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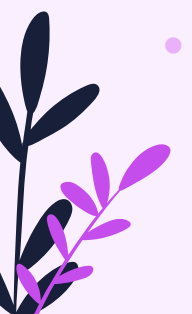
THE ISSUE OF TEEN PREGNANCY IN AMERICA

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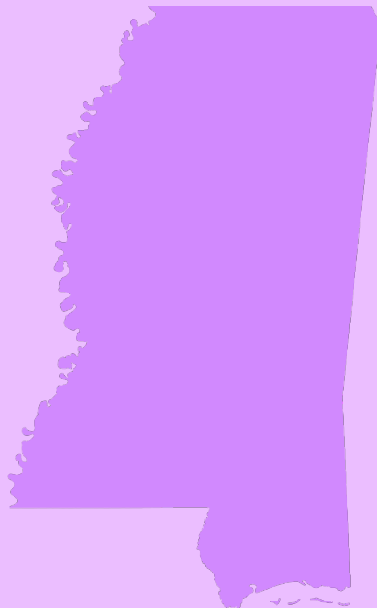
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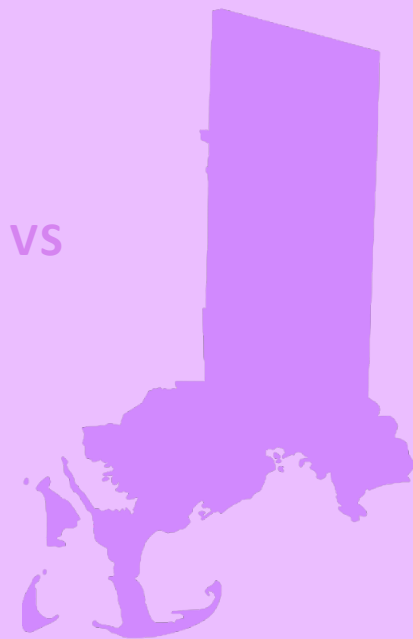
PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Women living in rural areas, poverty, and are racial minorities are at higher risk.
 - Low educational attainment, high unemployment, greater dependency on welfare.
 - Affects young mothers, their children, and society as a whole
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Mississippi



Massachusetts



VS



Births per 1,000 women aged 14-19 in 2020


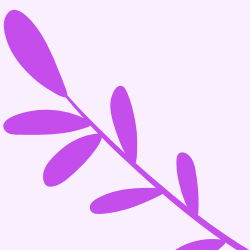
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Mississippi

6.1

Massachusetts

(Stats of the State - Teen Birth Rates, n.d.)





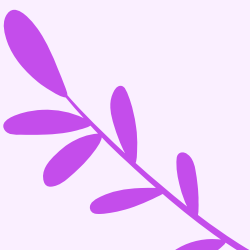
Mortality rate per 100,000 births in 2020

30.2

Mississippi

14.7

Massachusetts



(Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rates per 100,000 Live Births | KFF, 2023)

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

MISSISSIPPI	MASSACHUSETTS
46,923 square miles	7,800.9 square miles
63.1 people per square mile	901.2 people per square mile
41.2% racial minorities	20.2% racial minorities

(United States Census Bureau QuickFacts, n.d.)

ECONOMY

MISSISSIPPI	MASSACHUSETTS
Agriculture-based economy	Industry-based economy
\$46,600 median income	\$86,600 median income

(United States Census Bureau QuickFacts, n.d.)

LEGISLATION

Education

Sex Education

Limited sex education in schools

Legislation

Laws and funds are influenced by cultural factors

Resources

Health Care

Uninsured individuals have restricted access

Options

Lack of affordable alternatives & variety

Number of abortion clinics in 2020

0

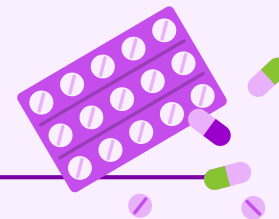
Mississippi

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Massachusetts

(Where Can I Get an Abortion? | U.S. Abortion Clinic Locator, n.d.)

