

Advancing informed sexual health decisions

A baby is born to a teen mom in Comal County every

6 days

Disparities >>

Factors such as access to health care, information, and economic opportunity can lead to disparities in teen birth rates.

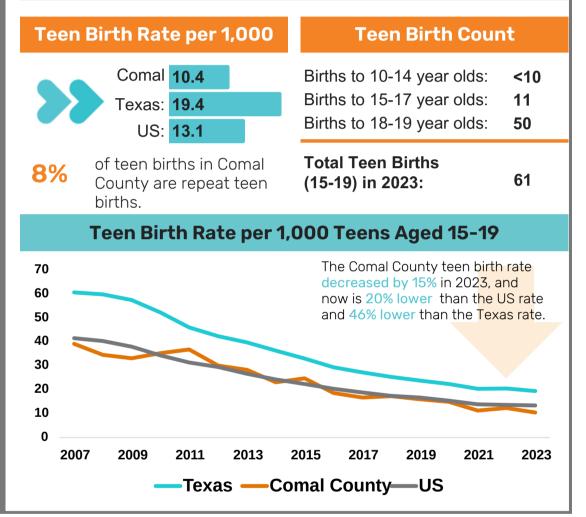
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Hispanic	20.7	27.9
Black	-	20.3
White	4.7	10.5
Asian	-	1.4

In 2022, the birth rate for Hispanic teens was 3.9 times higher than white teens. This gap increased to 4.4 times higher in 2023.

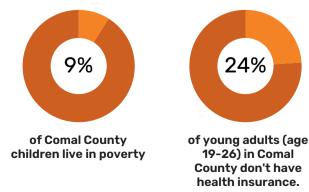
Comal County Adolescent Health

COMAL COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2023



Non-Health Social Factors

Structural issues such as poverty and lack of access to health care can contribute to teen pregnancy rates.



Sexually Transmitted Infections

Though teen birth rates have declined in recent years, STIs are increasing among Texas youth. Some increase may be due to better screening, but data suggests actual rates are on the rise. A majority of new STI cases in Texas occur in youth aged 15-24.

2022 Reported County STI Cases							
Co	ount of new youth cases, 2022	Change from 2019	% of county cases occurring in youth				
Chlamydia	267	4%	54%				
Gonorrhea	49	23%	33%				
Syphilis	20	100%	31%				
HIV	- Data suppressed -						

STI counts are shown for youth aged 15-24. HIV diagnoses are for youth aged 13 - 24.