

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

Statewide birth numbers declined:

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

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

- Tulsa County had 502 births to girls aged 10-19, which represented almost *one out of every six* (17%) in the state.
- Those births included 4 births to girls aged 10-14, half the number (8 births) in that age range in 2022.
- There were 141 births (28%) to 15-17-year-olds, and 357 births (71%) to 18 and 19-year-olds.
- Tulsa County's birth rate was 21.3 for ages 15-19, compared to the state rate of 20.6 and the U.S. rate of 13.2.
- The eight counties in the Tulsa metro area represented almost *one-fourth* (24%) of all teen births in the state.

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

- On average, about 42 girls between the ages 10-19 in Tulsa County gave birth each month in 2023.
- Among all teens giving birth, *over half* (282, or 56%) had not yet graduated from high school.
- Even among the older teens, aged 18-19, *over two out of five* (150, or 42%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Nearly *one out of every six* births (79, or 16%) was to a teen girl who was already a mother.
- Medicaid paid over *four out of five* (412, or 82%) of the births to Tulsa County teen mothers.

For teen birth data and resources, go to: healthyteensok.org; for Tulsa area teen sexual health programs and info, go to: amplifytulsa.org

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

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