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# Ector County Adolescent Health

A baby is born to a teen mom in Ector County every **34 hours**.

## Disparities >>

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

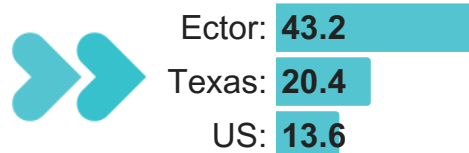
### Teen Birth Rate

|          | Ector | Texas |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Hispanic | 48.6  | 28.7  |
| Black    | --    | 22.4  |
| White    | 34.1  | 11.1  |
| Asian    | --    | 1.6   |

In 2021, the birth rate for Hispanic teens in Ector County was **1.5** times higher than white teens. This gap decreased to **1.4** times higher in 2022.

## ECTOR COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2022

### Teen Birth Rate per 1,000



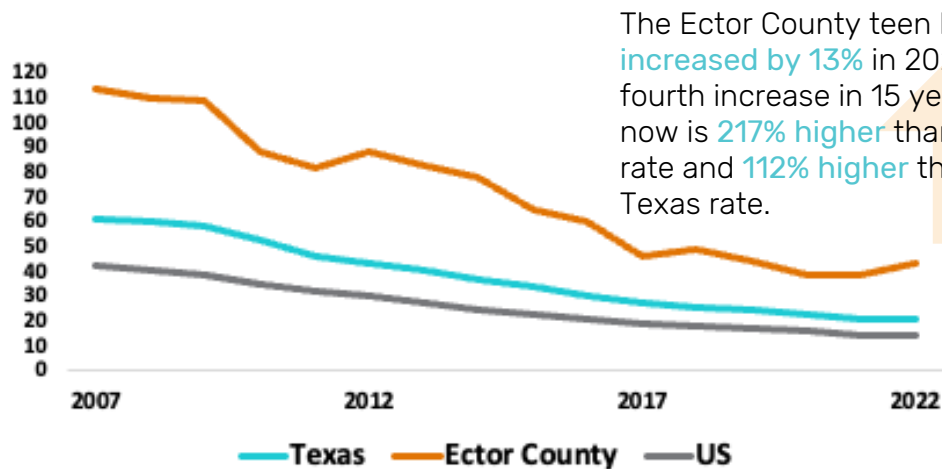
### Teen Birth Count

|                            |     |
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| Births to 10-14 year olds: | <10 |
| Births to 15-17 year olds: | 74  |
| Births to 18-19 year olds: | 186 |

**18%** of teen births in Ector County are repeat births.

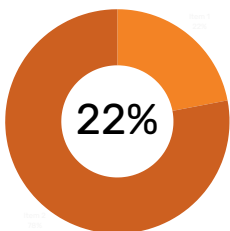
**Total Teen Births (15-19) in Ector County, 2022: 260**

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

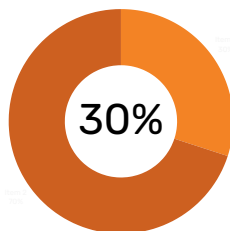


## Non-Health Social Factors

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



Of Ector County children live in poverty



Of young adults (age 19-26) in Ector County don't have health insurance

## 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, Ector

|           | Count of new cases, 2021 | Change from 2020 | % of Ector cases occurring in youth |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chlamydia | 623                      | +37%             | 63%                                 |
| Gonorrhea | 173                      | +30%             | 46%                                 |
| Syphilis  | 25                       | +39%             | 18%                                 |
| HIV       | <10                      | +25%             | 21%                                 |