

According to DoSomething.org

<https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-teen-dads>

1. In the US, about 750,000 women under the age of 20 become pregnant every year, meaning that about 750,000 men are also involved in teen pregnancies.
2. 8 out of 10 teen dads don't marry the mother of their child.
3. Teen dads are less likely to finish high school than their peers.
4. Absent fathers pay less than \$800 annually for child support.
5. Paternity, for any child born to teen parents, can be established before the child turns 21.
6. Children who don't live with their fathers are 5 times more likely to be poverty-stricken than children with both parents at home.
7. Teen fathers face a lack of teen parent programs to help them.
8. An unmarried father has rights and responsibilities concerning custody, visitation, and child support. However, an unmarried father needs to take legal action to obtain these rights and responsibilities and must sign an Acknowledgement of Paternity form.
9. Young fathers are more likely to have economic and employment challenges and are more often economically disadvantaged than adult fathers.
10. Teen fatherhood appears to be associated with negative consequences, both for the father and child, that are similar to those observed among teen mothers.
11. Despite the stereotypes, there is increasing evidence that teen fathers want to be (and are) involved with their children, though this involvement may not always include financial support.