

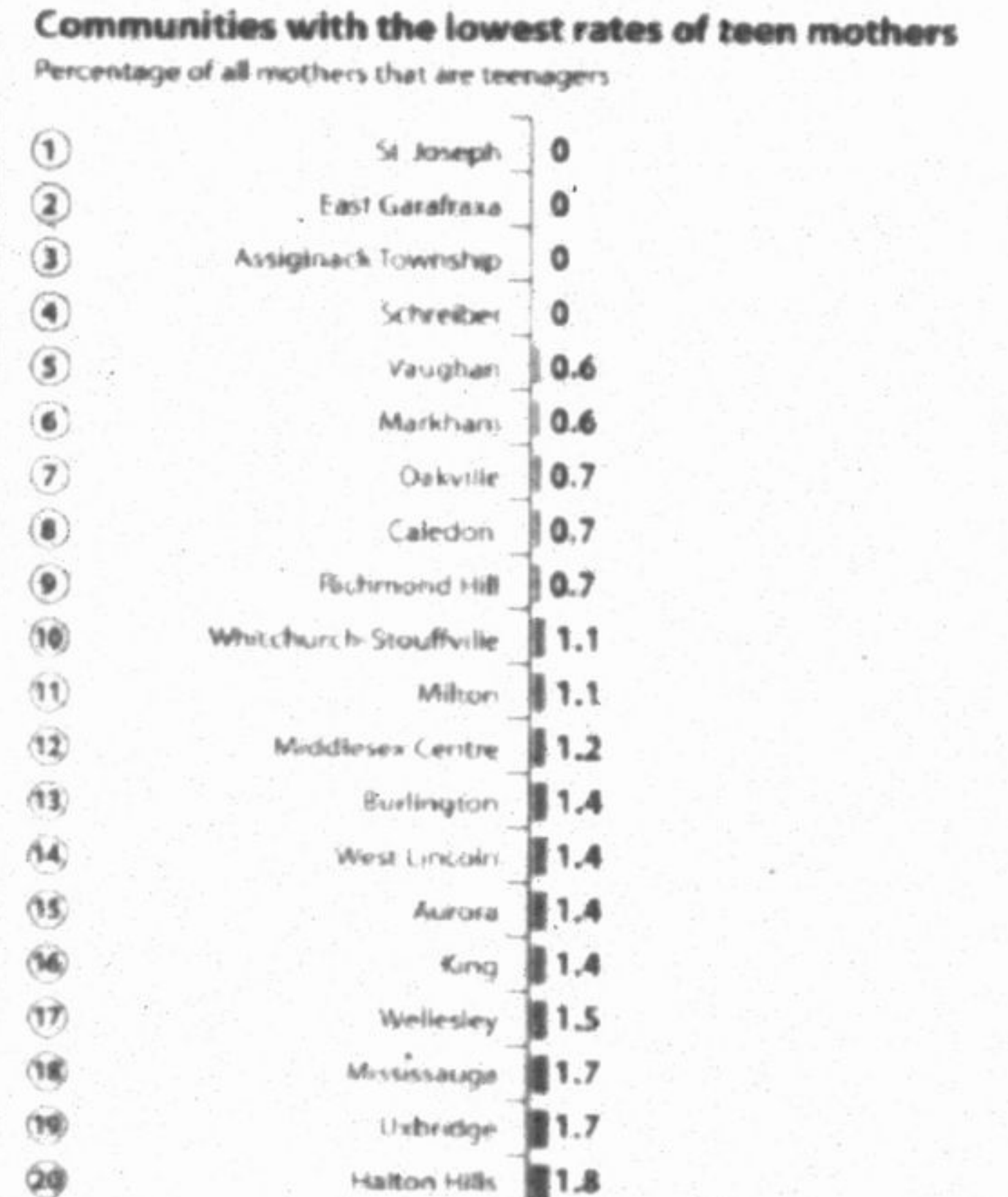
