

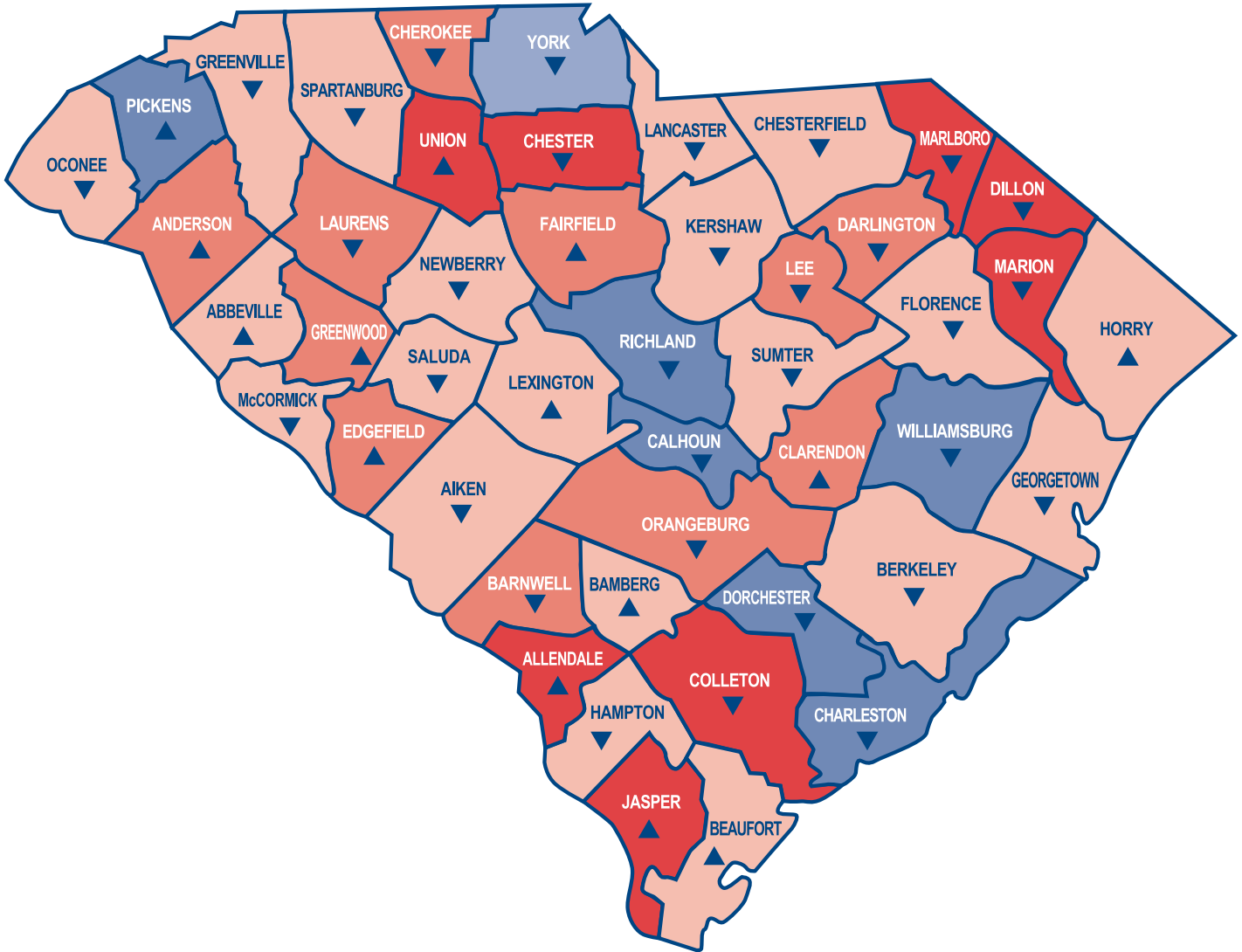
Half Way There.

