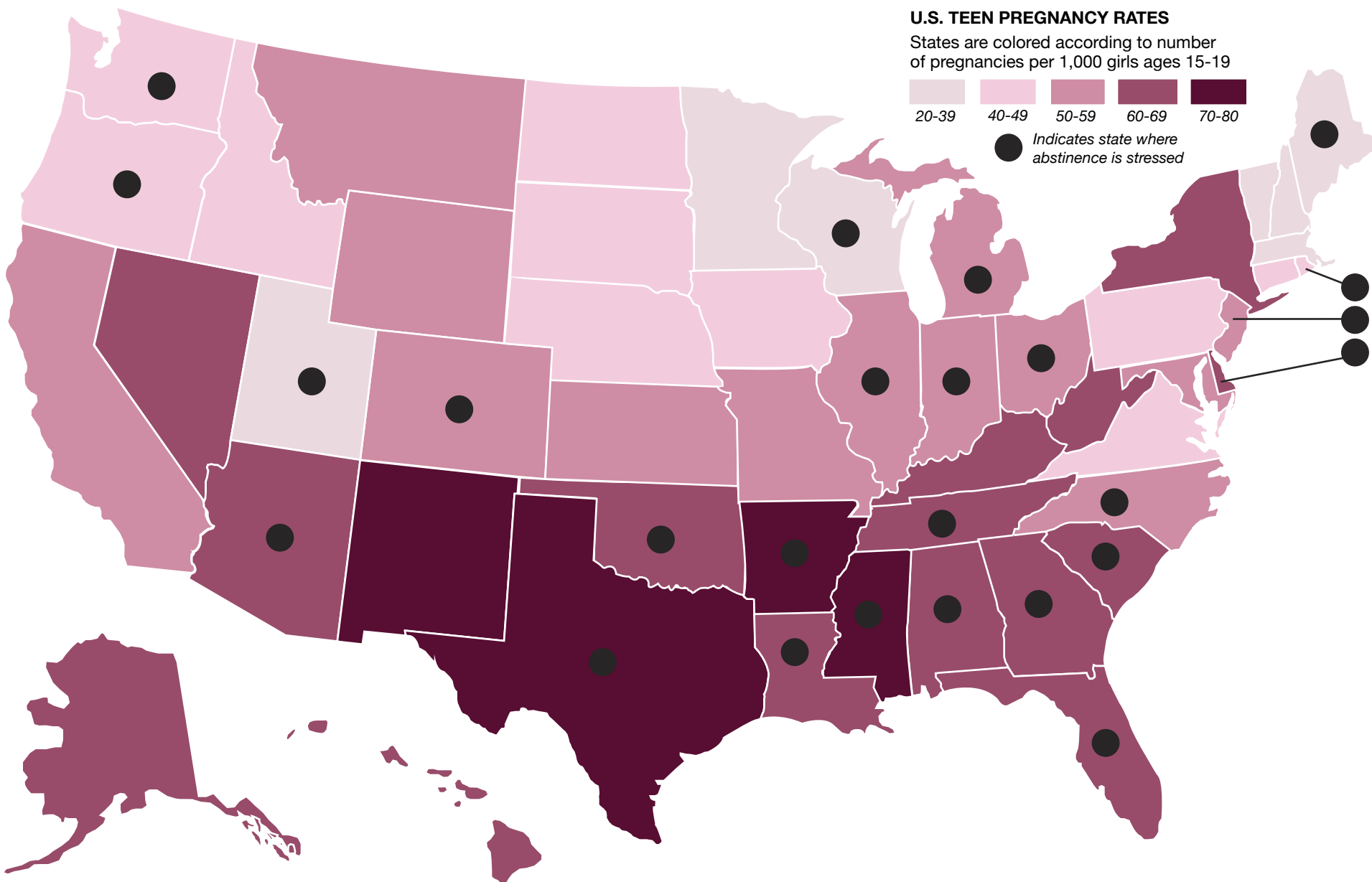


# Teen pregnancy rates reflect a need for more comprehensive sex education

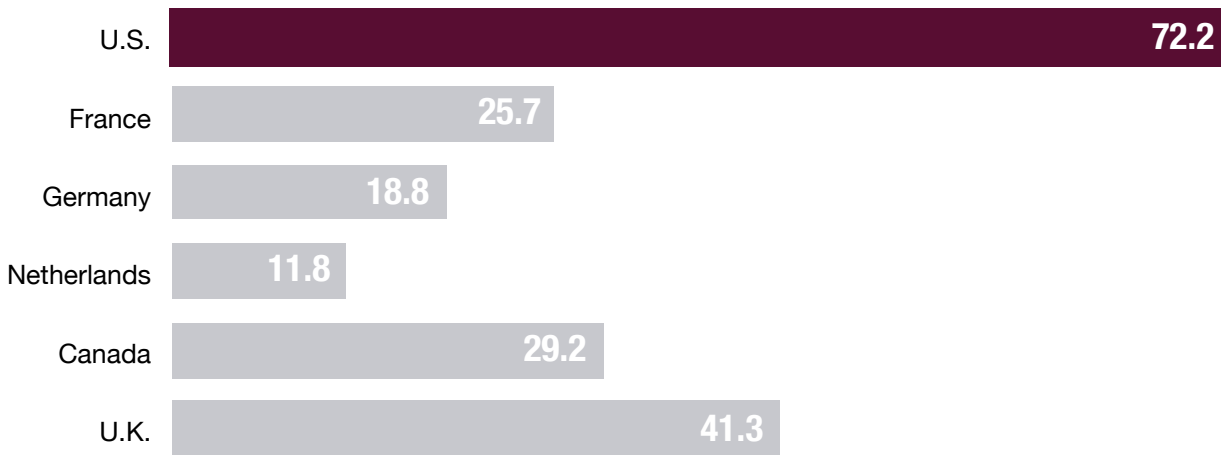
While the average teen pregnancy rate in the United States is on a decline as a result of government-funded sex education programs, some states are trailing behind. Many of these states have in common that they stress abstinence, as opposed to providing comprehensive sex education programs. According to the National Campaign's 2010 data, a positive correlation exists between abstinence-stressed education and high teen pregnancy rates. This has created a public debate over whether these programs should continue as is or undergo a restructure.



## GLOBAL TEEN PREGNANCY RATES

The United States ranks first among developed nations in teenage pregnancy rates, reaching 72.2 pregnancies per 1,000 teen girls.

*NOTE All rates are listed as numbers per 1,000 girls 15-19 years old, except for the U.K. rate, which is instead listed as a number per 1,000 girls 15-18 years old.*



## U.S. TEEN PREGNANCY OUTCOMES

The majority of teen pregnancies in the U.S. end in birth