ABORTION LEGISLATION



MISSISSIPPI	MASSACHUSETTS
Trigger Ban: All abortions are banned except to save the pregnant persons life, rape, or incest.	Constitutional protections for a bortion
Transgressing Mississippi's abortion restrictions will lead to civil and criminal penalties	Affirms the right to health care providers to perform abortions prior to twenty-four weeks of pregnancy

EDUCATION

MISSISSIPPI



88%

High school Graduation rate
2020



10,089

Per pupil public
elementary and secondary
school expenditure

MASSACHUSETTS



93%

High school Graduation rate
2020

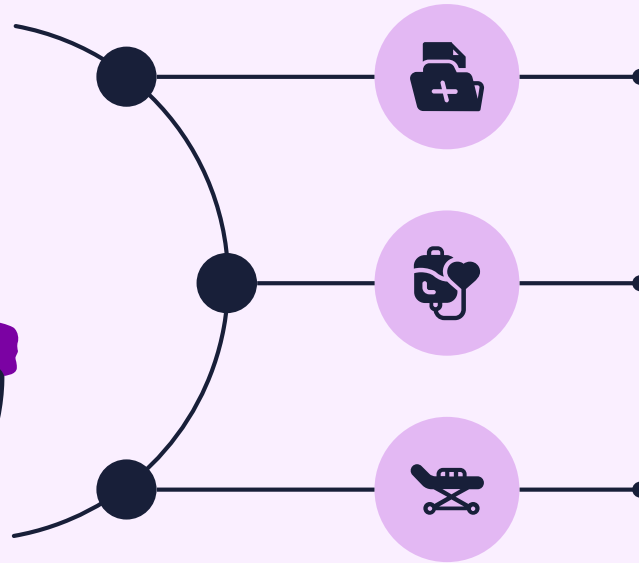


22,348

Per pupil public
elementary and secondary
school expenditure



HEALTHCARE



CONTRACEPTIVES

Pills, IUDs, Emergency contraceptives

ABORTION

Medication & procedure

ROUTINE CHECKUPS

Tracking the reproductive health of teenagers



People without health insurance in 2020

14.2%

Mississippi

2.9%

Massachusetts



(United States Census Bureau QuickFacts, n.d.)



SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE TEENAGE PREGNANCY

SOLUTIONS



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1 — **EDUCATION** Comprehensive sex education & resource inequalities.
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2 — **ACCESS** Health-care, contraceptives
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3 — **ASSISTANCE** Alleviate financial pressures through incentives, providing counseling

CONNECTIONS

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EDUCATION

Informed Population
Available Resources
Informed Decisions

ACCESS

Abortion & Contraceptive Methods
Reproductive Services

ASSISTANCE

Financial Assistance
Counseling services

CONCLUSION

Problem

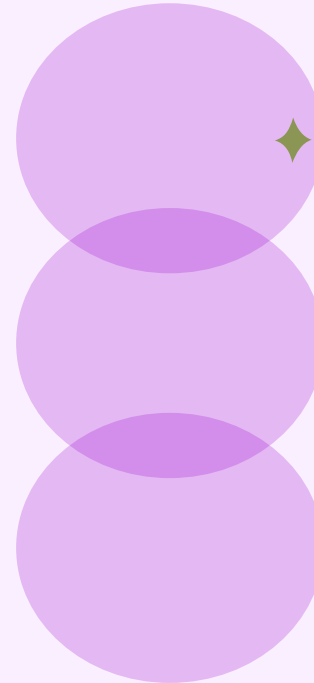
Teen pregnancy in the United States.
Mississippi & Massachusetts.

