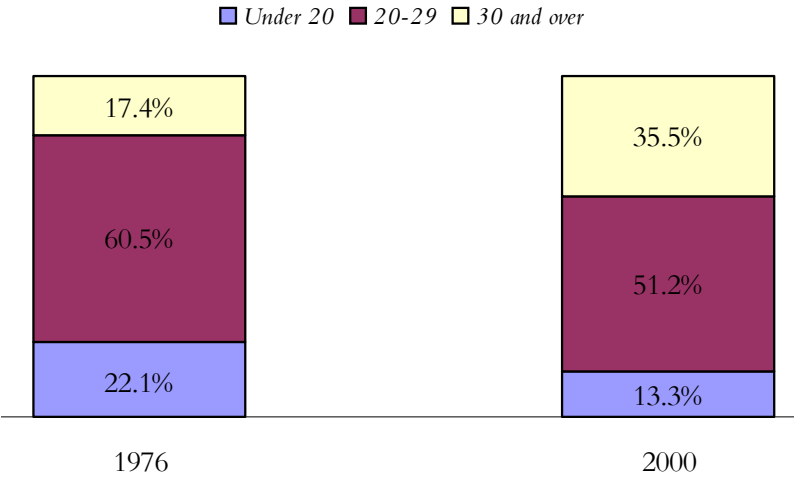


Figure 3-1 • Pregnant woman by age, 1976 and 2000 (percent distributions)

Between 1976 and 2000, the age distribution of pregnant women shifted upward significantly. Teenage pregnancies, 22.1 percent of all pregnancies in 1976, accounted for only 13.3 percent in 2000. Pregnancies in women age 30 and over more than doubled, from 17.4 percent in 1976 to 35.5 percent in 2000.



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics*, 21, no. 56, 2000, Table 2, and *National Vital Statistics Reports*, 23, no. 52, 2004, Table 2, Figure prepared by the Women’s Research and Education Institute (WREI), 2005.