The objective of this study was to understand how the points of view and experiences with teen parenting differ among multiple generations of Latina women. In 2006, the US teen pregnancy rate was 71.5 pregnancies per 1,000 women. The Latina teen pregnancy rate in US was 126.6 pregnancies per 1,000 women. Family bonds and surroundings can play a role in Latina teenagers’ “resilience.”

Teenage pregnancies in Latina families (sisters, mothers) may be associated with a teenager getting pregnant. Cultural background can also influence a Latina teenager’s pregnancy. Though prior research has described the determinants of Latina teen pregnancies, little is known about the experiences of teenage Latina women. Even less is known about how these experiences differ across multiple generations.

Participants were recruited through friends using text messaging as a method of outreach. In-depth interviews were conducted with 9 women about their experience with teen parenting, their views on teenage pregnancy, how they felt, their expectations, outcomes, worries. The interview instrument was translated to Spanish; interviews conducted in Spanish/English, as appropriate.

5 themes were extracted based on data collection.

**Sample:**
(2) Teenagers: 13-19 years old
(3) Young Adults: 20-35 years old
(2) Adults: 36-49 years old
(2) Older Adults: 50+ years old

We asked participants permission to take a photo of themselves or family and to describe their thoughts and feelings associated with the photo.

**Conclusions:**

Teen pregnancy was mostly viewed by younger participants as ‘high school students just getting pregnant.’ However, adults and older adults participants expressed a wider age range for teen pregnancy - which were ages between 12-22.

Teenage participants saw teenage pregnancy as ‘normal.’ Young adults participants saw teenage pregnancy as something that is increasingly becoming normal.

Adult participants viewed teenage pregnancy as something shameful in their generation.

Older adult participants had a view of teenage pregnancy as more traditional since they would get married at a younger age and then have kids.

Themes that were found reinforced themes in similar research.

**Discussion:**

Teenage participants saw teen pregnancy as “normal.” Young

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