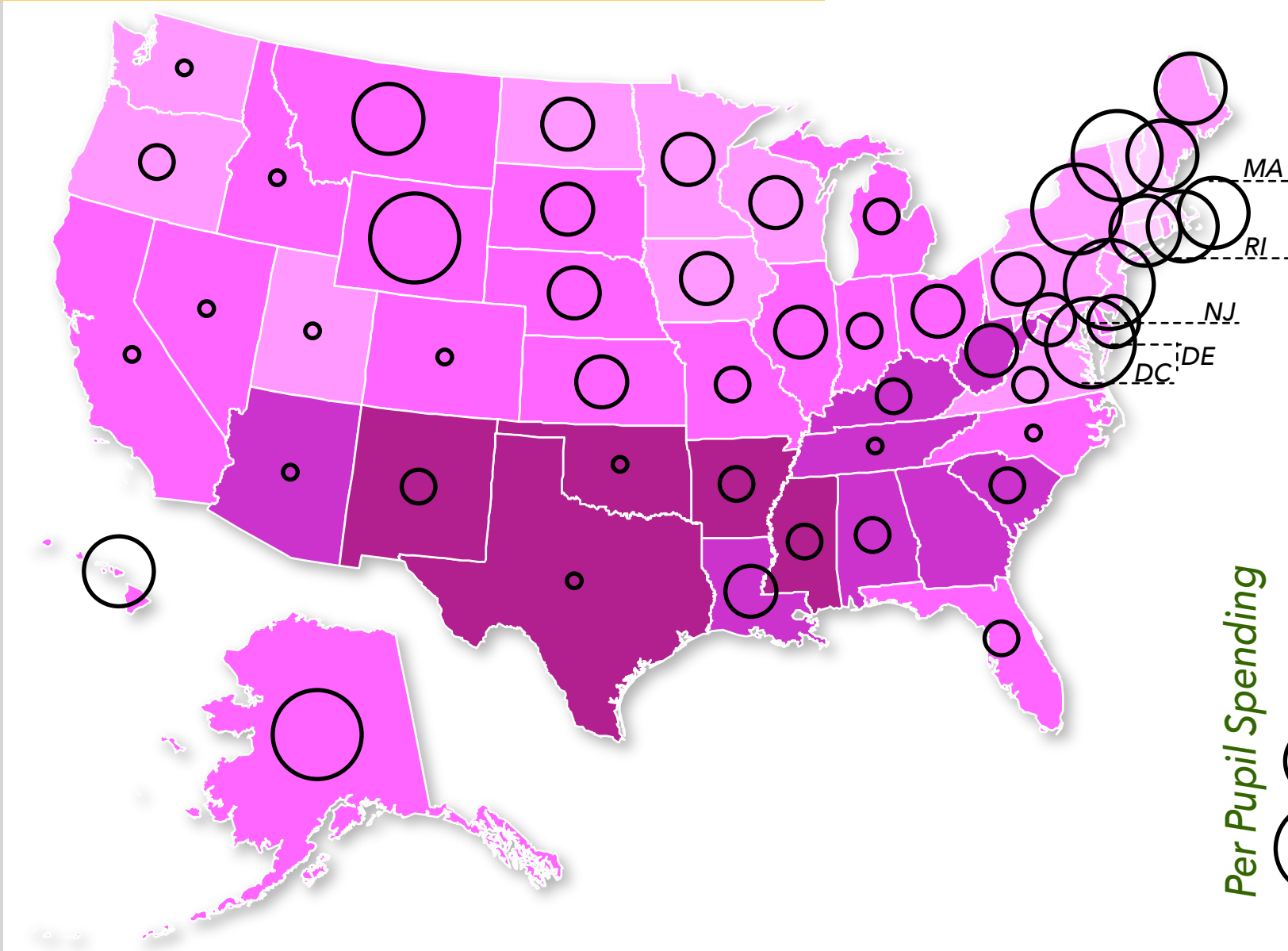


# The United States: Whoopsie-Baby Capital of the World

The teen birth rate in the United States is extremely high. Research shows that lack of education about sex and high economic inequality have a positive effect on teen pregnancy and birth rates.



