

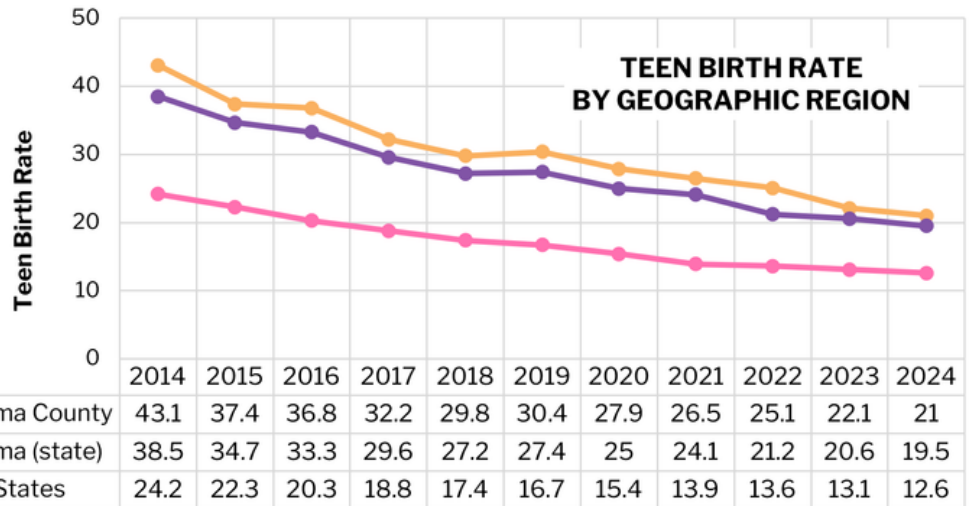
2024 OKLAHOMA COUNTY TEEN BIRTH RATE DATA

Teen birth rates help us understand youth sexual health and access to information, support, and health care—and the data shows real progress!

Together, we can continue to remove barriers and give every young person the knowledge, support, and care they need to make informed choices and shape their own future.



The teen birth rate is the number of live births per 1,000 females ages 15-19. Rates make it possible to compare patterns across years, places, and population groups.



THE GOOD NEWS:

Oklahoma County's teen birth rate fell 51% from 2014 to 2024 and has generally trended downward since 2008.

THE WORK AHEAD:

Oklahoma's 2024 teen birth rate was the **sixth highest** in the United States, and Oklahoma County had the highest number of teen births in the state.



OUR PRIORITIES:

SEX ED

can lower teen birth rates in a community.³

BIRTH CONTROL ACCESS

is an important part of teen health, but too many young people face barriers to getting it.^{4,5,6}

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are needed because parent-teen conversations about sex are linked to condom and birth control use.⁷

94% of Oklahoma voters agree that reducing teen pregnancy should be a public health priority.²

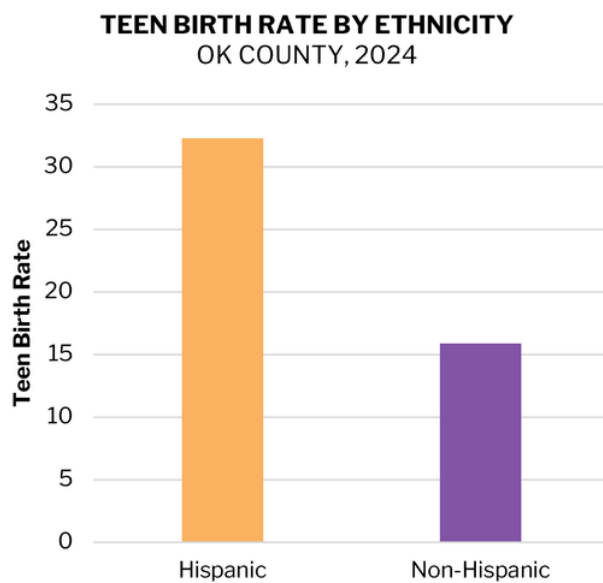
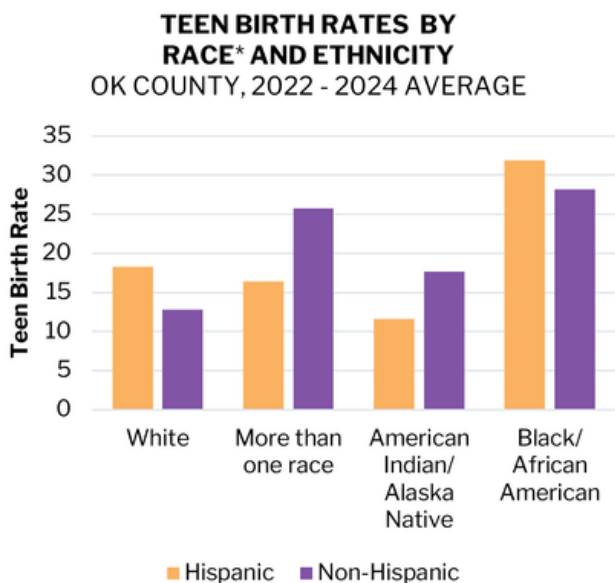
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All young people should have the chance to thrive.

Looking at teen birth rates by race, ethnicity, and age gives us a fuller picture of youth health in Oklahoma County. These patterns can reflect differences in access to information, support, and health care.



*Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander race categories are not available due to small cell size (less than 5 births).

WHAT THE DATA SHOWS:

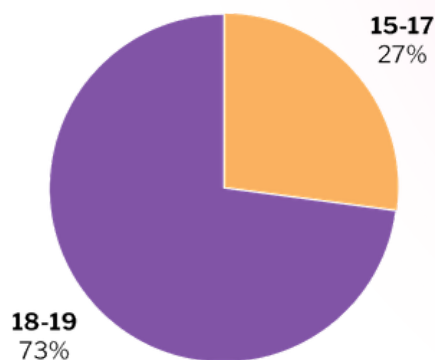
Teen birth rates are highest among Black, multiracial, and Hispanic teens in Oklahoma County. White non-Hispanic teens account for the largest number of teen births, but they do not have the highest rate.

Most teen births are from older teens. In 2024, 73% of births to 15- to 19-year-olds in Oklahoma County (425 of 583) were to 18- and 19-year-olds.



Understanding teen birth patterns helps communities identify barriers and make the greatest difference!

TEEN BIRTHS BY AGE GROUP
OK COUNTY, AGES 15-19, 2024
n = 583



Honestly is the backbone of the Central Oklahoma Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaboration, a county-wide public/private network dedicated to reducing teen pregnancy. Our mission is to build a movement to improve sexual health outcomes for youth. We are committed to an inclusive and judgment-free approach to adolescent health and are guided by data, research, and outcomes.

Honestly does not own this data.

Data Sources: Oklahoma State Department of Health, OK2SHARE (state/county data); Osterman et al. (2026), *Births: Final Data for 2024* (national data).
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