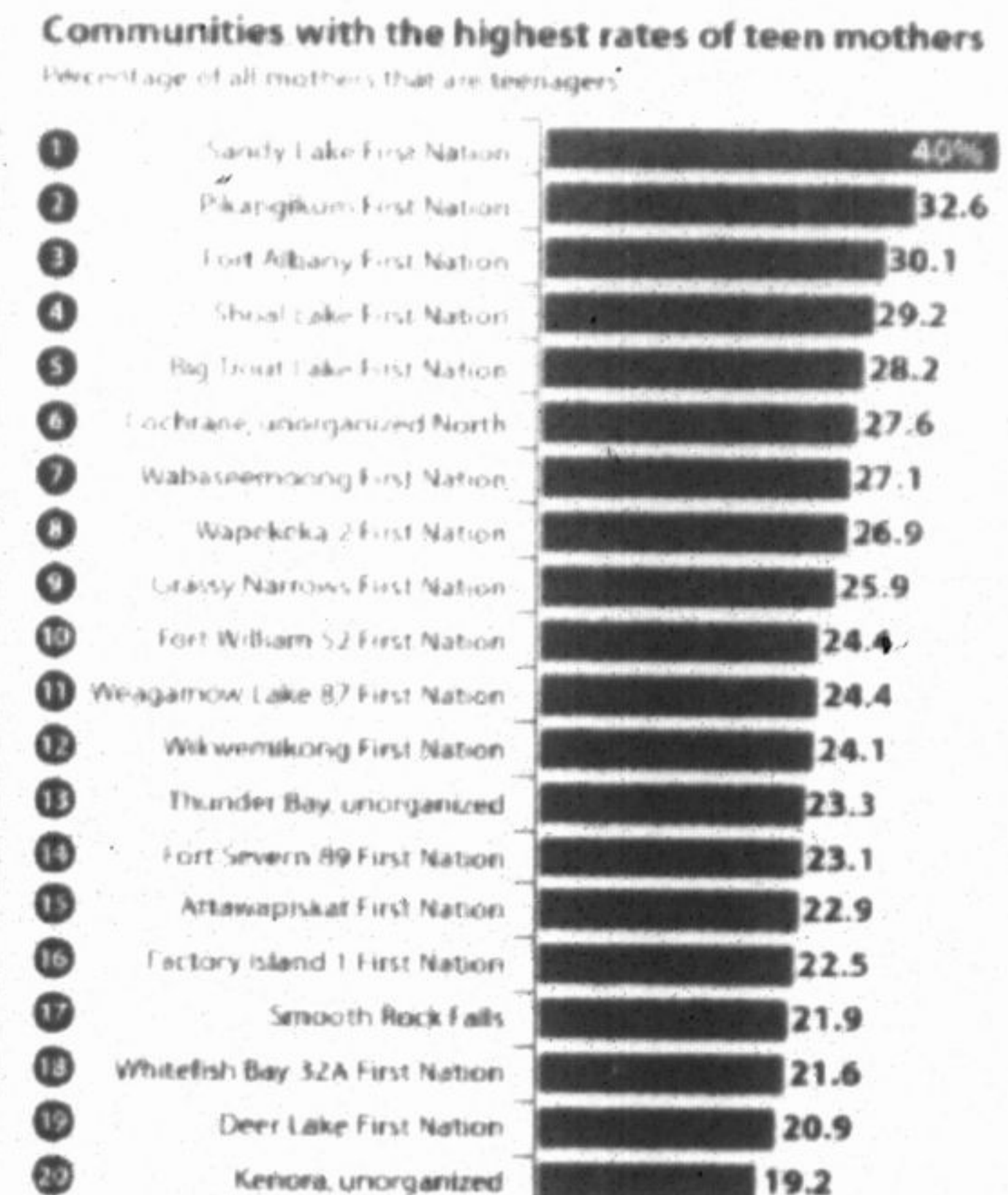
