



Advancing informed sexual health decisions

A baby is born to a teen mom in Midland 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**

	Midland	Texas
Hispanic	43.8	28.7
Black	35.0	22.4
White	19.0	11.1
Asian		1.6

In 2021, the birth rate for Hispanic teens in Midland County was **2.9** times higher than white teens. This gap decreased to **2.3** times higher in 2022.

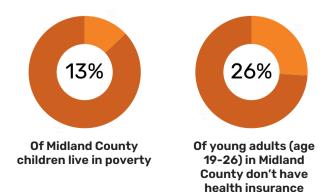
# Midland County Adolescent Health

# MIDLAND COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2022

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Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15-19					
The Midland County teen birth rate increased by 20% in 2022, the fourth increase in 15 years, and now is 146% higher than the US rate and 64% higher than the Texas rate.					
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## 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, Midland

	Count of new cases, 2021	Change from 2020	% of Midland cases occurring in youth
Chlamydia	548	+8%	63%
Gonorrhea	129	-4%	42%
Syphilis	23	+1050%	28%
HIV	<10	+67%	19%