

Oklahoma County: 2023 Teen Birth Facts-at-a-Glance

Statewide numbers declined:

- In 2023, Oklahoma had 2,880 births to girls aged 19 and younger, the exact total from the previous year.
- One-fourth (734) were to girls aged 17 and younger; three out of four (2,146) were to females, aged 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 20.6 for ages 15-19, declining 3% from 2022, but remaining well above the U.S. rate of 13.2.
- Oklahoma had the 5th *highest* (worst) teen birth for ages 15-19 in 2022, ranked at 46th out of all the states.

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

- Oklahoma County had 608 births to girls aged 10-19, which represented one of every five (21%) in the state.
- Those births included 5 births to girls aged 10-14; 164 births to 15-17-year-olds; 439 births to 18 and 19-year-olds.
- Oklahoma County's teen birth rate was 22.1, declining 12% from 2022, but still above the state average.
- Some Oklahoma County zip codes have had rates that reached three times the national average.
- The eight counties comprising the OKC metro area had one-third (927, 32%) of all teen births in the state.

Costs and consequences of teen pregnancy and too-early, unprepared parenting in Oklahoma County:

- On average, about 50 girls between the ages 10-19 gave birth each month in 2023.
- Among all teens giving birth, over half (53%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Even among the older teens, aged 18-19, two out of five (42%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Over one of every six births (15%) was to a teen girl who was already a mother.
- Nearly 9 out of 10 (89%) births to Oklahoma County teen mothers were paid by Medicaid.

For more teen birth data and resources, go to: healthyteensok.org; for teen sexual health programs and info, go to: teenempower.org

Sources: Oklahoma State Department of Health, Vital Statistics 2023 (final); CDC/National Center for Health Statistics *Births: Provisional Data for 2023*.

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