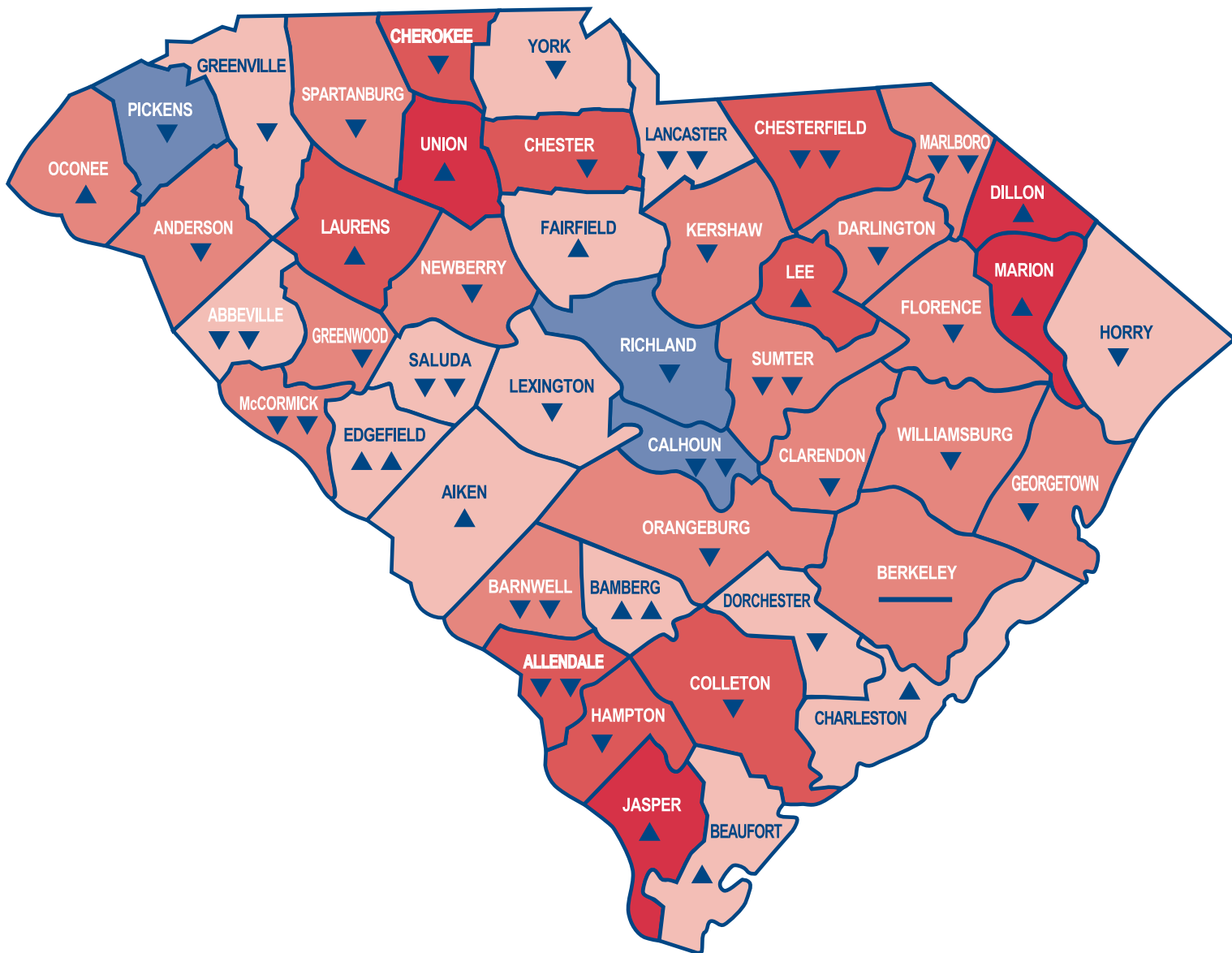


Progress Pending: South Carolina Teen Birth Trends

Over the last decade, there have been substantial declines in teen birth rates in both South Carolina and across the nation. South Carolina's teen birth rate remains much higher than the nation's. In 2009, the South Carolina teen birth rate was 49.0 births per 1,000 females, a 19% decrease from 1999 and also the lowest rate ever recorded in the state. Although remarkable progress has been made in reducing teen birth rates, there is still tremendous room for improvement and only time will tell if recent declines will be sustained.

