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City of Milwaukee 2016 Teen Birth Rate (TBR) Data Brief

A: Facts – Teen Births (15-17 year olds)

1. Preliminary City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) figures (not yet verified by the State) indicate that **in 2016 there were 223 births to city of Milwaukee females aged 15-17**. This represents the lowest number of births on record for Milwaukee females in this age group. In comparison, there were 233 births to Milwaukee females aged 15-17 in 2015 and 279 births in 2014. Both years were previous lows for the city.
2. The State has not yet verified 2016 birth data. Our figures remain preliminary and are subject to future revision, although it is unlikely they will change significantly.
3. The Teen Birth Rate (TBR) for 15-17 year olds is defined as the number of births to females aged 15-17 for every 1,000 females aged 15-17 living in the population during the same year.
4. The 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that there were 12,366 females aged 15-17 living in the city of Milwaukee in 2016. This compares to 12,880 in 2015.
5. Milwaukee's TBR in 2016 was 18.0, meaning that there were 18 births to females aged 15-17 for every 1,000 females aged 15-17 living in Milwaukee during the same year. This TBR is the lowest on record for the city of Milwaukee and is nearly the same as our previous low of 18.1 in 2015.
6. Milwaukee's TBRs by race and ethnicity were as follows for 2016: 18.6 births per 1,000 females aged 15-17 for Milwaukee non-Hispanic Blacks, 8.5 for Milwaukee non-Hispanic Whites, and 21.4 for Milwaukee Hispanics.
7. Based on MHD's TBR figures, **the TBRs for each of the last 3 years for Milwaukee were as follows:** (NH = Non-Hispanic)

	<u>Overall</u>	<u>NH Black</u>	<u>NH White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
2016	18.0	18.6	8.5	21.4
2015	18.1	22.3	6.7	19.4
2014	23.9	27.0	9.8	25.1

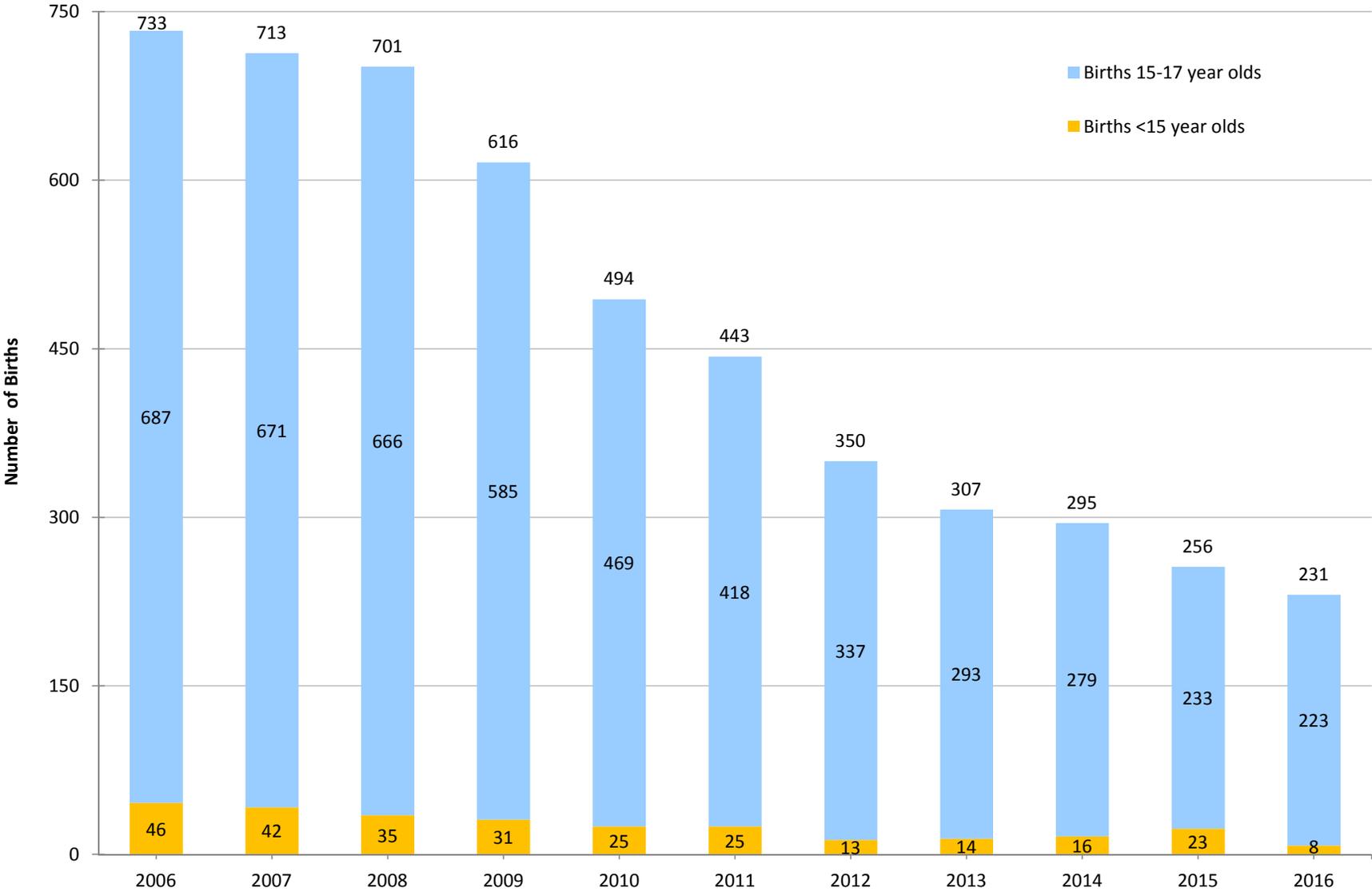
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B: Interpretation, and comparison to prior years

