

## Background Statistics-Teen Sexual Activity

### Current U.S. Trends in Teen Sexual Activity

- From 1991 to 2003, the percentage of 9th through 12th grade students who reported having had sexual intercourse during their lifetime declined 7.4%, from 54.1% to 46.7%.
- Between 1991 and 2002, the percentage of high school students who reported having had sex with four or more partners fell 4.3%, from 18.7% to 14.4%.

### Current U.S. Trends in Teen Pregnancies and Births

- Teen Pregnancies: Between 1990 and 2000, the teen pregnancy rate fell steadily, dropping 27 percent to 84.5 pregnancies per 1,000 teens, the lowest rate since 1976.
- Teen Births: Teenage birth rates continue to decline. In 2004, the rate of 41.2 births per 1,000 teen women was 1 percent lower than the rate of teen births in 2003, and 33 percent lower than the rate in 1991 (61.8 births per 1,000 teen women).
- Teen Abortions: The rate of abortions per 1,000 teen women has been falling since the late 1980s. The teen abortion rate remained fairly stable during most of the 1980s, averaging about 43 abortions per 1,000 teen women. Between 1990 and 2000 the rate has fallen from 40.3 to 24 per 1,000 teen women.
- Teen sexual activity and teen births are still high.

*Pal-Tech Inc.:* ASPE Brief: Background Statistics-Teen Sexual Activity” 18 March 2008

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## Unhooked

Overview of Laura Sessions Stepp’s book “Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both”

Stepp defines hooking up and its consequences: “Hooking up can consist entirely of one kiss, or it can involve fondling, oral sex, anal sex, intercourse or any combination of those things. It can happen only once with a partner, several times during a week or over many months. Partners may know each other well, only slightly or not at all...Feelings are discouraged, and both partners share an understanding that either of them can walk away at any time.” She found that the girls were ultimately seeking to love and be loved, “...But for reasons ranging from career plans to distrust of men, their prevailing philosophy is that love should wait...” When they unexpectedly find themselves becoming attached to someone they are hooking up with, they are confused, frustrated, and hurt. Probably the most significant finding is that “Hooking up leaves them wholly unprepared for both the steadfastness and the flexibility a loving relationship requires.”

*Pal-Tech Inc.:* “Unhooked” 18 March 2008

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## TEN REWARDS OF WAITING

1. Waiting will make your relationships better because you'll spend more time getting to know each other.
2. Waiting will increase your self-respect.
3. Waiting will gain you respect for having the courage of your convictions.
4. Waiting will teach you to respect others— you won't tempt or pressure them.
5. Waiting takes the pressure off you.
6. Waiting means a clear conscience (no guilt) and peace of mind (no regrets).
7. Waiting will help you find the right mate— someone who values you for the person you are.
8. Waiting means a better sexual relationship in marriage—free of comparisons and based on trust. By waiting, you're being faithful to your spouse even before you meet him or her.
9. By practicing the virtues involved in waiting— such as good judgment, self-control, modesty, and genuine respect for self and others—you're developing the kind of character that will make you a good marriage partner.

10. By becoming a person of character yourself, you'll be able to attract a person of character—the kind of person you'd like to marry and to have as the father or mother of your children.

*Pal-Tech Inc.:* “Family and Youth Services Bureau Abstinence –Statistics Fact Sheet” 17 November 2007  
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“**The Forum**” is for **Parents** only.

**The Forum** is a place where **Parents** may develop themselves in the most fundamental aspect of our existence as parents...parenting. Through useful information, fun-filled activities, group contacts and experiences, **The Forum** will enable **Parents** to become positive examples to our children.

**The Forum** shall derive its identity from those of us who are **Parents** and shall be a positive force that assists all participating **Parents** to become more responsible for the development of our children.

**Parents**, it is not as if we have a real choice in this matter; this is a commitment we have already made. There is a path that will direct this next generation of children so that they are able to lead our city, state and, ultimately, our country. Let's take this journey together.

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