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States plus DC mandate sex-education in public schools..

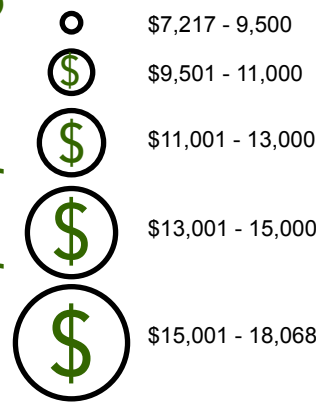
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Of those states require information about contraception to be provided.

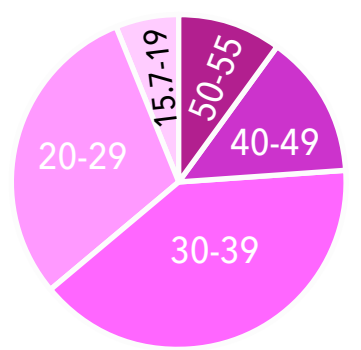
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States require information provided in sex-ed classes be medically accurate.

Per Pupil Spending



Number of births per 1,000 women aged 15-19. (2010)

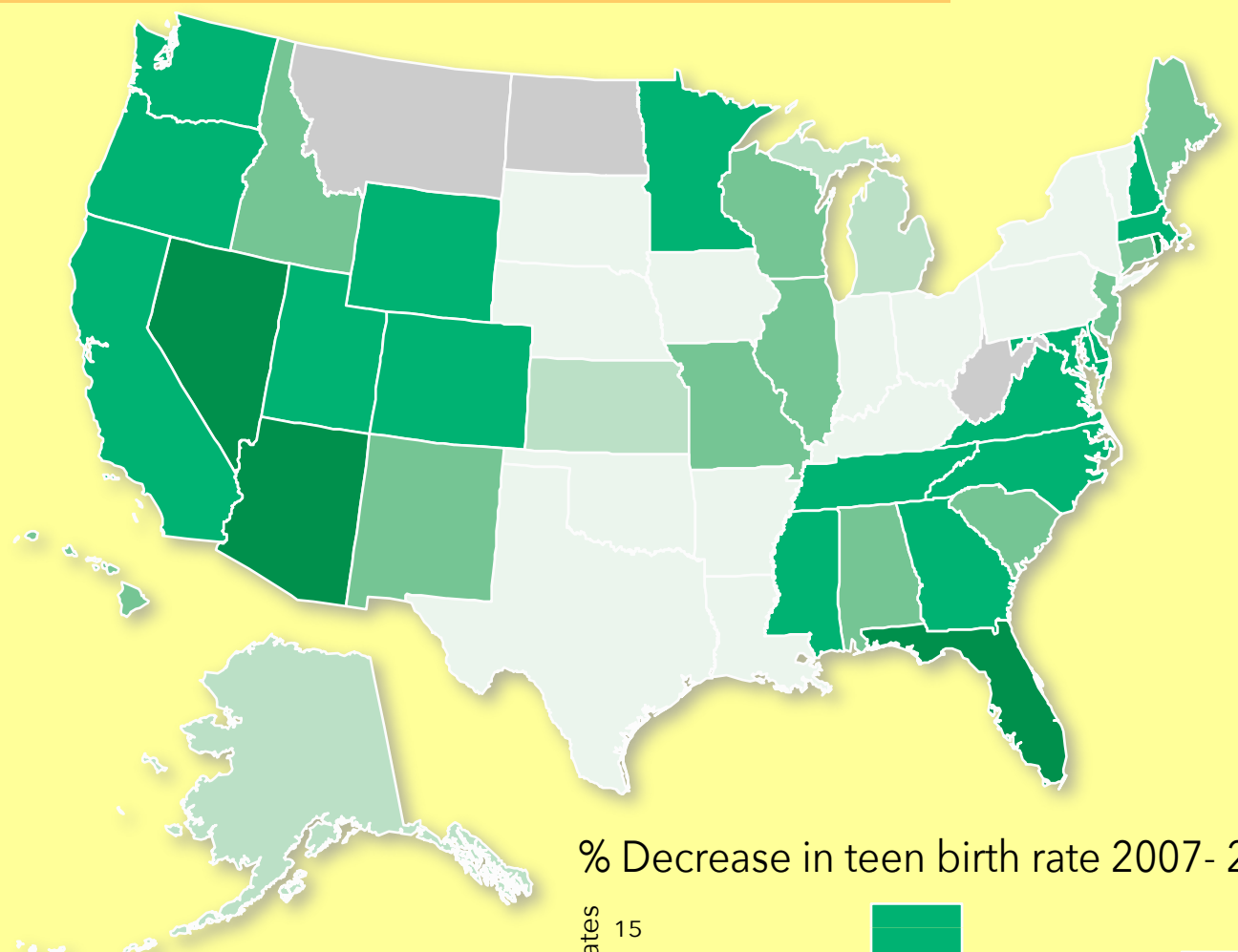
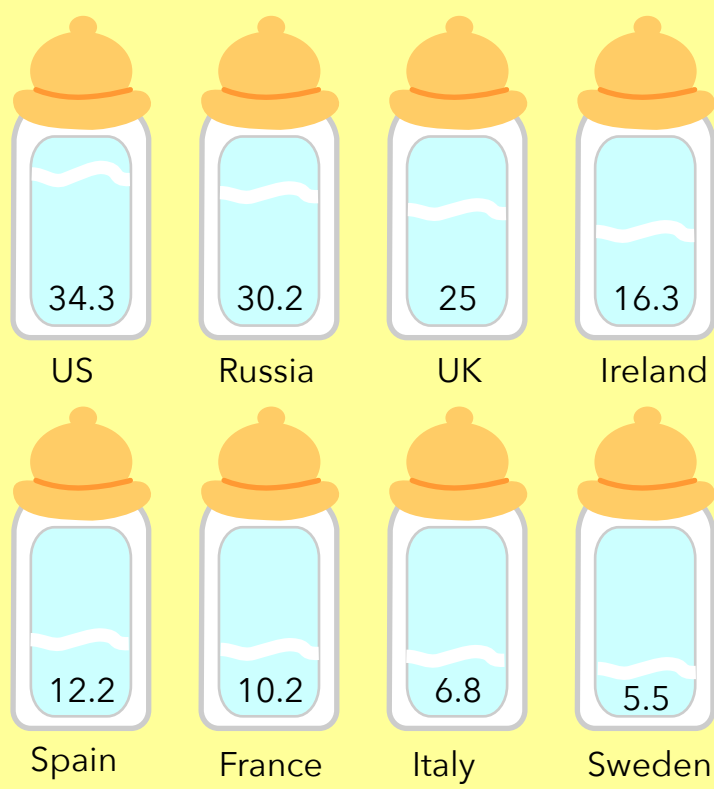


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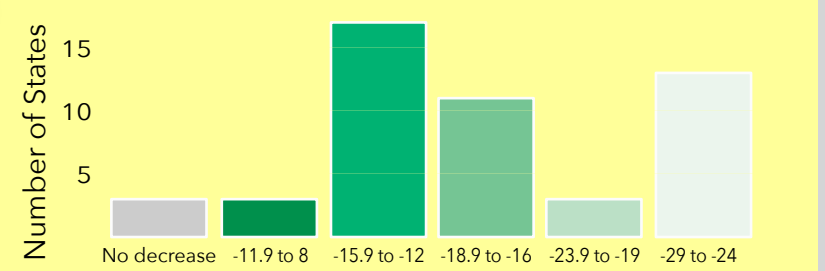
Between 2007 and 2010, all but 3 states saw a decrease in teen birth rates for an average 17% decrease across the US.

Despite this promising trend, the United States still has a higher teen birth rate than all other developed nations.

