

healthy futures OF TEXAS

Advancing informed sexual health decisions

A baby is born to a teen mom in Texas every **25 minutes**

Disparities >>

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

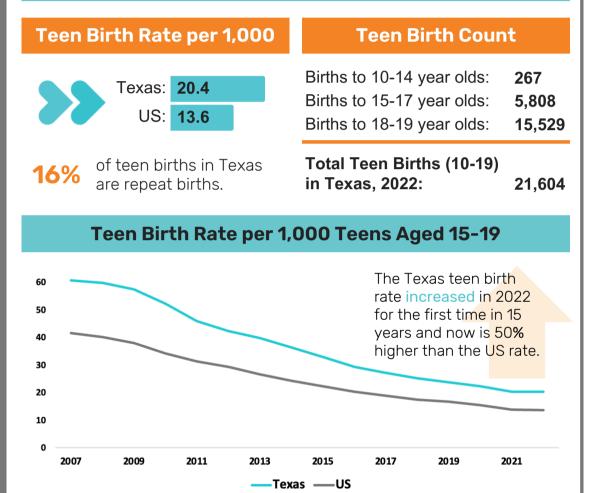
Teen Birth Rate

Hispanic Black	28.7 22.4
White	22.4 11.1
Asian	1.6

In 2021, the birth rate for Hispanic teens was 2.4 times higher than white teens. This gap grew to 2.6 times higher in 2022.

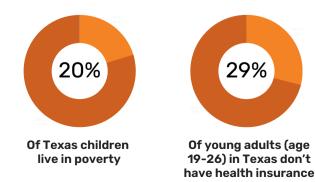
Texas Adolescent Health

TEXAS TEEN BIRTHS, 2022



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.

2021 Reported STI Cases & Rates, Youth 15-24, Texas

	Count of new cases, 2021	Change from 2020	% of Texas cases occurring in youth
Chlamydia	90,870	+9%	60%
Gonorrhea	29,585	+7%	45%
Syphilis	4,441	+37%	21%
HIV	942	-13%	22%