

Fort Bend County Adolescent Health

A baby is born to a teen mom in Fort Bend County every

2 days

Disparities »

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

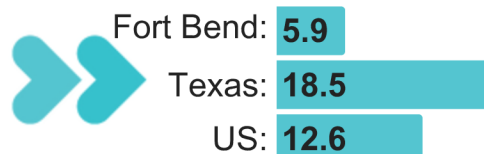
Teen Birth Rate

	Fort Bend	Texas
Hispanic	10.8	27.9
Black	8.0	20.3
White	2.9	10.5
Asian	--	1.4

In 2023, the birth rate for Hispanic teens was 3.6 times higher than white teens. This gap increased to 3.8 times higher in 2024.

FORT BEND COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2024

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000



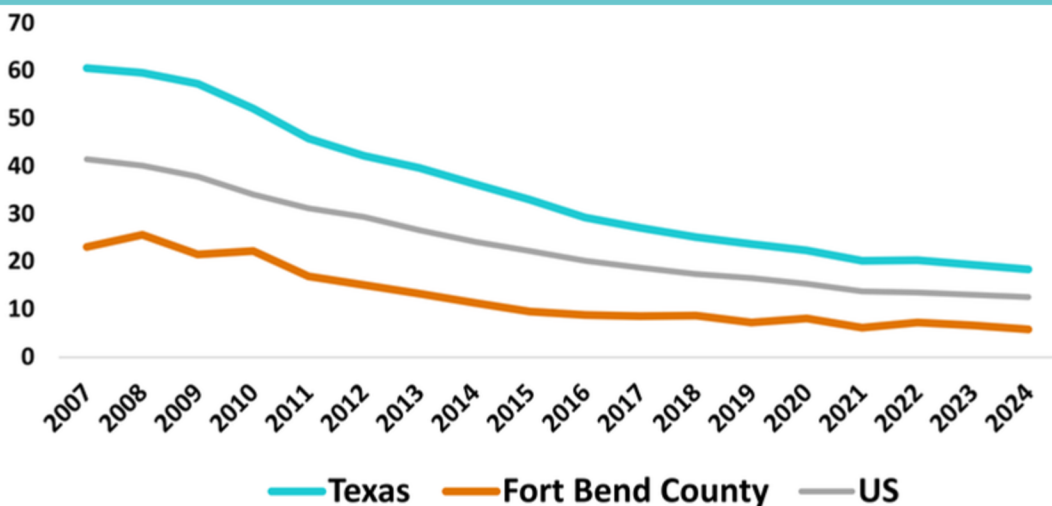
10% of teen births in Fort Bend County are repeat teen births.

Teen Birth Count

Births to 10-14 year olds:	<10
Births to 15-17 year olds:	44
Births to 18-19 year olds:	160

Total Teen Births (15-19) in 2024: 204

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15-19



About teen birth in Fort Bend County

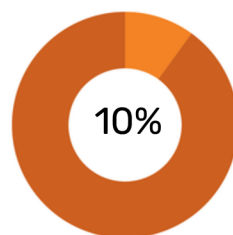
With low rates of child poverty and high health care access, Fort Bend has the **lowest teen birth** rate of any county in Texas with a population above 100,000.

The Fort Bend County teen birth rate **decreased by 11%** in 2024, and now is 68% lower than the Texas rate and 178% lower than the US rate.

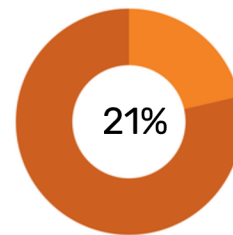
Despite low and declining teen birth rates, Fort Bend County has seen significant increases in chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis among youth in the last five years.

Non-Health Social Factors

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



of Fort Bend County children live in poverty.



of young adults (age 19-26) in Fort Bend County don't have health insurance.

Health Care Access

In Fort Bend County there are **52** HTW providers and **2** FPP providers.

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and the Family Planning Program (FPP) are state-funded programs that provide access to birth control, screening and treatment for STIs, screening for breast and cervical cancer, and other preventive health care for low income residents.

There are almost 3,000 HTW providers and more than 200 FPP providers in Texas. To learn more about program eligibility or to find a provider, scan the QR code or visit www.healthytexaswomen.org

Healthy Texas Women & Family Planning Program



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. STI rates may not be accurate if people in a certain county are not able to access medical care to be screened for STIs.

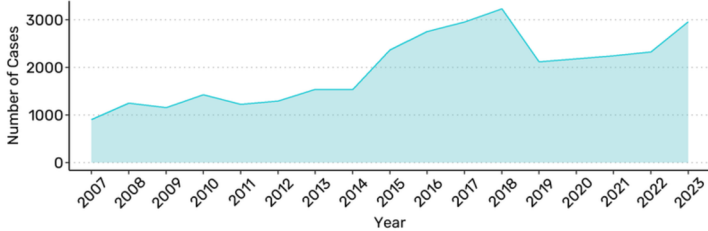
61%

of chlamydia cases in Fort Bend County occur among youth

Chlamydia

Count of cases in youth: 1,817
Count of cases, all ages: 2,959
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: 24%

Chlamydia Cases in Fort Bend County, TX (2007-2023)



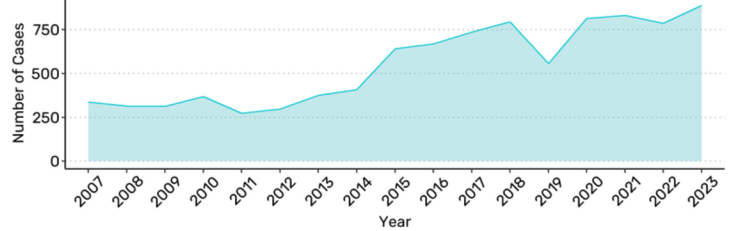
52%

of gonorrhea cases in Fort Bend County occur among youth

Gonorrhea

Count of cases in youth: 461
Count of cases, all ages: 889
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: 126%

Gonorrhea Cases in Fort Bend County, TX (2007-2023)



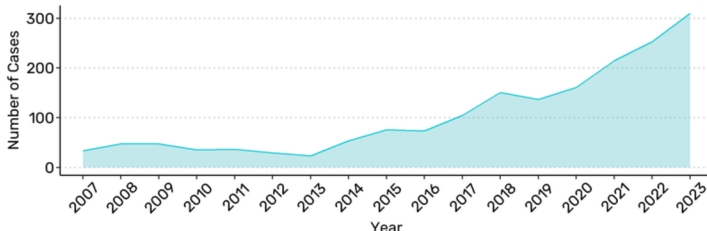
30%

of syphilis cases in Fort Bend County occur among youth

Syphilis

Count of cases in youth: 92
Count of cases, all ages: 310
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: 254%

Total Syphilis Cases in Fort Bend County, TX (2007-2023)



30%

of HIV cases in Fort Bend County occur among youth

HIV

Count of cases in youth: 25
Count of cases, all ages: 83
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: 4%

HIV Cases in Fort Bend County, TX (2007-2023)

