & Sawhill, I. (Eds.) *Creating and Opportunity Society* (p. 9). Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

- However, the actual stat is “those who finish high school, **work full time**, and marry before having children”.

Got a good job? I cost thousands of dollars each year. Expect to spend more than \$10,000 a year to raise a child.

Citation: Lino, M. (2012). Expenditures on Children by Families, 2011. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Miscellaneous Publication No. 1528-2011.

- They provide a variety of estimates that vary based on geography, family income, family structure, and age of children, but all are in the several thousands of dollars or more range. Estimates are based on Consumer Expenditure Survey data, US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Honestly Mom...chances are he won't stay with you. What happens to me? 90% of teen parents don't marry each other.

Citation: Child Trends, Fact at a Glance, 2005, using data from the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study.

- Child Trends Facts at a Glance, 2005 cited data from the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study that less than 8% of teen mothers marry their baby's father **within a year** of the birth.

I'm twice as likely not to graduate high school because you had me as a teen. Kids of teen moms are twice as likely not to graduate than kids whose moms were over age 22.

- 43% of children of a teen mom (age 17 or under) fail to graduate high school by age 19 compared to 20% who fail if their mother was over age 22 when she gave birth.
Source: Manlove, Terry-Humen, Mincieli, and Moore (2008). Outcomes for Children of Teen mothers from Kindergarten through Adolescence. In S. Hoffman and R. Maynard (Eds.) *Kids Having Kids: Economic and Social Consequences of Teen Pregnancy* (pp. 161-196). Washington, D.C. The Urban Institute Press.