

# Commitment to Keeping Youth Healthy.

## 2018 South Carolina Teen Birth Trends

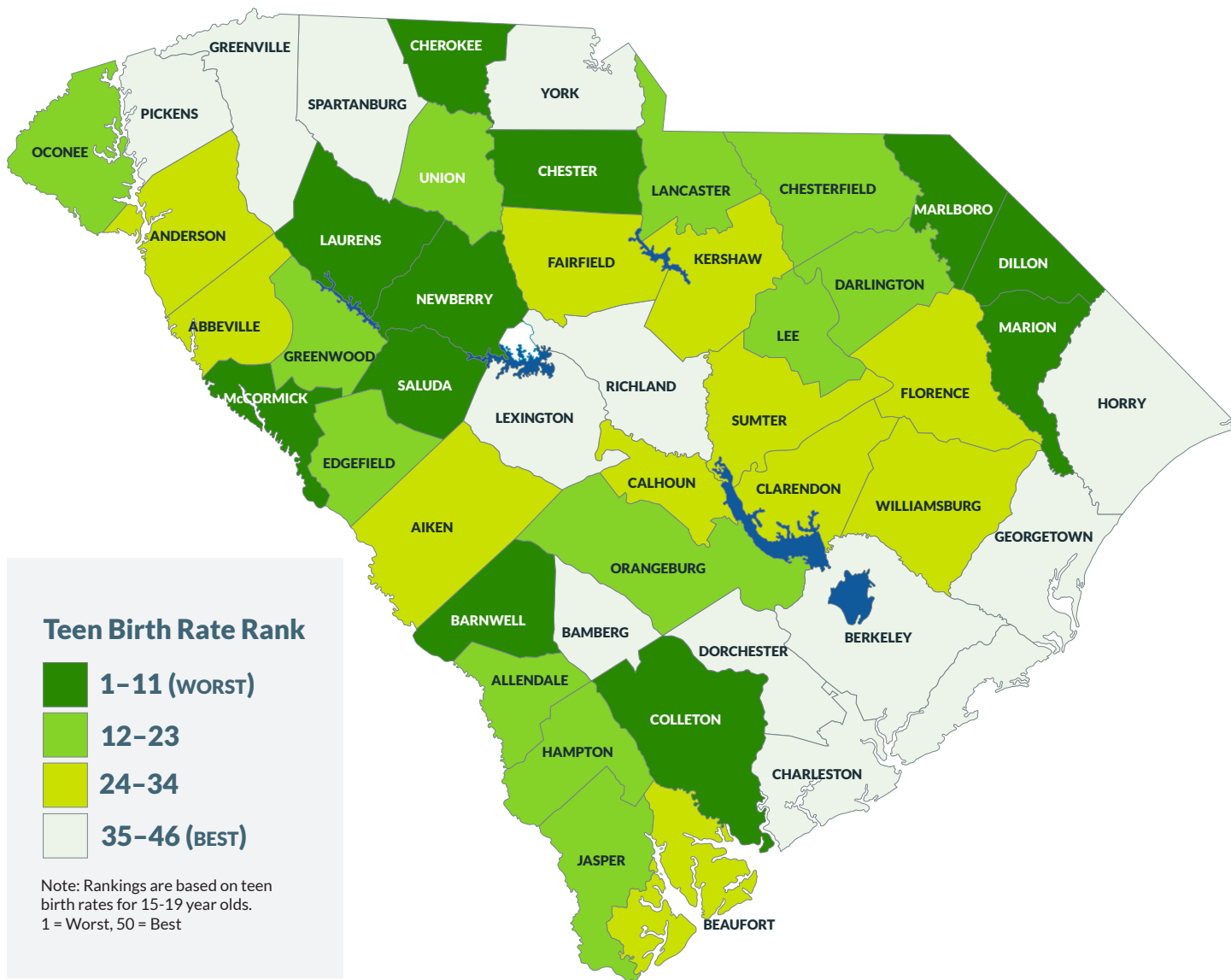


South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined 70% since peaking in 1991, continuing decades of success for communities across the state. However, the birth rate increased slightly (1%) from 2017 to 2018, landing the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds at 22.0 per 1,000 females.