South Carolina Teen Birth Trends



SOUTH CAROLINA
CAMPAIGN to
**PREVENT
TEEN
PREGNANCY**

Since the early 90s, **the teen birth rate in South Carolina has fallen by 54%** - a remarkable decline and one of the state's greatest success stories. This includes a substantial decrease between 2012 and 2013 when the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds declined by 13%, landing at 31.6 per 1,000 - the lowest in recorded history. Over the last two decades, **declines have been most substantial among school-aged youth ages 15-17** whose teen birth rate has decreased by 68% since 1992. While success should be celebrated, **we must not confuse progress with victory**. South Carolina still has the 12th highest teen birth rate in the nation; more than 4,700 teens give birth in our state each year; and, as shown in the map below many counties lag far behind national averages.



LEGEND

The US 15-19 year old birth rate was 26.6 per 1,000 in 2013.

EQUAL TO OR LOWER THAN THE US RATE

BETWEEN 1% AND 49% HIGHER THAN US RATE

BETWEEN 50% AND 99% HIGHER THAN US RATE

MORE THAN DOUBLE THE US RATE

Arrow symbols indicate the change in each county's 15-19 year old birth rate between 2012 and 2013.

▼ DECREASE IN TEEN BIRTH RATE: N=32

▲ INCREASE IN TEEN BIRTH RATE: N=14

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2014



2013 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
Allendale	1	18	76.9	7	49.6	11	118.3
Jasper	2	45	63.2	5	11.7	40	139.9
Dillon	3	64	62.6	17	27.7	47	114.9
Marlboro	4	44	57.8	11	24.0	33	108.9
Union	5	45	57.0	11	23.3	34	107.6
Chester	6	52	56.1	10	18.0	42	113.2
Colleton	7	64	56.0	14	20.4	50	109.4
Marion	8	52	55.3	18	31.9	34	90.7
Barnwell	9	35	50.8	7	16.9	28	101.8
Cherokee	10	91	50.2	24	22.1	67	92.5
Fairfield	11	33	48.3	9	22.0	24	87.9
Clarendon	12	46	47.2	11	18.8	35	89.5
Greenwood	13	113	44.4	33	21.6	80	78.6
Darlington	14	100	44.3	21	15.5	79	87.5
Edgefield	15	32	43.8	10	22.8	22	75.6
Lee	16	20	41.8	**	10.5	17	88.5
Anderson	17	249	41.5	78	21.7	171	71.3
Orangeburg	18	129	40.3	55	28.6	74	57.8
Laurens	19	85	39.8	25	19.5	60	70.2
Hampton	20	25	39.6	7	18.5	18	71.1
Lancaster	21	80	37.5	19	14.8	61	71.3
Bamberg	22	25	37.1	7	17.3	18	66.9
Horry	23	282	36.9	76	16.6	206	67.4
Oconee	24	72	36.8	15	12.8	57	72.8
Abbeville	25	29	35.6	5	10.2	24	73.8
Chesterfield	26	53	35.4	19	21.2	34	56.8
Saluda	27	18	35.1	5	16.2	13	63.4
Sumter	28	122	35.1	28	13.4	94	67.7
Newberry	29	40	34.9	10	14.6	30	65.4
Georgetown	30	54	33.8	10	10.4	44	68.9
Spartanburg	31	319	32.9	84	14.5	235	60.6
Beaufort	32	143	32.8	40	15.3	103	59.2
Aiken	33	158	32.1	58	19.7	100	50.8
Florence	34	138	31.8	30	11.5	108	62.2
Kershaw	35	57	30.7	10	9.0	47	63.3
Lexington	36	251	30.6	64	13.0	187	57.0
McCormick	37	5	27.6	**	9.2	**	55.6
Berkeley	38	156	27.5	30	8.8	126	55.5
Greenville	39	411	27.0	110	12.1	301	49.5
York	40	215	26.0	51	10.3	164	49.7
Pickens	41	125	24.0	35	11.2	90	43.2
Calhoun	42	10	23.1	**	7.7	8	46.2
Dorchester	43	109	22.3	25	8.5	84	42.9
Charleston	44	218	20.8	67	10.7	151	36.0
Richland	45	310	19.5	81	8.5	229	36.1
Williamsburg	46	17	17.6	**	5.2	14	36.2
South Carolina		4,759	31.6	1,261	14.0	3,498	58.1

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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