In the map below, colors represent each county's 15-19 birth rate compared to the US 15-19 birth rate (2009) and arrows represent the change in each county's 15-19 birth rate from 2008-2009.



LEGEND

The symbols indicate the change in each county's 15-19 year old birth rate from 2008-2009

▼▼	20% OR GREATER DECREASE
▼	BETWEEN 1% - 19% DECREASE
▲	BETWEEN 1% - 19% INCREASE
▲▲	20% OR GREATER INCREASE
—	NO CHANGE

The US 15-19 year old birth rate was 39.1 in 2009. Each color indicates how a county's 15-19 year old birth rate compares to the US.

BETWEEN 1% - 20% LOWER THAN US RATE
BETWEEN 1% - 29% HIGHER THAN US RATE
BETWEEN 30% - 59% HIGHER THAN US RATE
BETWEEN 60% - 89% HIGHER THAN US RATE
90% OR HIGHER THAN US RATE



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2009 Teen Birth Rates and Numbers by Age Group

County	Rank*	Ages 15-19		Ages 15-17		Ages 18-19	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Dillon	1	102	90.9	29	43	73	162.9
Marion	2	102	87.2	38	54.1	64	136.8
Union	3	74	85.8	27	52.2	47	136.2
Jasper	4	53	78.9	12	29.8	41	152.4
Chester	5	83	73.4	24	35.3	59	130.5
Lee	6	46	72.4	15	39.4	31	122
Cherokee	7	129	69.5	42	37.7	87	117.1
Hampton	8	52	69.1	11	24.4	41	135.8
Laurens	9	176	68.7	51	33.2	125	121.8
Allendale	10	25	67.8	11	49.8	14	94.6
Chesterfield	11	101	66	29	31.5	72	117.8
Colleton	12	85	63.2	25	31	60	111.5
Georgetown	13	110	60.9	30	27.7	80	110.5
Clarendon	14	67	60.5	13	19.5	54	122.2
Marlboro	15	54	59.9	18	33.3	36	99.4
Oconee	16	118	59	32	26.7	86	107.5
Darlington	17	142	58.7	46	31.7	96	99.1
Greenwood	18	149	57.9	46	29.8	103	100
Newberry	19	73	57.5	18	23.6	55	108.5
Spartanburg	20	573	56.9	167	27.7	406	100.9
McCormick	21	13	56.8	3	21.9	10	108.7
Anderson	22	332	54.7	96	26.4	236	97.2
Sumter	23	195	54.4	66	30.7	129	90
Barnwell	24	39	53.3	12	27.3	27	92.2
Orangeburg	25	199	52	70	30.5	129	84.3
Florence	26	243	51.9	64	22.8	179	95.7
Williamsburg	27	62	51.8	19	26.4	43	89.8
Berkeley	28	305	51.5	88	24.7	217	91.5
Kershaw	29	99	50.9	29	24.9	70	90.1
Beaufort	30	211	50.2	47	18.7	164	97.6
Horry	31	358	50.2	98	22.9	260	91.1
Fairfield	32	42	49.4	10	19.6	32	93.8
Aiken	33	251	48.4	78	25.1	173	83.4
Lexington	34	380	46.1	103	20.8	277	83.9
Lancaster	35	109	44.9	30	20.6	79	81.2
Charleston	36	498	44	117	17.2	381	84.2
Saluda	37	27	43.6	7	18.9	20	80.6
Edgefield	38	34	43.1	8	16.9	26	82.3
Greenville	39	638	42.5	202	22.4	436	72.7
Bamberg	40	29	41.8	9	21.7	20	71.7
Dorchester	41	193	41	46	16.3	147	78.1
York	42	325	41	108	22.7	217	68.4
Abbeville	43	37	39.6	13	23.2	24	64.2
Calhoun	44	17	36.6	4	14.3	13	70.3
Richland	45	525	33.4	141	14.9	384	61.1
Pickens	46	164	31.3	50	15.9	114	54.3
South Carolina		7,639	49	2,202	23.6	5,437	87.2

*Note: Counties are ranked in descending order by the rate of 15-19 year old births. Rate is calculated per 1,000 females.

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2011