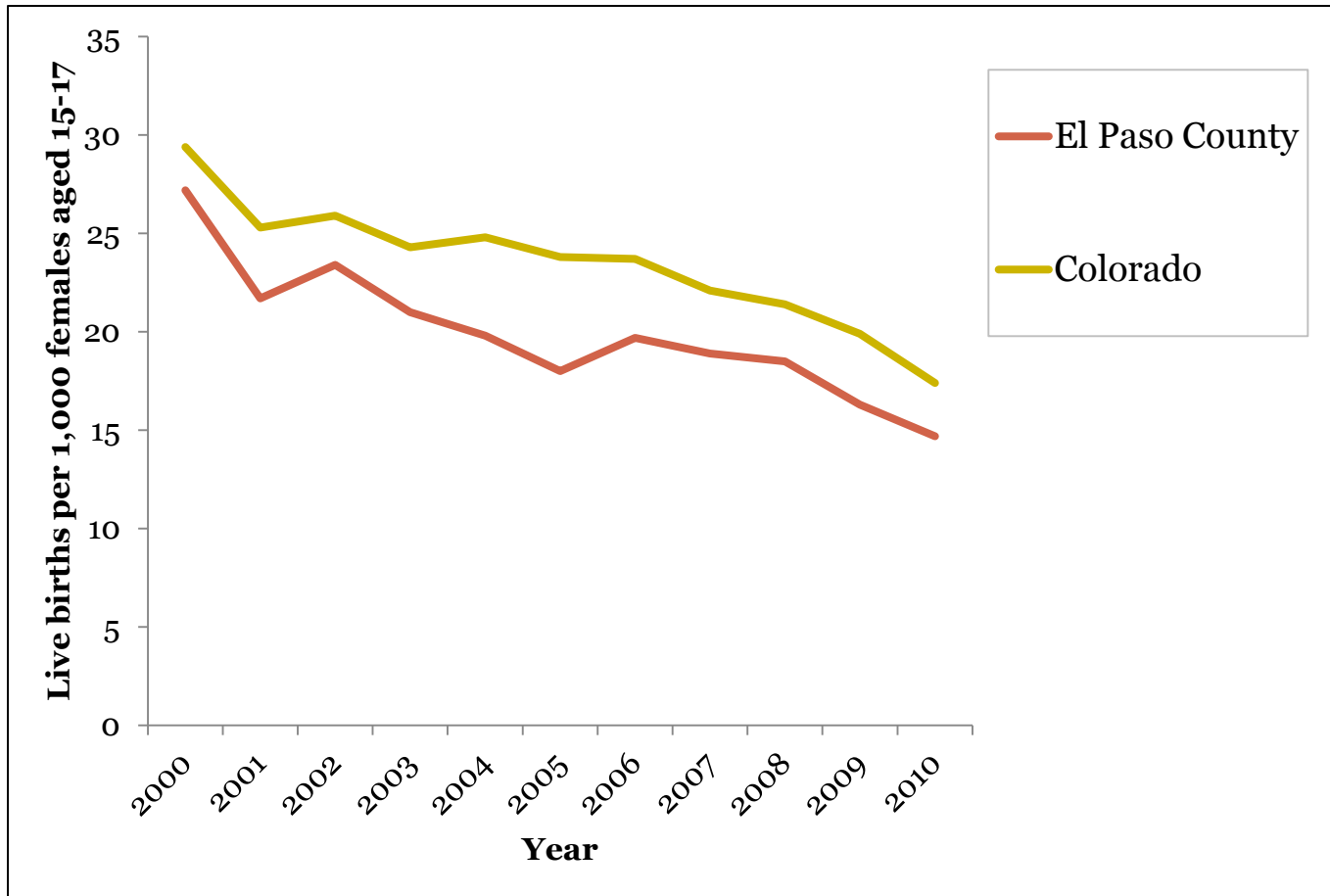


# Unintended Pregnancy

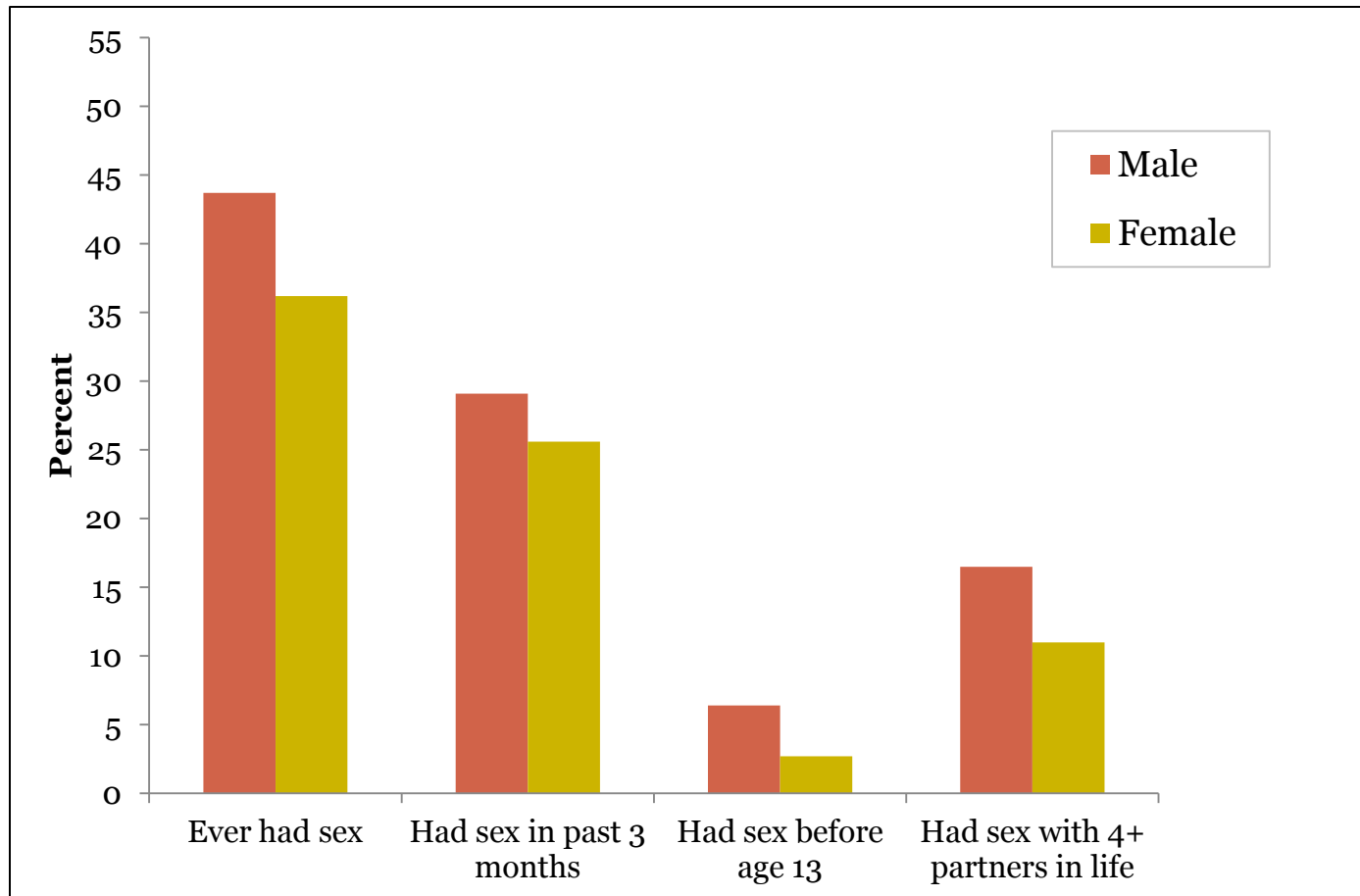


Unsafe sexual practice leads to adverse outcomes including unintentional pregnancy (especially for adolescents) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Teen pregnancy and teen mothering have been associated with repeat pregnancies and other poor fetal or infant outcomes related to lack of prenatal care, gestational complications, low maternal weight gain, preterm delivery, and low birth weight. STIs can cause serious health problems, particularly in women (pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, cervical cancer) and in newborns (low birth weight, severe infection, brain injury).

