

Potter County Adolescent Health

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

2 days

Disparities »

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

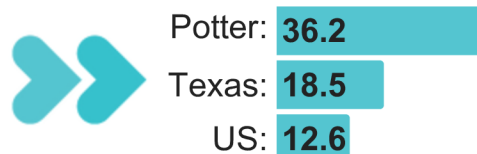
Teen Birth Rate

	Potter	Texas
Hispanic	43.1	27.9
Black	39.9	20.3
White	27.8	10.5
Asian	--	1.4

In 2023, the birth rate for Hispanic teens was 1.6 times higher than white teens. This gap decreased to 1.5 times higher in 2024.

POTTER COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2024

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000



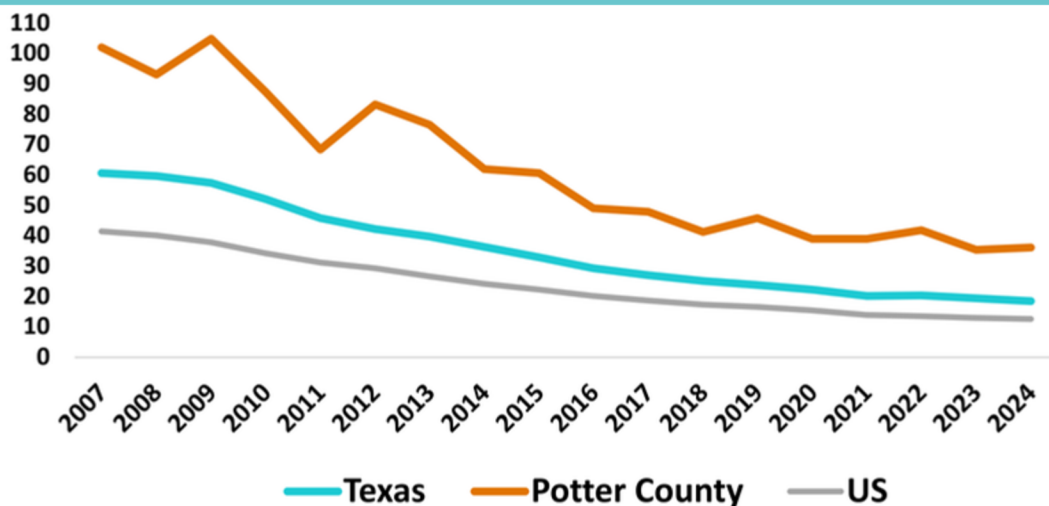
14% of teen births in Potter County are repeat teen births.

Teen Birth Count

Births to 10-14 year olds:	<10
Births to 15-17 year olds:	33
Births to 18-19 year olds:	116

Total Teen Births (15-19) in 2024: 149

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



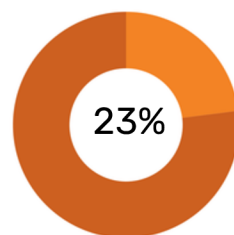
About teen birth in Potter County

Potter County has the **highest teen birth rate of any county in the nation** with a population above 100,000. Though the overall count of teen births in Potter County is relatively low, its teen birth rate is almost double the Texas rate and nearly triple the US rate.

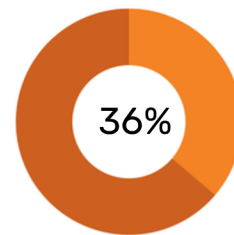
The Potter County teen birth rate has decreased by 65% since 2007, which is a slightly slower rate of decline than the state as a whole. Its teen birth rate increased by 2% in 2024.

Non-Health Social Factors

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



of Potter County children live in poverty.



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

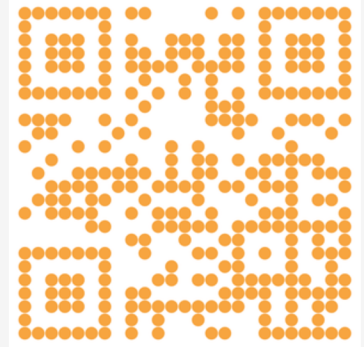
Health Care Access

In Potter County there are **28 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



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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.

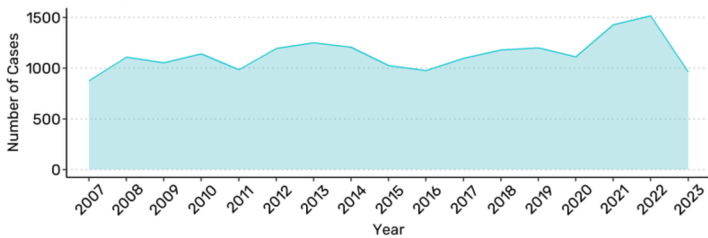
59%

of chlamydia cases in Potter County occur among youth

Chlamydia

Count of cases in youth: 572
Count of cases, all ages: 962
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: -22%

Chlamydia Cases in Potter County, TX (2007-2023)



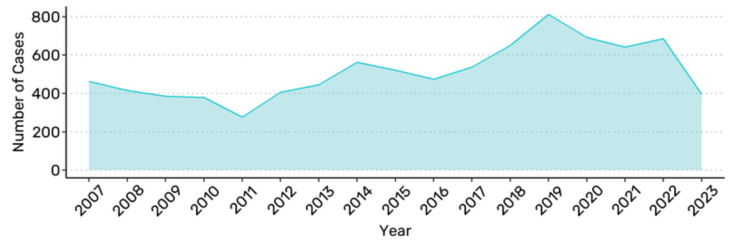
47%

of gonorrhea cases in Potter County occur among youth

Gonorrhea

Count of cases in youth: 187
Count of cases, all ages: 395
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: -18%

Gonorrhea Cases in Potter County, TX (2007-2023)



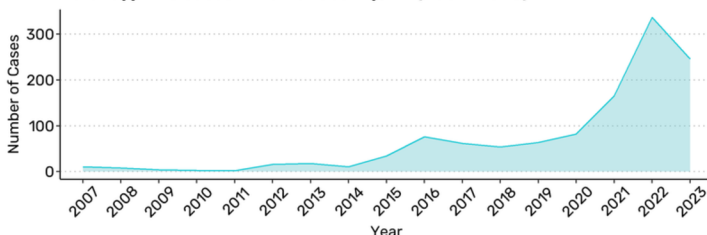
13%

of syphilis cases in Potter County occur among youth

Syphilis

Count of cases in youth: 32
Count of cases, all ages: 246
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: 167%

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



22%

of HIV cases in Potter County occur among youth

HIV

Count of cases in youth: 5
Count of cases, all ages: 23
Percent increase among youth, 2019 - 2023: -55%

HIV Cases in Potter County, TX (2007-2023)

