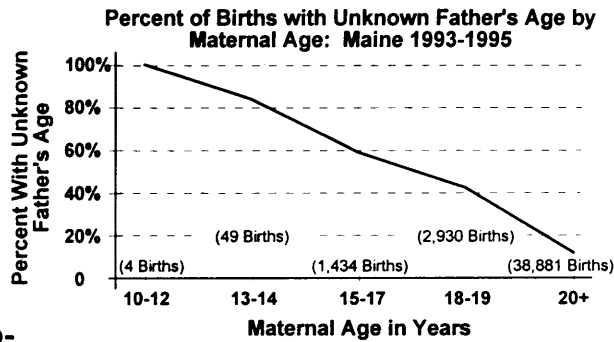


# FATHERS AND ADOLESCENT MOTHERS

Data from the  
MAINE VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM: 1993-1995

➔ During the years 1993-1995, 10% of Maine babies (4,417) were born to adolescent mothers (women younger than 20 years old).

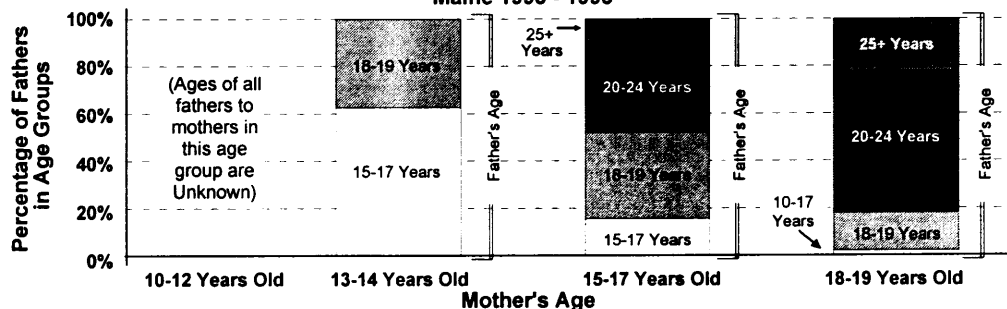
➔ For almost half of all births to adolescent mothers, the age of the father was unknown. As mother's age increased, the proportion of births where the age of the father was unknown decreased.



➔ Of those births to adolescent mothers where father's age was known, 27% of the fathers were adolescent as well.

➔ Almost ¾ of all adolescent mothers (73%) and almost ⅔ of all *single* adolescent mothers (65%) had children with fathers 20 years old or older. 78% of fathers who had children with adolescent women were within 5 years of age of their adolescent partner while 7½% of the fathers were at least 10 years older. The average difference in age between fathers and adolescent mothers was approximately 4 years.\*

Percent of Births to Adolescent Mothers by Father's Age\*  
Maine 1993 - 1995



➔ Among 19 year old mothers, 71% had graduated from high school by the time their baby was born.

➔ Over half (52%) of all fathers who had babies with adolescent mothers, and who were at least 19 years old, had at least a high school education by the time their baby was born. However, among adolescent couples (both parents under the age of 20) only 39% of fathers old enough to have graduated from high school (19 years old) had done so by the time their baby was born.\*

Note: Adolescents are individuals under the age of 20 years.  
\* Fathers with unknown age were excluded from these tabulations

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