Declines over the past 25 years have been most substantial among African American youth ages 15-17 whose teen birth rate has decreased by 83% since 1991.

Older youth (18-19 year olds) continue to drive the overall South Carolina teen birth rate, currently making up 76% of all teen births. Fact Forward cannot make an impact on teen pregnancy rates without teams of dedicated professionals willing to engage young people across the state. Fact Forward is committed to supporting professionals and parents, making sure South Carolina's youth get effective health education and increased access to reproductive health services. It takes sustained support and commitment to keep South Carolina's young people healthy.

Learn more at [FactForward.org/our-priorities/preventing-teen-pregnancy](https://FactForward.org/our-priorities/preventing-teen-pregnancy)





# 2018 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	Chester	45	48.4	11	19.7	34	91.4
2	Marlboro	31	46.6	10	24.5	21	77.2
3	Laurens	87	42.5	25	20.4	62	75.8
4	Marion	40	42.4	9	15.8	31	82.4
5	Dillon	39	38.4	10	16.4	29	71.3
6	Colleton	41	38.1	10	15.5	31	72.3
7	Saluda	19	36.3	6	19.1	13	61.9
8	Cherokee	67	35.2	12	10.5	55	72.1
9	Barnwell	23	33.9	4	9.9	19	69.6
10	Newberry	43	33.7	13	17	30	58.7
11	McCormick	5	33.3	0	NA	5	84.7
12	Jasper	24	32.5	8	18.1	16	54.1
13	Chesterfield	42	31.6	12	15	30	56.3
13	Hampton	18	31.6	3	8.8	15	65.8
15	Darlington	69	31.1	15	11.2	54	60.8
16	Allendale	7	29.3	0	NA	7	73.7
17	Edgefield	20	29	7	16.9	13	46.9
18	Union	22	28.9	9	19.7	13	42.8
19	Lancaster	71	28.7	15	10.1	56	56.6
20	Greenwood	68	27.6	13	8.8	55	55.7
20	Lee	14	27.6	7	23	7	34.7
22	Oconee	56	27.5	18	10.7	43	52.8
23	Orangeburg	82	27.1	24	9.9	64	52.9
24	Florence	116	27	23	8.9	93	54.1
25	Williamsburg	25	26.9	4	7.2	21	56.3
26	Kershaw	53	26.8	19	16	34	43
27	Anderson	169	26.6	46	12.1	123	48.4
28	Aiken	130	25.8	38	12.6	92	45.7
29	Sumter	77	23.4	13	6.6	64	48.7
30	Abbeville	19	23.3	4	8.2	15	46.2
31	Fairfield	14	23.1	3	8.2	11	45.3
32	Clarendon	21	23	9	16.4	12	33
33	Beaufort	111	22.8	18	6.2	93	47.7
34	Calhoun	9	22.7	1	4.2	8	50.3
35	Spartanburg	225	21.5	45	7.2	180	43.1
36	Lexington	189	21.4	57	10.7	132	37.3
37	Georgetown	33	20.5	4	4.1	29	45
38	Horry	186	20.4	49	9	137	37.5
39	Greenville	301	18.8	76	7.9	225	35.1
40	Berkeley	125	18.6	33	8.2	92	34.3
41	Bamberg	10	17.4	0	NA	10	43.7
42	Pickens	89	17.2	24	7.7	65	31.4
43	Dorchester	88	16.7	13	4.1	75	35.6
44	Richland	253	15.4	61	6.2	192	29.3
45	Charleston	167	15	45	6.7	122	27.4
46	York	137	14.6	29	5.1	108	28.7
	South Carolina	3,480	22.0	844	8.9	2,636	41.6

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2019

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.