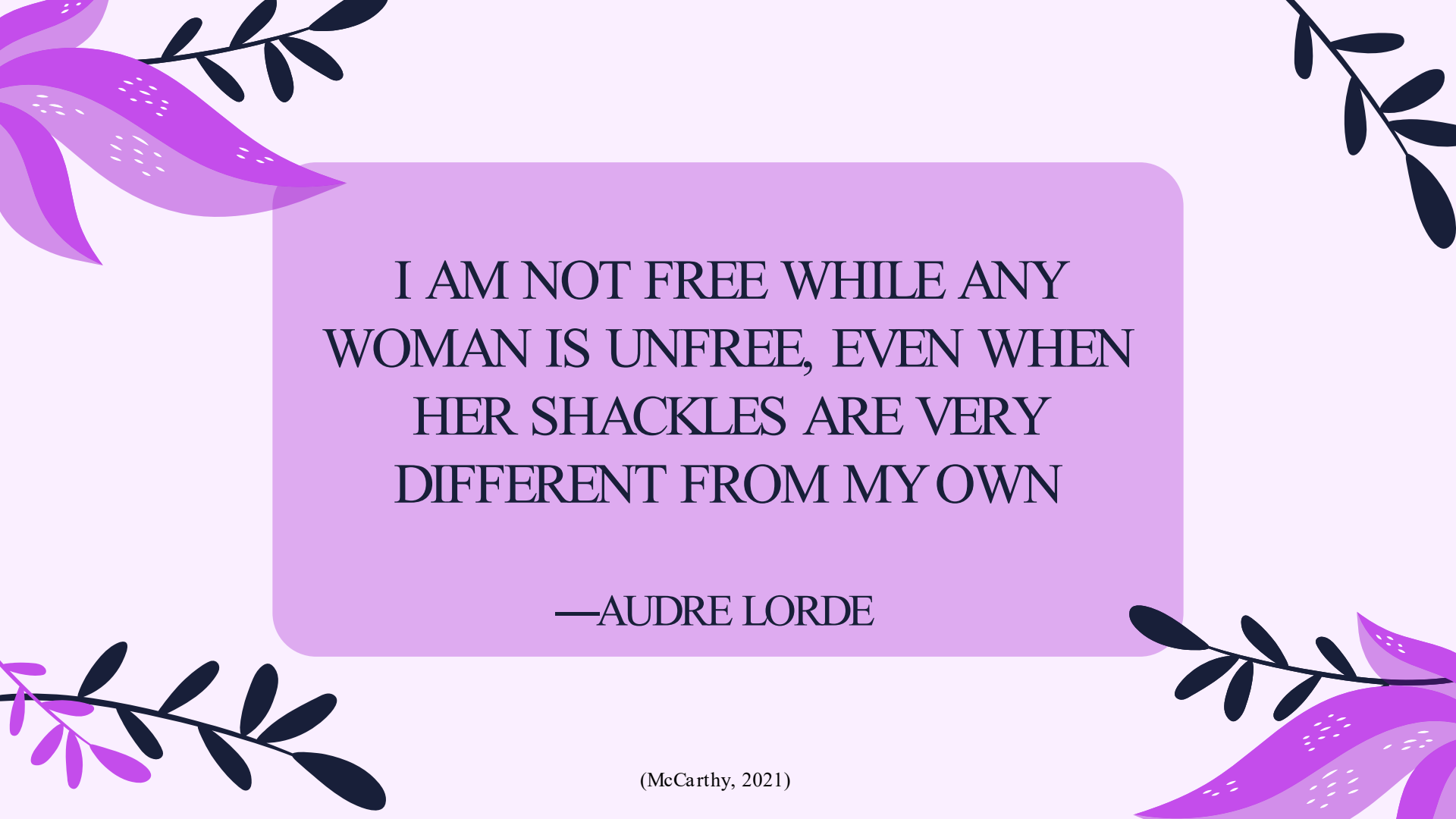
Connections

- Sex education, health care accessibility, state culture, economic factors & legislation.

Solution

Investing in education, health, resources, alternative options, and legislation to reduce rates.



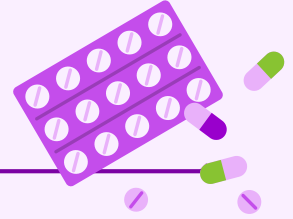
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(McCarthy, 2021)

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