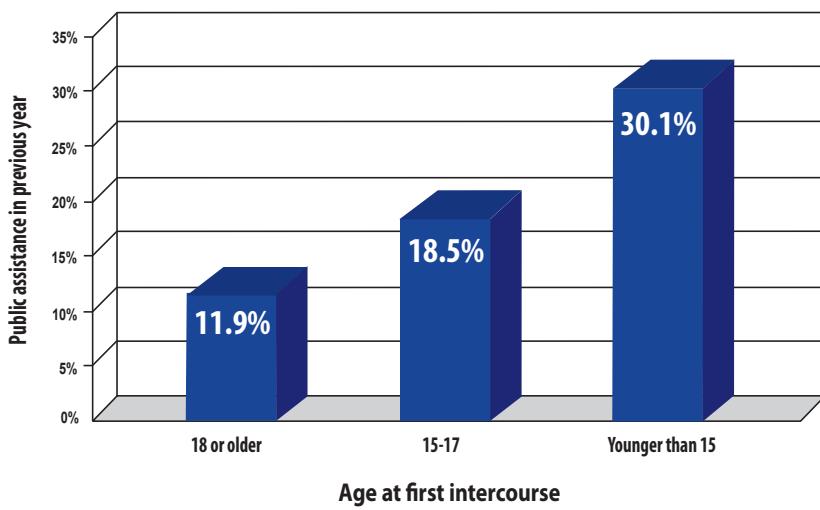


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### "Public Assistance in Previous Year" by Age at First Intercourse

#### Public assistance in previous year according to age at first intercourse

Source: National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 6, 2002, ages 38-44



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rates of maternal and child poverty, and higher relationship stability.<sup>4</sup> Moreover, postponing sexual intercourse until marriage tends to produce the best outcomes: relationship quality is higher and sexual satisfaction stronger.

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2. NSFG only surveys women up to age 44. The oldest group of women was selected in order to capture the most complete range of outcomes for sexual experience.

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