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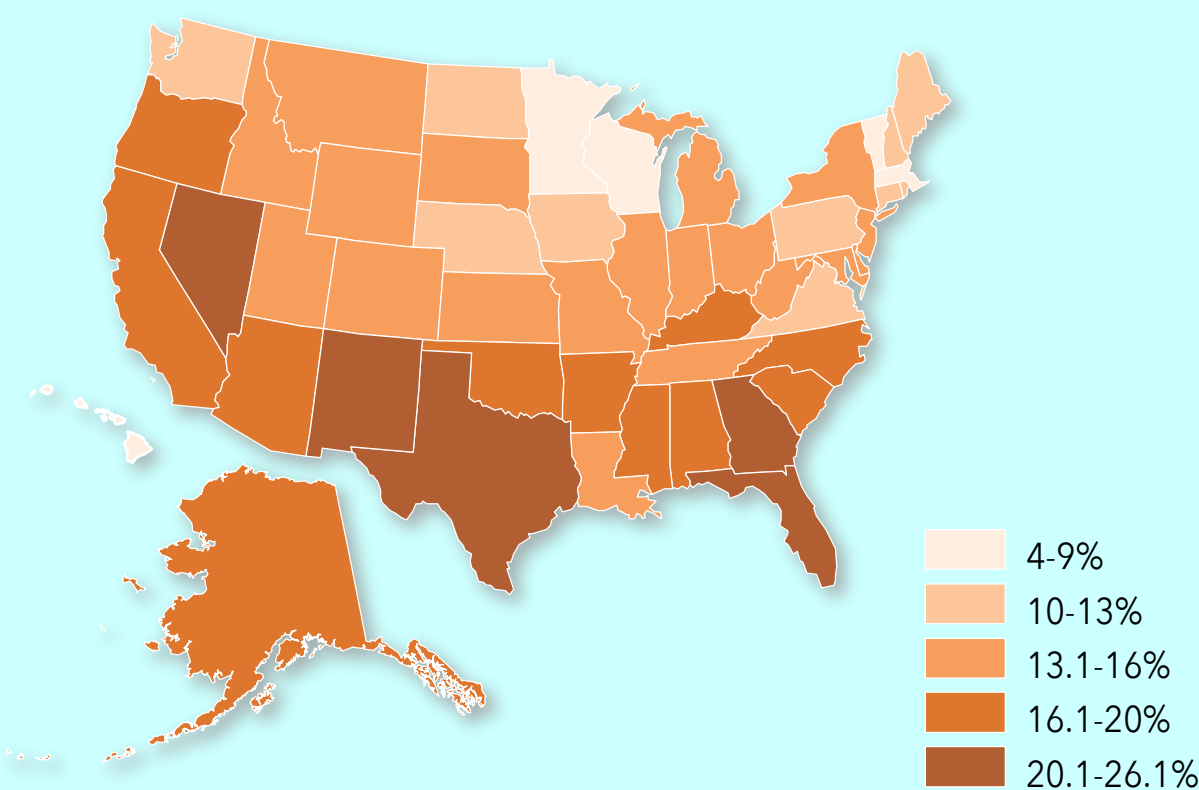