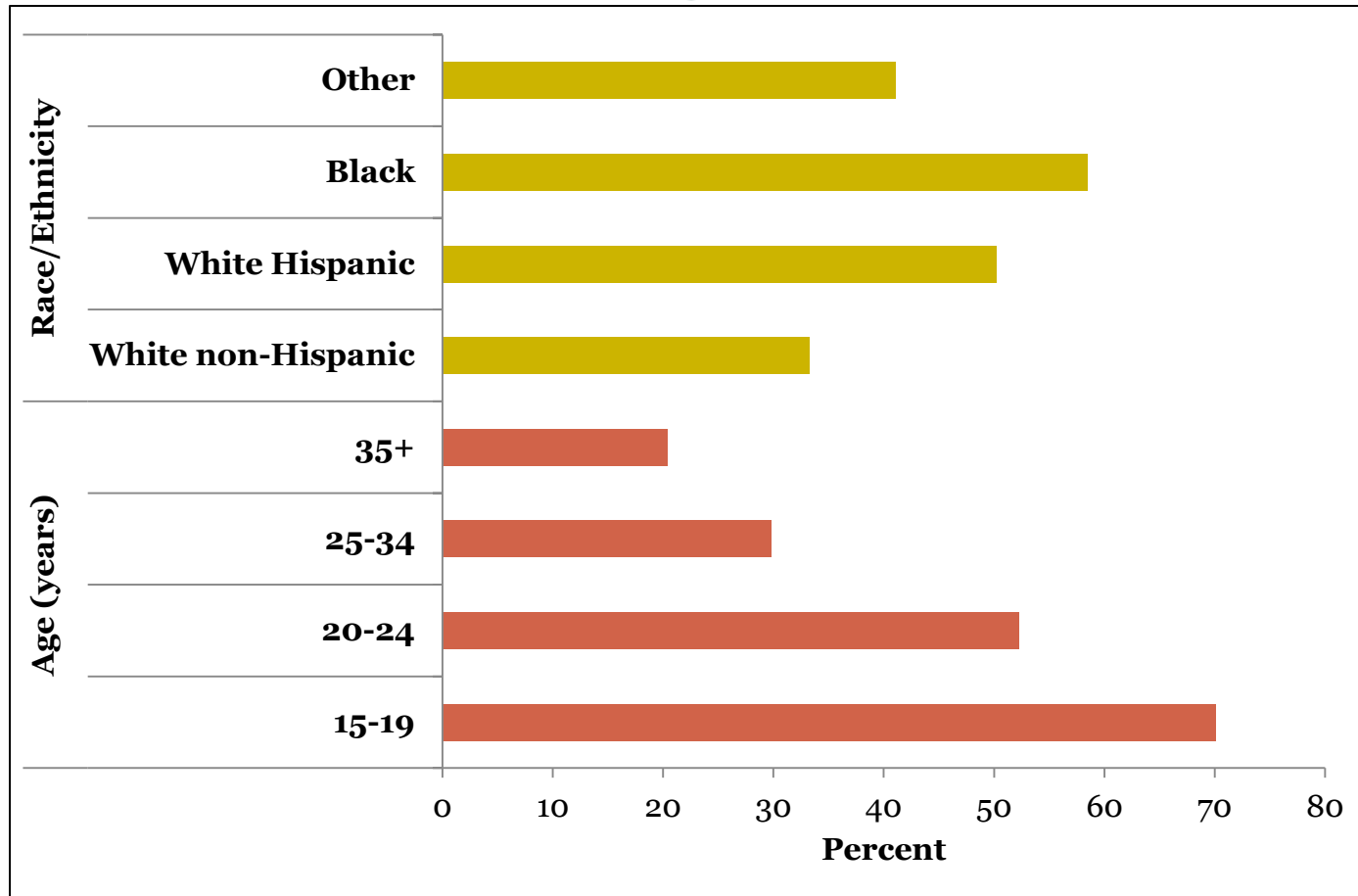
# Teen birth rate for females 15 to 17 years of age



# Sexual behavior among Colorado youth, grades 9-12, 2009



# Percent of pregnancies that were unintended, El Paso County 2008 to 2010



# Use of effective methods to prevent pregnancy, El Paso County 2010



- **75 percent of sexually active women and men ages 18-44 years used an effective method of birth control to prevent pregnancy\***

*\*Effective methods were defined as tubes tied, vasectomy, hysterectomy, birth control pill, depo shot, lunelle shot, contraceptive patch, contraceptive ring, norplant, intrauterine device (IUD), or contraceptive implants*