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## THE DISTRICT

### Teen Pregnancy Rate Fell in 2003

The latest statistics show the District's teen pregnancy rate falling, although it remains one of the highest in the country.

Of every 1,000 girls 15 to 19 years old, just fewer than 100 became pregnant in 2003, according to the D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. That was better than the 2002 rate of 101.8 but — showing how much the rate can seesaw year to year — far worse than the 2001 rate of 74.4.

"D.C. still has a long way to go," Brenda Rhodes Miller, the campaign's executive director, said in a statement Friday.