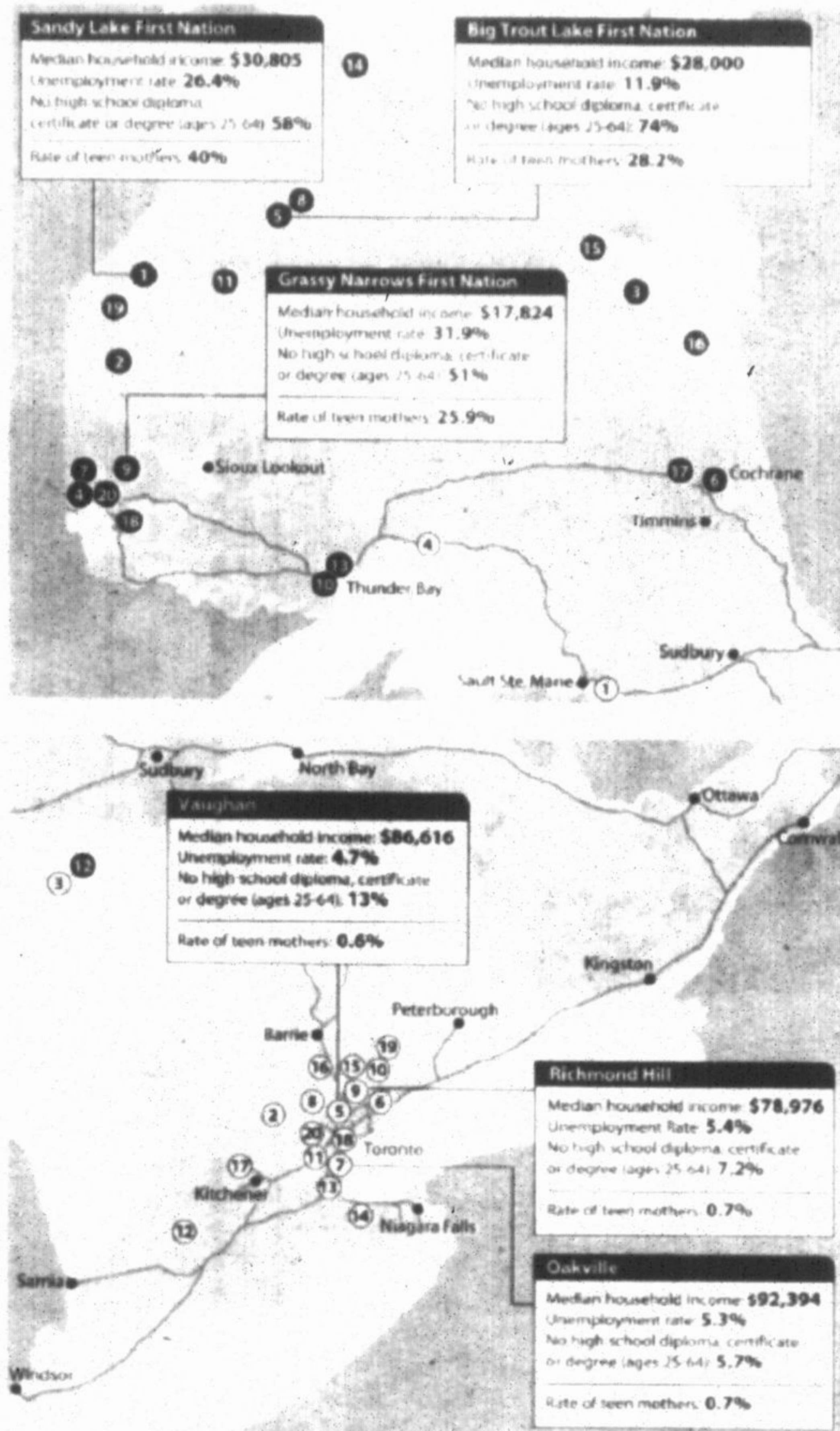
YOU SAID IT

