The 3,629 births to teens accounted for 9.0% of total Iowa births in 2008.

Prior to 1998, the teenage birth rate was the only statistic available to evaluate teenage pregnancy fluctuations. Statistical reporting of abortion began in 1998. In 2008, there were 1,205 terminations of pregnancy reported to the Department of Public Health involving women 15 to 19 years of age. Of these, 72 were spontaneous and 1,133 were induced.