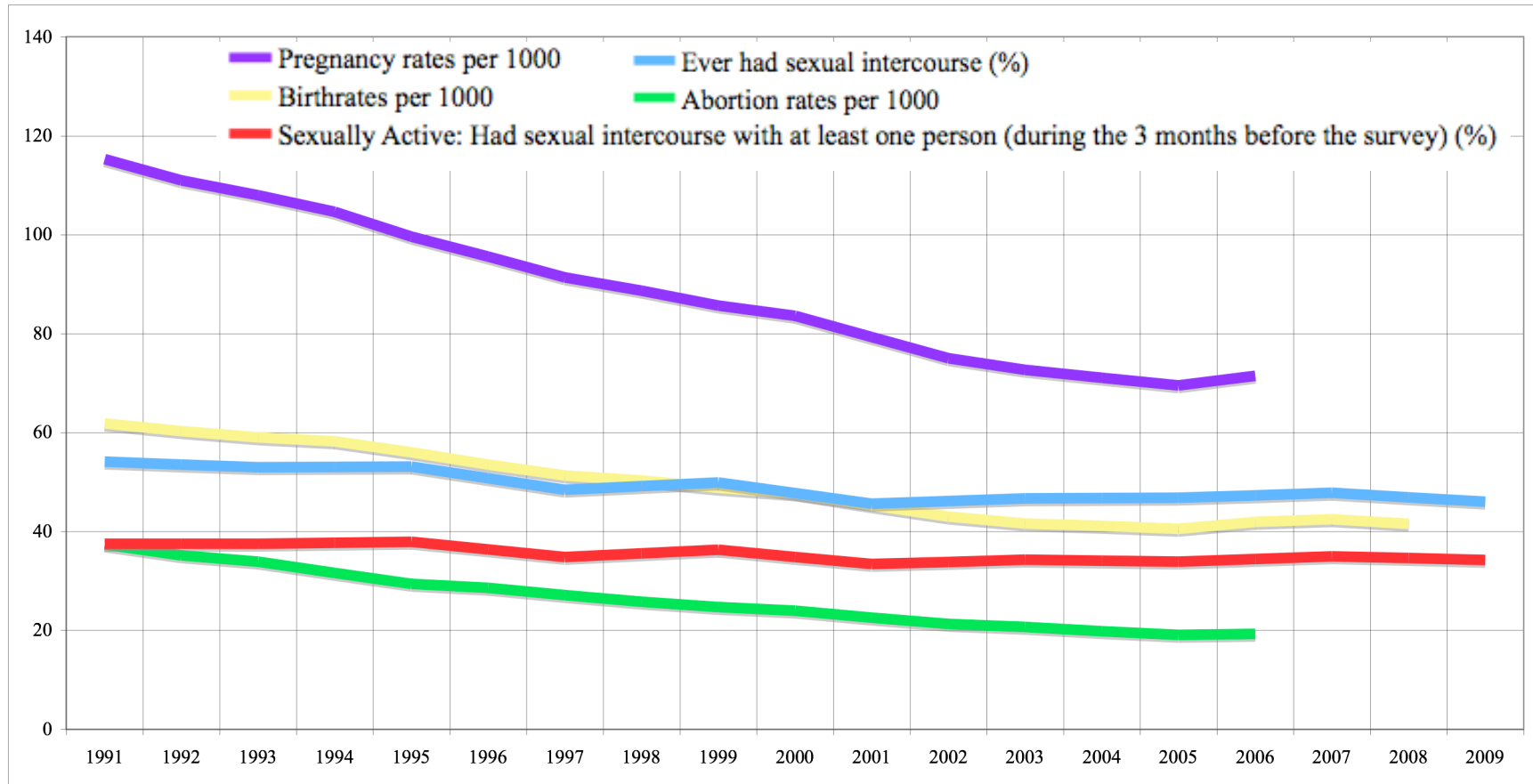


Most Teenagers Choose Abstinence

- ❖ Two-thirds of teenagers are not currently sexually active
- ❖ Most teenagers have never had sexual intercourse
- ❖ Rates of teen births and teen abortions have decreased



What the Data Shows: A large majority (2/3) of teenagers in the U.S. are not currently sexually active and most teens (54%) have never had sexual intercourse. While in 2006 and 2007 there was a slight increases in teen births (+3% in 2006, +1% in 2007), the teen birthrate resumed its decrease in 2008. Abstinence is a reality for most teens.

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