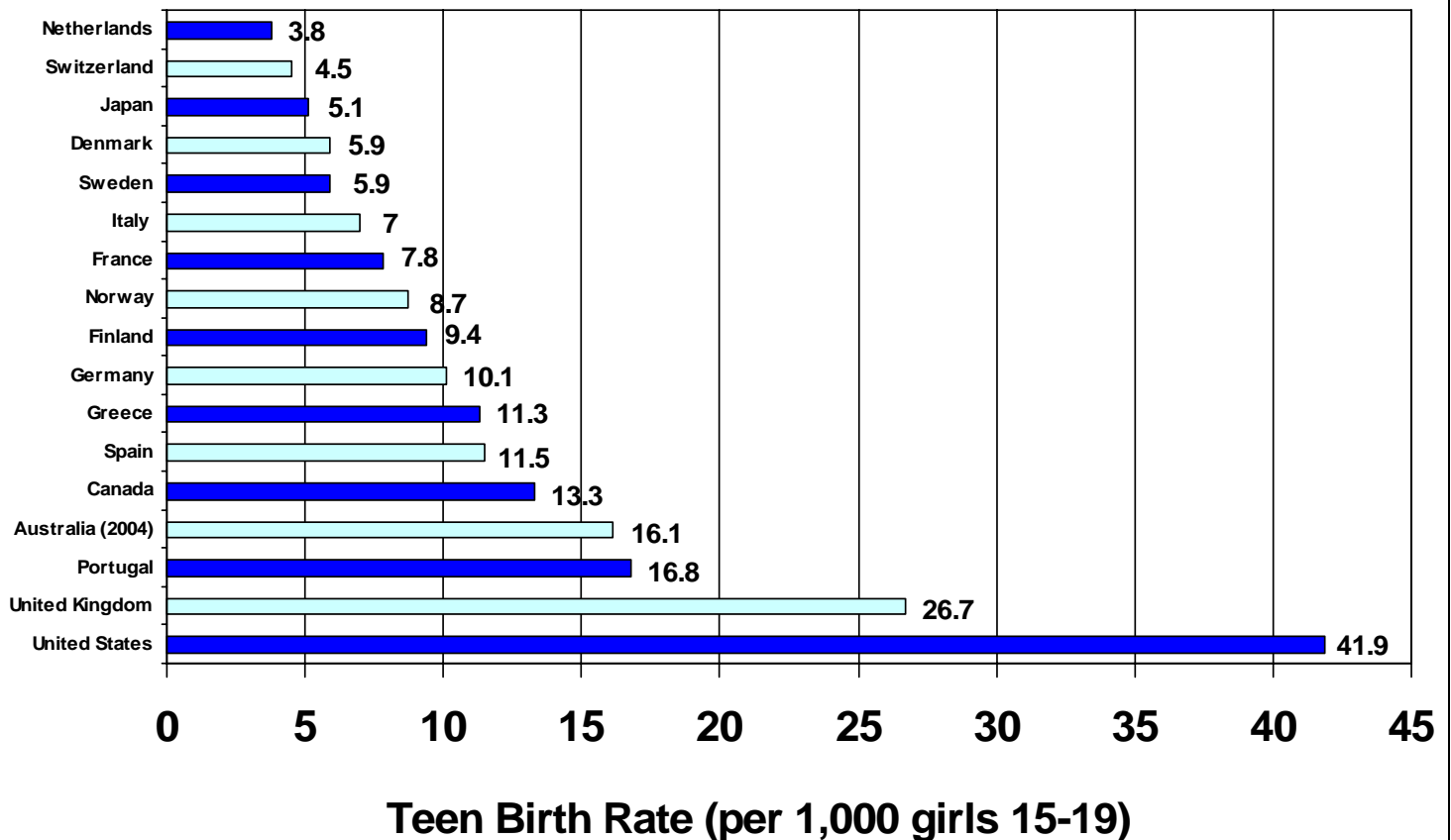




Teen Birth Rates: How Does the United States Compare?

Despite a one-third decline since the early 1990s, the United States still has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and birth among comparable countries. In 2006, the U.S. teen birth rate was 41.9 births per 1,000 teens aged 15-19. By way of comparison, the U.S. teen birth rate is *one and a half times* higher than the teen birth rate in the United Kingdom (26.7 per 1,000) which has the highest teen birth rate in Europe, more than *three times as high* as the teen birth rate in Canada (13.3 per 1,000), more than *eight times* higher than the teen birth rate in Japan (5.1 per 1,000), and *seven times* higher than Denmark (5.9 per 1,000) and Sweden (5.9 per 1,000).

Teen Birth Rates, 2006*



* All birth rates are for 2006 unless otherwise noted.

Source: United Nations Statistics Division. (2006). *Demographic Yearbook 2006*. New York: United Nations.