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This study was focussed on neonatal mortality among the adolescent mothers of Nepal. Secondary data from the Nepal Family Health Survey, 1996 was used to study the problem. The data was part of a fertility survey and included information on maternity and birth histories as well. Though endogenous maternal factors such as mothers' ages at birth, previous birth intervals and parity appear to have had a fundamental effect on neonatal mortality in the last 37 years, short previous birth interval does not appear to be related with higher neonatal mortality in recent times. The finding of this study suggests that, for Nepal, means to decrease family sizes should be followed up urgently. At the same time there should be stronger implementation of the legal

age at marriage and awareness should be increased among the people about the dangers of young motherhood.