

Commitment to Keeping Youth Healthy.

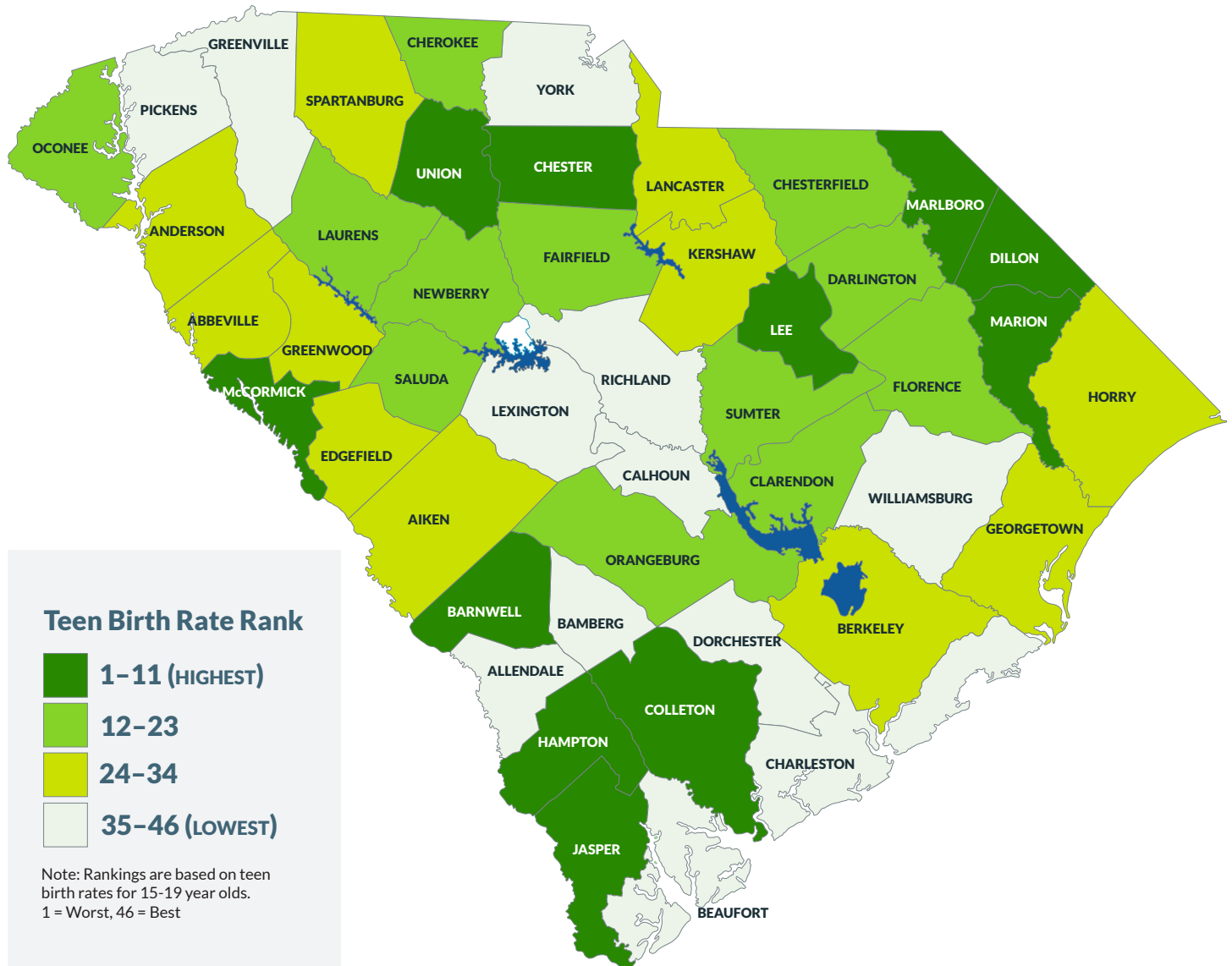
2019 South Carolina Teen Birth Trends



A 70 percent decline in our state's teen birth rate since 1991 is a point of pride for our state. Though this decline is impressive, adolescent reproductive health must remain a priority for South Carolinians to ensure progress continues. Between 2018 and 2019, the state teen birth rate decreased by nearly 2 percent. Older youth (18-19 years old) continue to drive the overall teen birth rate, accounting for 77 percent of all teen births in 2019. Although the overall teen birth rate is decreasing, Black teens (15-19) experienced a 1.8 percent increase from 2018-2019. This was the only teen demographic to experience an increase from 2018-2019; Black teens birth rates are nearly double the rates of white teens.

