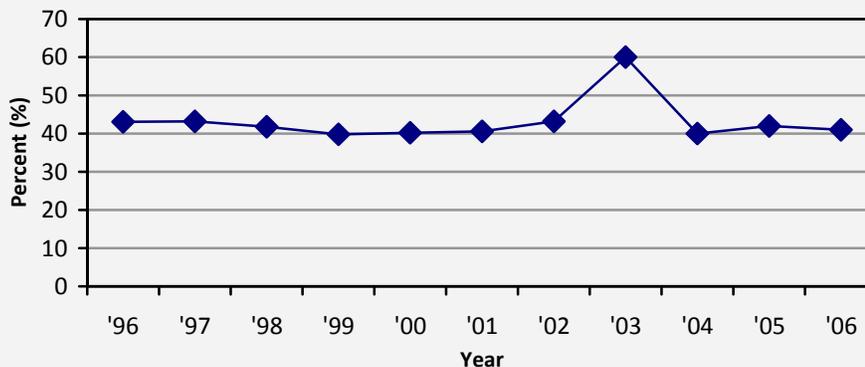


**Indicator Definition:** Pregnancies reported to be either *unwanted* (i.e., they occurred when no children, or no more children, were desired) or *mistimed* (i.e., they occurred earlier than desired).

**Indicator Overview:**

- In Michigan, 41% of women who gave birth in 2006 reported that they had an unintended pregnancy. Among Michigan’s minority populations, 62% of pregnancies to black non-hispanics were unintended.
- Unintended pregnancies were most likely to occur for women under 25 years of age, in racial/ethnic minorities, with limited education, and with no health insurance. Over two-thirds of unintended pregnancies nationwide were to women in their teens and twenties.
- Increasing the number of intentional pregnancies results in healthier pregnancies, healthier babies, and enhanced child development. Children of unintended pregnancy are more likely to be low-birthweight, experience pre-term birth, and have developmental and cognitive challenges. Women who have had an unintended pregnancy are more likely to live in poverty, begin prenatal care later, and experience the dissolution of their relationship with partners.

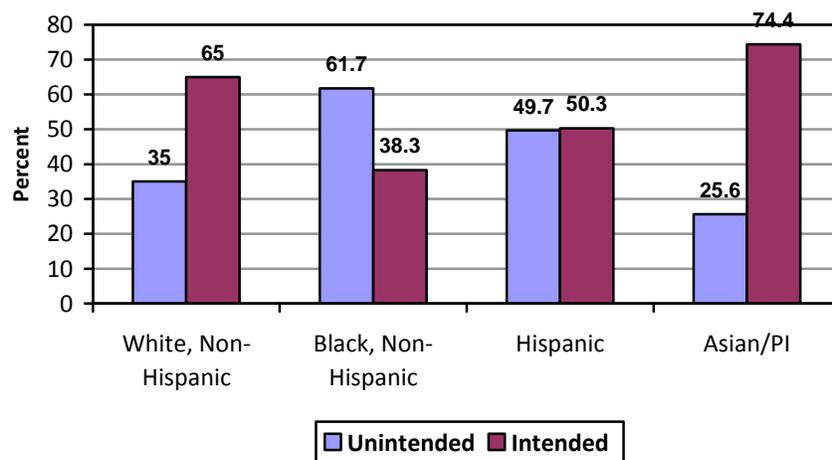
**Trends of unintended pregnancies in Michigan, 1996-2006**



← **Trends:** According to PRAMS data, Michigan’s unintended pregnancy rate has not changed significantly since 1990; 43% in 1990 versus 41% in 2006. Nearly half of women who had an unintended pregnancy reported not using a contraceptive method. And while teen pregnancy rates have generally improved since the 1990s, one in twenty teens still becomes pregnant by age 20 (about 5%). At least three-fourths of teen pregnancies are unintended.

→ **Health Disparities:** Unintended pregnancy rates are higher among certain groups of women including black and Hispanic women and women living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Both maternal age and educational status are directly proportional to pregnancy intendedness.

**Intended and Unintended Pregnancies by Maternal Race/Ethnicity, 2006**



**Links to Other Sources of Information:**

Michigan Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring (PRAMS): [www.michigan.gov/prams](http://www.michigan.gov/prams)  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy: [www.thenationalcampaign.org](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org)

**Links to Related Public Health Programs:**

Michigan’s Family Planning Program: [www.michigan.gov/familyplanning](http://www.michigan.gov/familyplanning)  
Michigan Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative: [www.michigan.gov/tppi](http://www.michigan.gov/tppi)