



Advancing informed sexual health decisions

A baby is born to a teen mom in Tarrant County every **6 hours.** 

## Disparities >>

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

### **Teen Birth Rate**

	Tarrant	Texas
Hispanic	26.1	28.7
Black	24.4	22.4
White	9.0	11.1
Asian		1.6

In 2021, the birth rate for Hispanic teens in Tarrant County was 3.4 times higher than white teens. This gap decreased to 2.9 times higher in 2022.

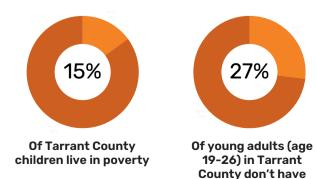
# Tarrant County Adolescent Health

# TARRANT COUNTY TEEN BIRTHS, 2022

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000		Teen Birth Count				
>	Tarrant: <b>17.9</b> Texas: <b>20.4</b> US: <b>13.6</b>	Births to 15-17 year olds:	15 373 1,006			
15%	of teen births in Tarrant County are repeat births.	Total Teen Births (10-19) in Tarrant County, 2022:	1,394			
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Teens Aged 15-19						
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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.



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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.

#### 2021 Reported STI Cases & Rates, Youth 15-24, Tarrant

	Count of new cases, 2021	Change from 2020	% of Tarrant cases occurring in youth
Chlamydia	5,576	+6%	61%
Gonorrhea	2,098	+2%	49%
Syphilis	263	+29%	22%
HIV	67	-29%	22%