At its core, our job is to support the work of youth-serving professionals and to make sure South Carolina's youth get an effective and inclusive reproductive health education, as well as increased access to reproductive health services. Fact Forward cannot make an impact on adolescent pregnancy rates without teams of dedicated professionals willing to engage young people across the state.

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2019 Teen Birth Rates and Numbers by Age Group

Rank	County	Ages 15-19		Ages 15-17		Ages 18-19	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1	Marlboro	30	45.5	7	17.7	23	87.1
2	Colleton	46	42.8	10	15.5	36	83.9
3	Hampton	23	42	5	15.2	18	82.2
4	Dillon	41	41.6	17	28.7	24	60.9
5	Chester	38	41.2	6	10.8	32	86.7
6	Marion	35	38.5	11	20.1	24	66.1
7	Barnwell	26	38.2	9	22.1	17	62.3
7	Jasper	27	38.2	8	18.9	19	67.1
9	Lee	18	37.9	2	7	16	84.2
10	Union	26	35.3	6	13.6	20	68
11	McCormick	5	35	2	23.3	3	52.6
12	Cherokee	62	32.9	13	11.5	49	64.8
13	Chesterfield	43	32.3	13	16.3	30	56.3
14	Laurens	65	32.2	9	7.4	56	69.4
15	Sumter	104	31.6	37	18.7	67	50.9
16	Florence	129	29.7	30	11.5	99	56.9
17	Saluda	15	29.5	2	6.6	13	63.7
18	Fairfield	16	28.3	4	11.8	12	52.9
19	Newberry	34	27.1	10	13.3	24	47.8
20	Oconee	56	26.9	15	12	41	49.3
21	Clarendon	24	26.6	8	14.8	16	44.2
21	Darlington	58	26.6	10	7.6	48	55
23	Orangeburg	79	26.4	21	11.7	58	48.5
24	Greenwood	63	26.1	18	12.4	45	46.6
25	Kershaw	52	26	10	8.3	42	52.6
26	Lancaster	57	23.1	14	9.5	43	43.6
27	Abbeville	18	22.6	3	6.3	15	47
28	Edgefield	16	22.2	1	2.3	15	51.9
28	Horry	203	22.2	47	8.6	156	42.8
30	Anderson	141	22.1	32	8.3	109	42.7
30	Georgetown	35	22.1	4	4.2	31	49
32	Spartanburg	229	21.8	45	7.1	184	43.8
33	Aiken	107	21.1	25	8.2	82	40.3
34	Berkeley	137	19.9	28	6.8	109	39.6
35	Greenville	319	19.7	79	8.1	240	37.1
36	Williamsburg	17	18.8	6	11.1	11	30.5
37	Lexington	169	18.7	45	8.3	124	34.3
38	Charleston	208	18.5	48	7.1	160	35.5
39	Dorchester	95	18.2	21	6.7	74	35.5
40	Beaufort	88	17.6	16	5.3	72	36.1
41	Allendale	4	17.2	0	NA	4	43
42	Pickens	93	16.6	20	6	73	32.6
43	York	150	16	32	5.7	118	31.4
44	Calhoun	6	15.3	1	4.3	5	31.8
45	Richland	212	13.3	40	4.2	172	27
46	Bamberg	6	11.2	1	3.1	5	23.5
	South Carolina	3,425	21.6	791	8.3	2,636	41.5

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2020

Note: Counties are ranked from worst to best teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds. Rate is calculated per 1,000 females. Rates calculated with small numbers are unreliable and should be used cautiously.