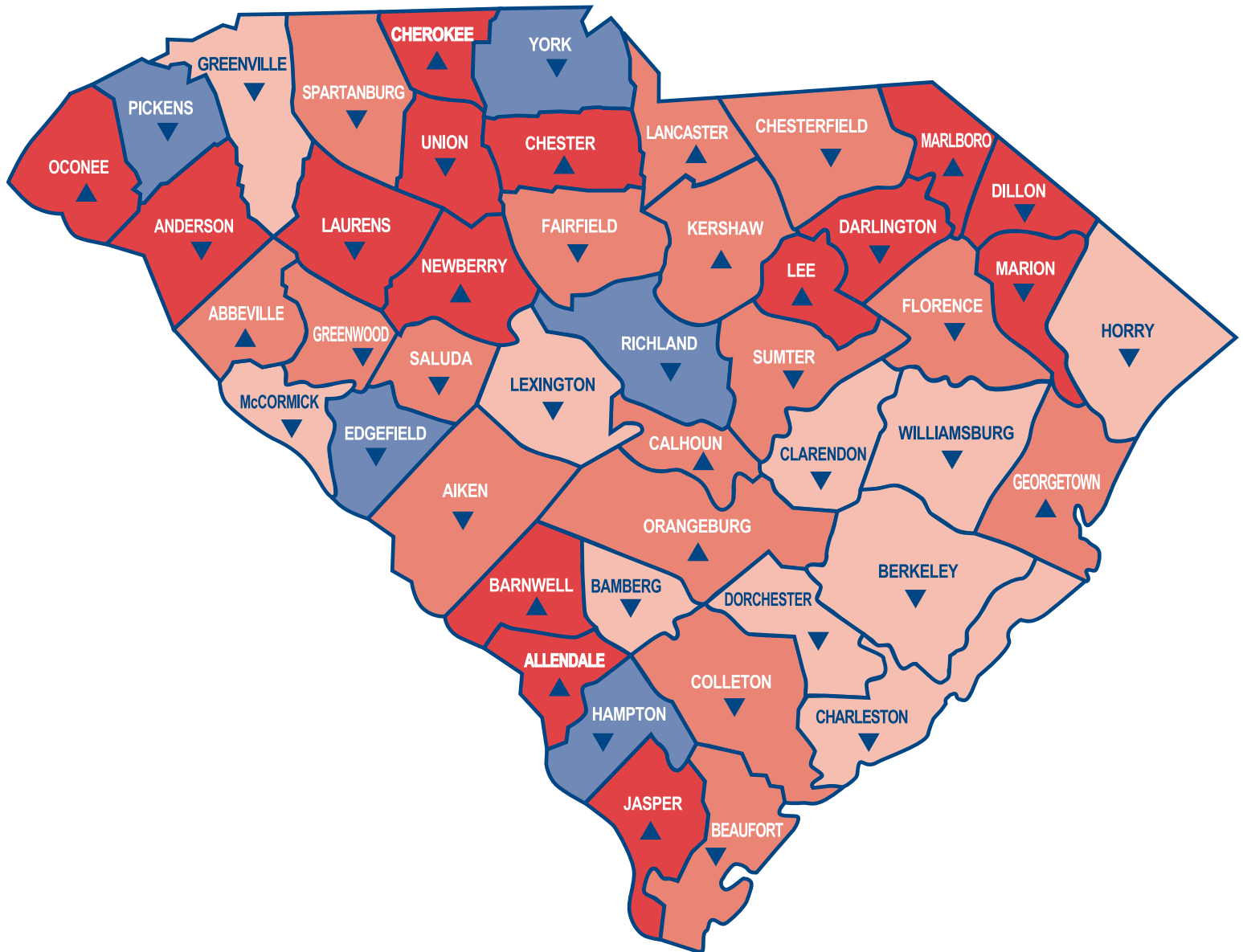


Together We Can. South Carolina Teen Birth Trends



The 2011 15-19 year old birth rate, 39.1 per 1,000, is the lowest ever recorded in South Carolina and has declined nearly 40% since 1994, the year the SC Campaign was founded. From 2010-2011, the teen birth rate dropped 8%. This is certainly a time to pause and celebrate our accomplishments, but we cannot become complacent and think the problem is solved. South Carolina still ranks 11th in the nation for teen births, and as the map below clearly shows, when compared to the national teen birth rate, many counties still have room for improvement. It is our firm belief that **together we can** build upon the momentum and continue to see rates decline.