% Decrease in teen birth rate 2007-2010

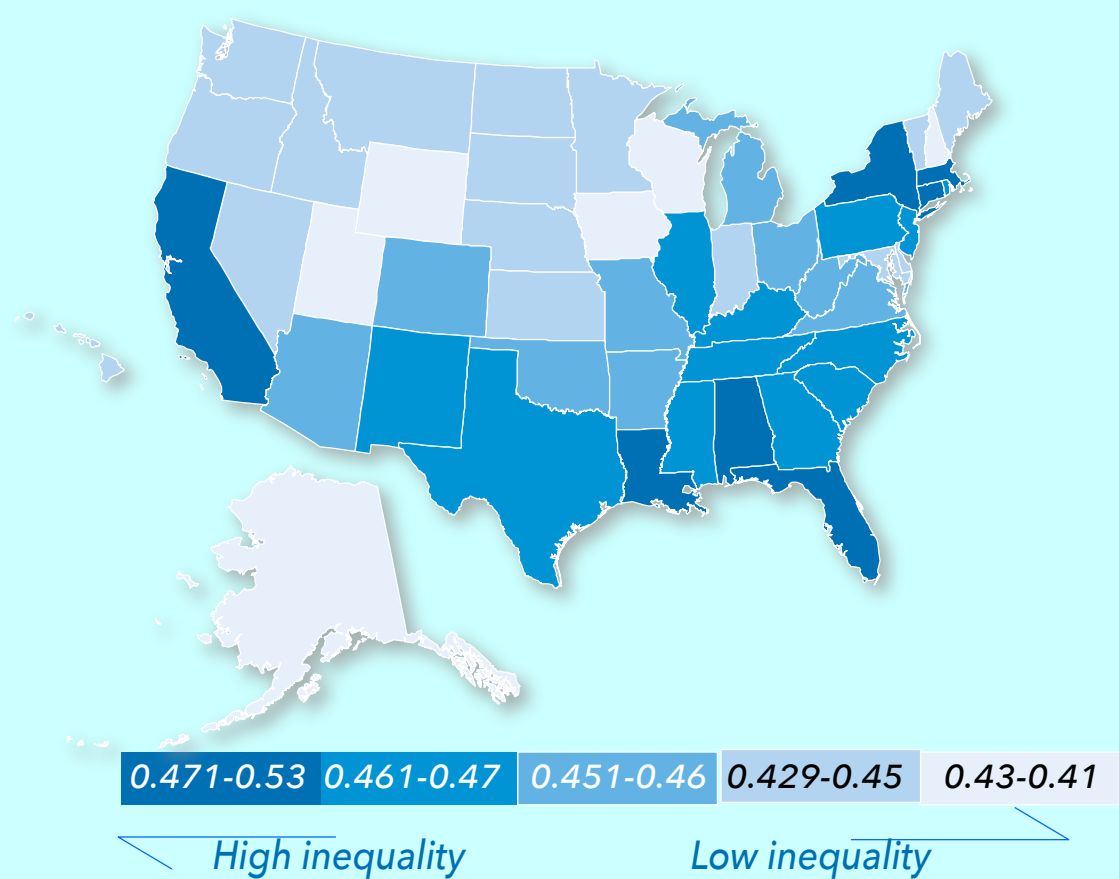


Millions of Americans are uninsured, and not having access to health-care is both an indicator of future poverty and of inequality. The Gini Index is a statistical measure of income inequality; a zero coefficient represents perfect equality, while a 1 indicates highest inequality.

Percent Uninsured by State



Gini Index by State



Highest Teen Preg (2009):

1. Mississippi 64.2
2. New Mexico 63.9
3. Texas 60.7
4. Oklahoma 60.1
5. Arkansas 59.2
6. Louisiana 52.7
7. Kentucky 51.3
8. Alabama 50.7
9. Tennessee 50.6
10. Arizona 50.6

Highest Uninsured (2009):

1. Texas 26.9%
2. New Mexico 25.6%
3. Mississippi 24%
4. Louisiana 22.4%
5. Nevada 22.2
6. Oklahoma 22.2%
7. California 21.0%
8. Wyoming 20.7%
9. Florida 20.7%
10. Georgia 20.7%

Highest Inequality (Gini Index):

1. District of Columbia 0.532
2. New York 0.499
3. Connecticut 0.486
4. Massachusetts 0.475
5. Louisiana 0.475
6. Florida 0.474
7. Alabama 0.472
8. California 0.471
9. Texas 0.469
10. Georgia 0.468
10. Mississippi 0.468
10. Tennessee 0.468

Mississippi does not mandate sex-ed. If Districts choose to teach it, it must be abstinence only. They have the highest teen pregnancy rate of any state.

New Hampshire requires comprehensive sex-ed. They have the lowest teen pregnancy rate of any state.

Research has shown that teens who are taught abstinence-only sex-ed are more likely to have sex without the use of contraceptives and to engage in otherwise engage in risky behaviors at a younger age than those who have comprehensive sex-ed.