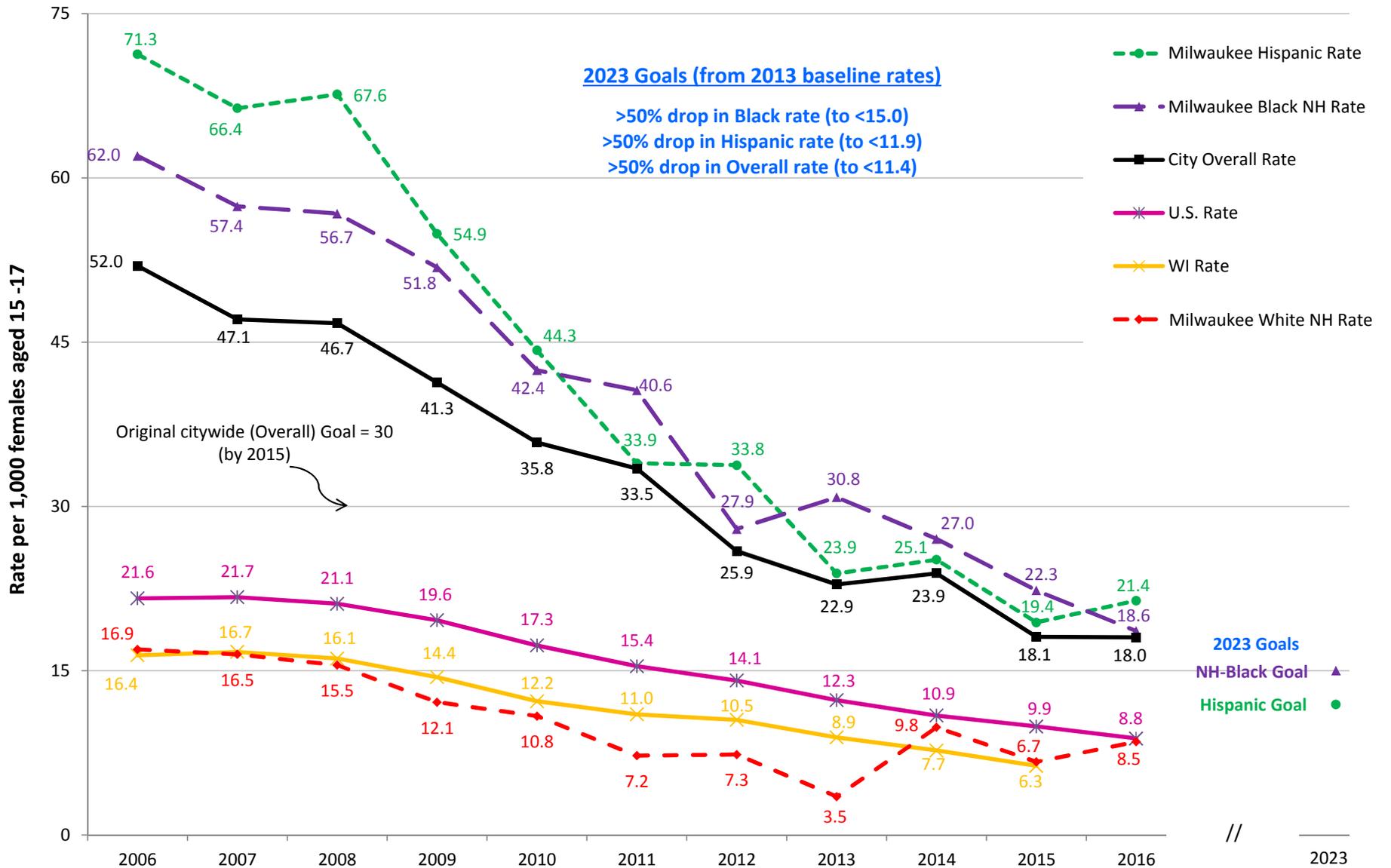
8. **Milwaukee's goals are to reduce the TBRs to less than 11.4 for the city overall, to less than 15 for non-Hispanic Blacks, and to less than 11.9 for Hispanics by 2023.** These goals, which were set in the fall of 2013, reflect a 50% decrease in the TBRs for the city overall and for each of the two racial and ethnic groups, as compared to their respective 2013 rates.
9. Milwaukee's **overall** TBR of 18.0 for 2016 was essentially the same as the 2015 TBR of 18.1, reflecting **less than a 1% reduction** from the 2015 rate. Although there was very little change between the 2015 and 2016 TBRs, the 2016 TBR is now the lowest on record for the city (2015 TBR was the previous low). When compared to the 2013 baseline rate of 22.9, Milwaukee's TBR has declined 21.1%. This indicates that we are making progress towards achieving our goal of reducing the city's overall rate 50% by 2023. Since 2006, when Milwaukee's TBR was 52 per 1,000 females aged 15-17, the rate has declined 65.3%.
10. Milwaukee's **non-Hispanic White** TBR, which decreased from 9.8 to 6.7 in 2015, **increased** to 8.5 in 2016. The 2016 TBR is the fourth lowest on record for this population. The 2013 rate of 3.5 is the lowest on record. The non-Hispanic White rate has declined nearly 50% since 2006 (from 16.9 to 8.5).
11. Milwaukee's **Hispanic** TBR in 2016 was 21.4. This reflects a 10.3% **increase** when compared to a rate of 19.4 in 2015. Although this increase occurred, the 2016 rate is the second lowest on record for this population. The Hispanic TBR has fallen 10.4% since the TBR goal was set in 2013 (from 23.9 to 21.4) and 70% since 2006 (from 71.3 to 21.4).