Reader comments taken from yorkregion.com:

► I really don't think that economics has anything to do with this. I had my first child at 16 and my second at 21. My parents didn't have money, but they did have values. Although I strayed from those values, I eventually remembered all I had been taught as a child and pulled myself up, by myself. I have a college diploma now, make an exceptional income and am working on my second diploma. The issue is that parents have taken a backseat to parenting. My daughter is currently applying to university and will become an educated professional. Every single parent can become a success and ensure the success of their children if they commit to education, hard work and taking a front seat to parenting.

ONTARIO: A PROVINCE DIVIDED

A Metroland analysis of 555,000 provincial birth records reveals that between 2006 and 2010 the 20 communities with the highest incidence of teen mothers are either in Ontario's far north or native reserves. The investigation also shows an intimate link between teen motherhood and adverse socioeconomic conditions, such as low income, lack of education and high rates of unemployment at both the community and neighbourhood levels.



BORN FACTS

► Girls in wealthier regions of the province are also more likely to terminate their pregnancies. In York Region, 80 per cent of pregnancies to girls ages 15 to 19 ended in abortion in 2009. In Halton, 75 per cent ended in abortion. Meanwhile, in the Kenora district, just 21 per cent of pregnancies to girls 15 to 19 were terminated. For the Timmins-Cochrane district, the rate was 24 per cent.

► In Grassy Narrows, a small First Nations community northeast of Kenora, the median household income is under \$18,000 a year, close to 32 per cent of the reserve's 800 full-time residents are unemployed, and 51 per cent of those between 25 and 64 years old do not have a high school diploma. Of all the babies born there between 2006 and 2010, more than 25 per cent were to teenage girls.

► In Vaughan, by contrast, the median household income is more than \$86,000, the unemployment rate is under 5 per cent and just 13 per cent of all residents between 25 and 64 years old have not graduated from high school. More than 12,300 women gave birth there over four years. Only 76, or 0.6 per cent, were teenagers.



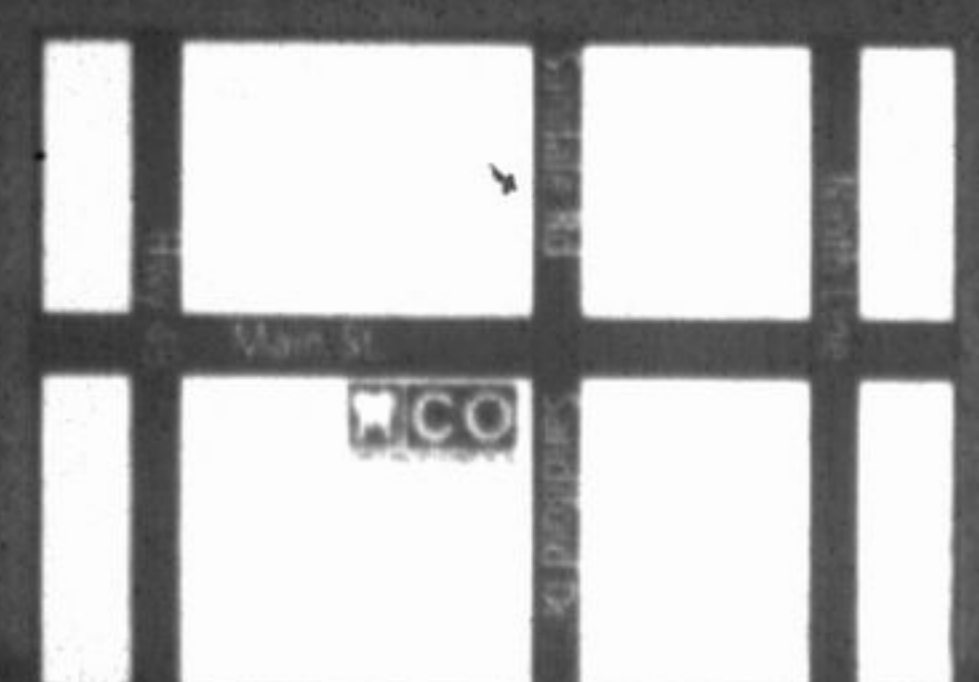
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