

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

### **Statewide birth 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 birth 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, rank 47<sup>th</sup> out of all the states.

### **Tulsa County had the second highest number of teen births among all counties in the state.**

- The eight counties comprising the Tulsa metro area had *one-fourth* (24%) of all teen births in the state.
- Tulsa County had 517 births to girls aged 10-19, which represented almost *one out of every six* (16%) in the state.
- Those births included 12 births to girls aged 10-14, a dramatic increase from 3 births in that age range in 2019.
- There were 140 births (27%) to 15-17-year-old, and 365 births (71%) to 18 and 19-year-olds.
- Tulsa County's birth rate was 24.2 for ages 15-19, under the state rate of 25.2 and well above the U.S. rate of 15.3.

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

- On average, about 43 girls between the ages 10-19 in Tulsa County gave birth each month in 2020.
- Among all teens giving birth, *over half* (54%) had not yet graduated from high school.
- Even among the older teens, aged 18-19, *two out of five* (40%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Nearly *one of every eight* births (13%) was to a teen girl who was already a mother.
- *Over four out of five* (83%) of the births to Tulsa County teen mothers was paid by Medicaid.

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