LEGEND

The US 15-19 year old birth rate was 31.3 per 1,000 in 2011.

LOWER THAN THE US RATE

BETWEEN 1% AND 25% HIGHER THAN US RATE

BETWEEN 26% AND 50% HIGHER THAN US RATE

MORE THAN 50% HIGHER THAN US RATE

The symbols indicate the change in each county's 15-19 year old birth rate from 2010-2011.

▼ DECREASE IN TEEN BIRTH RATE: N=31

▲ INCREASE IN TEEN BIRTH RATE: N=15

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2012



2011 Teen Birth Rates and Numbers by Age Group

County	Ages 15-19		Ages 15-17		Ages 18-19		
	Rank	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Allendale	1	29	90.9	6	31.3	23	180.3
Chester	2	72	69.1	23	36.8	49	117.6
Cherokee	3	129	68.3	43	37.9	86	113.8
Marlboro	4	59	67.5	15	28.6	44	125.9
Marion	5	74	65.0	29	42.5	45	98.9
Dillon	6	69	61.4	19	28.2	50	111.3
Laurens	7	134	59.4	34	25.1	100	110.8
Oconee	8	111	55.2	26	21.5	85	105.7
Barnwell	9	41	54.3	13	28.7	28	92.7
Jasper	10	43	54.0	13	27.2	30	94.1
Darlington	11	128	53.7	32	22.4	96	100.6
Newberry	12	63	52.1	9	12.4	54	111.7
Lee	13	28	49.6	10	29.6	18	79.8
Anderson	14	292	48.7	62	17.2	230	95.9
Union	15	41	48.5	11	21.7	30	88.7
Lancaster	16	100	46.3	24	18.5	76	88.0
Orangeburg	17	164	46.2	39	18.3	125	88.0
Spartanburg	18	463	46.1	124	20.6	339	84.4
Saluda	19	26	45.5	10	29.1	16	69.9
Georgetown	20	77	45.0	19	18.5	58	84.6
Kershaw	21	85	44.6	20	17.5	65	85.2
Sumter	22	164	44.2	41	18.4	123	82.9
Calhoun	23	18	43.1	7	27.9	11	65.8
Colleton	24	53	42.4	15	20.0	38	76.0
Abbeville	25	37	42.3	11	21.0	26	74.4
Greenwood	26	113	42.1	47	29.2	66	61.5
Fairfield	27	32	41.6	8	17.3	24	77.9
Florence	28	187	41.2	45	16.5	142	78.2
Aiken	29	211	40.5	59	18.9	152	73.0
Beaufort	30	176	40.4	54	20.7	122	70.0
Chesterfield	31	64	39.7	14	14.5	50	77.5
Lexington	32	318	38.1	91	18.2	227	68.1
Berkeley	33	211	37.2	63	18.5	148	65.2
McCormick	34	7	35.5	**	25.4	**	50.8
Dorchester	35	171	35.4	48	16.6	123	63.6
Clarendon	36	39	35.2	10	15.0	29	65.4
Horry	37	268	35.1	74	16.2	194	63.6
Williamsburg	38	39	34.7	12	17.8	27	60.1
Greenville	39	498	33.1	151	16.7	347	57.6
Charleston	40	348	32.7	99	15.5	249	58.5
Bamberg	41	24	32.3	4	9.0	20	67.3
York	42	242	29.9	70	14.4	172	53.1
Hampton	43	19	27.2	7	16.7	12	43.0
Richland	44	402	26.1	119	12.9	283	46.0
Pickens	45	139	26.0	46	14.4	93	43.5
Edgefield	46	15	19.2	6	12.8	9	28.8
South Carolina		6,024	39.1	1,685	18.2	4,339	70.3

Note: Counties are ranked in descending order by the rate of 15-19 year old births. Rate is calculated per 1,000 females.
 **Numbers lower than 5 are not reported.

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