12. Milwaukee's **non-Hispanic Black TBR decreased** nearly 17% compared to our 2015 report. The non-Hispanic Black TBR for 2016 was 18.6 compared to 22.3 in 2015. The 2016 rate is the lowest on record for this population. The non-Hispanic Black TBR has declined nearly 40% (from 30.8 to 18.6) since the 2013 TBR goal was set, indicating that we are close to meeting our goal of reducing the rate 50% by 2023. Since 2006 the TBR for non-Hispanic Blacks has decreased 70% (from 62.0 to 18.6).
13. Although there have been declines over time in TBRs across all racial and ethnic groups, disparities continue to exist. When comparing Milwaukee's non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic TBRs to the non-Hispanic White TBR, we see that the Black and Hispanic TBRs are 2.2 and 2.5 times (respectively) higher than the White TBR in 2016. This means that **Black and Hispanic females aged 15-17 in Milwaukee are 2.2 and 2.5 times (respectively) more likely to give birth than White females aged 15-17.** These TBR ratios, however, are the lowest between Blacks and Whites and Hispanics and Whites on record for the city.

Raw Numbers of Births to Teens 17 and under City of Milwaukee, 2006-2016



Source: City of Milwaukee Health Department. 2016 data are preliminary.

Teen Birth Rates: 15-17 Year Olds City of Milwaukee, 2006-2016



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Note: 2016 Wisconsin Teen Birth Rates were not available at the time of this release.