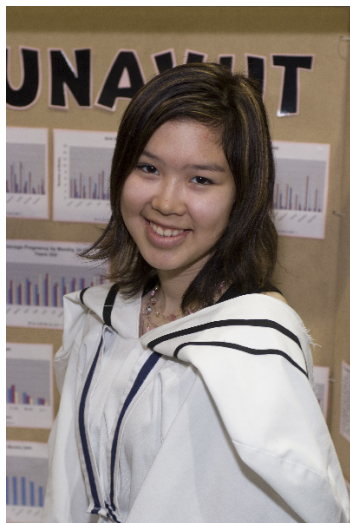


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### Lavinia Tanuyak

#### Birth Rates in Nunavut

**Division:** Life Sciences / Environmental Innovation

**Category:** Intermediate

**Region:** Kivalliq

**City:** Chesterfield Inlet, NU

**School:** Victor Sammurtok

**Abstract:** Nunavut has the highest teenage birth rate in Canada, with over 27% of the births coming from teenagers the age of 15-20 years old. I want to discover which months health care professionals and teachers should target youth for pregnancy prevention programs.

#### Biography

My name is Lavinia Tanuyak and I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 23, 1993. I have been raised in Chesterfield Inlet (Chester as it is known to us) and lived here all my life. I live in Chester with my parents Jodi and Gordon, along with my older brother Wilson, and my younger sister Kimberly. I go to Victor Sammurtok School and I am currently in grade 10. After I graduate high school, I would like to go to Rome and travel around the world. I would like see more of the world and then apply to college or university. I have thought about becoming a lot of different things when I grow up, but I would like to become a Pilot, Teacher, or a Lawyer. I have had two different part time jobs in Chester; a cashier at the local grocery store, and I am currently working as an afterschool caregiver at the Naya Isabelle Home. The Naya Isabelle home is a facility for youth and adults with special needs. When I am not in school or at work, I enjoy spending my time snowmobile riding, playing soccer, and being on my laptop.

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