



## Oklahoma County: 2020 Teen Birth Facts-at-a-Glance

### **Statewide numbers declined:**

- In 2020, Oklahoma had 3,253 births to girls aged 19 and younger, a decrease of 9% from the previous year.
- One-fourth (822) of the births were to girls aged 17 and younger; three-fourths (2,431) were older teens, age 18-19.

### **Statewide rate declined:** *(Birth rates are the number of births per 1,000 females of the same age range.)*

- The birth rate was 25.0 for ages 15-19, declining 8% from 2019, but remaining well above the U.S. rate of 15.3.
- Oklahoma had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest (worst) teen birth for ages 15-19 in 2019, ranked at 47<sup>th</sup> out of all the states.

### **Oklahoma County had the highest NUMBER of teen births among all counties in the state.**

- The eight counties comprising the OKC metro area had one-third (1,091, 34%) of all teen births in the state.
- Oklahoma County had 716 births to girls aged 10-19, which represented *one out of every five* (22%) in the state.
- Those births included 9 births to girls aged 10-14; 195 births to 15-17-year-olds; 512 births to 18 and 19-year-olds.
- Oklahoma County's teen birth rate was 27.9, above the state rate and *nearly double* the national rate.
- Some Oklahoma County zip codes have had rates that reached three times the national average.

### **Costs and consequences of teen pregnancy and too-early, unprepared parenting:**

- On average, about 60 girls between the ages 10-19 gave birth each month in 2020.
- Among all teens giving birth, *over half* (53%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Even among the older teens, aged 18-19, *nearly 2 out of 5* (38%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Nearly one of every seven births (15%) was to a teen girl who was already a mother.
- Nearly nine out of ten (86%) of the births to Oklahoma County teen mothers was paid by Medicaid.

For more teen birth data and resources, go to: [healthyteensok.org](https://healthyteensok.org); for teen sexual health programs and info, go to: [teenempower.org](https://teenempower.org)

Sources: Oklahoma State Department of Health, Vital Statistics 2020; CDC/National Center for Health Statistics *Births: Provisional Report for 2020*.

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