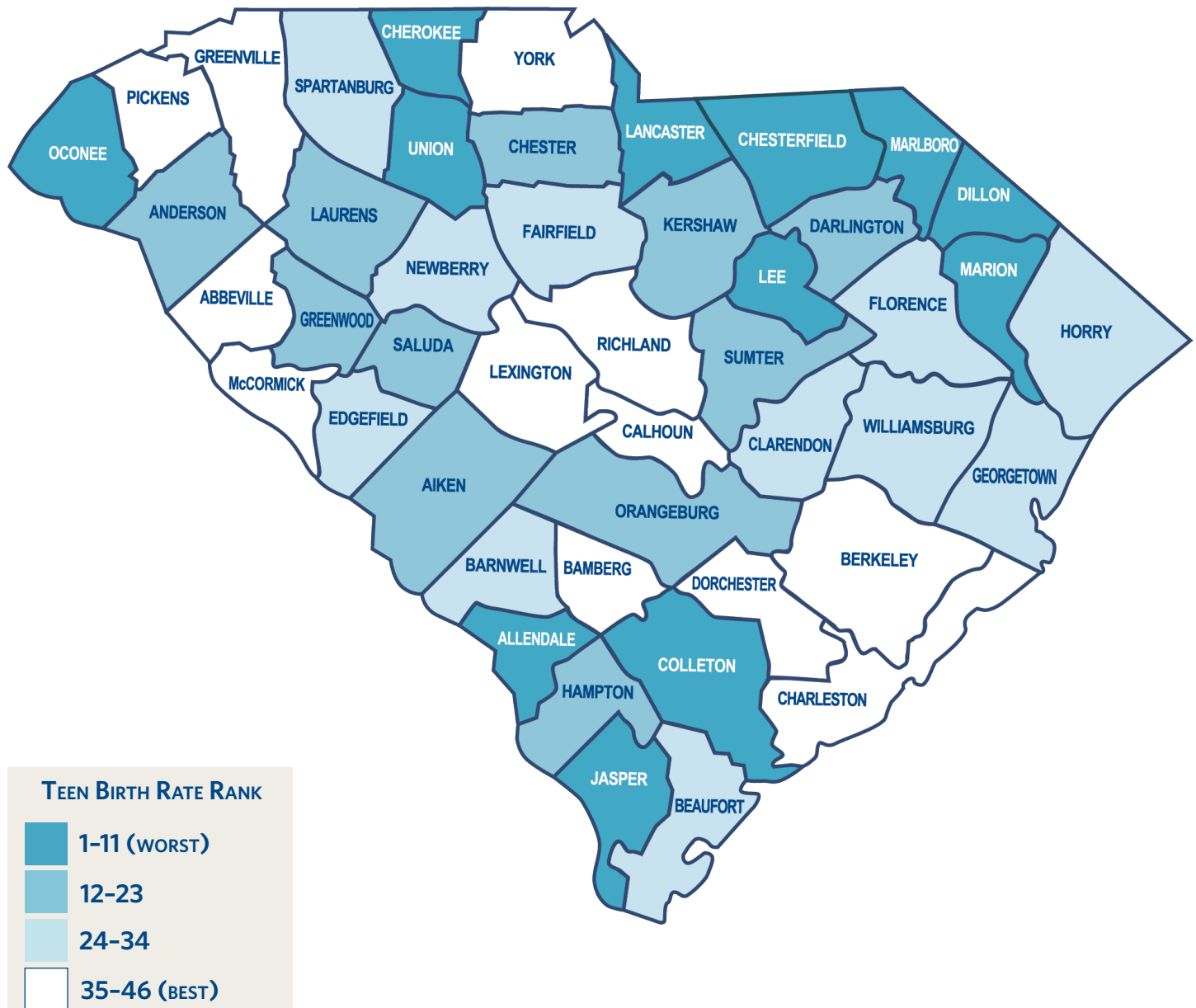


We all have a role to play.

2015 South Carolina Teen Birth Trends



South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined by 64% since peaking in 1991, continuing decades of success for communities across the state. This includes an 8% decrease between 2014 and 2015, landing the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds at 26.1 per 1,000 females. Declines over the past two decades have been most substantial among African American youth ages 15-17 whose teen birth rate has decreased by 79% since 1991. Older youth (18-19 year olds) currently make up 74% of all teen births among 15-19 year olds. Further reductions in the teen birth rate among older youth will require more comprehensive services including access to healthcare and contraception. South Carolina continues to experience progress in this area as 31% of sexually active high school students reported using a birth control method (pill, patch, ring, shot, IUD, implant) in 2015. Every member of the community has a role to play in reducing the teen birth rates. Learn more at TeenPregnancySC.org/theissue.



Note: Rankings are based on teen birth rates for 15-19 year olds. 1 = Worst, 50 = Best



2015 Teen Birth Rates and Numbers by Age Group

Rank	County	Ages 15-19		Ages 15-17		Ages 18-19	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
1	Marlboro	58	75.1	20	43.1	38	123.4
2	Allendale	13	61.3	3	23.4	10	119
3	Marion	48	52.8	13	23.8	35	96.4
4	Dillon	48	47.5	12	19.8	36	88.9
5	Lee	24	47.4	8	26.3	16	79.2
6	Union	38	47.3	9	18.7	29	90.1
7	Cherokee	81	44.4	18	16.5	63	86.2
8	Colleton	50	43.1	13	18.7	37	79.7
9	Oconee	83	41.6	17	14.2	66	82.7
10	Jasper	28	41.4	8	19.7	20	73.8
11	Chesterfield	52	35.3	12	13.6	40	67.9
11	Lancaster	79	35.3	16	11.9	63	70.3
13	Greenwood	87	35.1	27	18.1	60	60.5
14	Darlington	77	34.9	25	18.9	52	59
15	Orangeburg	103	33.7	28	15.3	75	61.2
16	Aiken	165	33.4	38	12.8	127	64.2
16	Kershaw	63	33.4	24	21.2	39	51.8
16	Saluda	17	33.4	3	9.8	14	69
19	Sumter	111	32.5	21	10.2	90	65.9
20	Chester	29	32.3	9	16.7	20	55.4
21	Laurens	69	32.1	12	9.3	57	66.3
22	Anderson	195	31.6	58	15.6	137	55.5
23	Hampton	19	31	6	16.3	13	53.3
24	Florence	133	30.6	41	15.7	92	52.9
24	Georgetown	50	30.6	11	11.2	39	59.6
26	Williamsburg	29	30.1	5	8.6	24	62.5
27	Newberry	35	28.5	10	13.6	25	50.8
28	Fairfield	19	27.5	3	7.2	16	58
29	Horry	217	26.5	55	11.2	162	49.5
30	Barnwell	18	26.1	7	16.9	11	39.9
30	Clarendon	24	26.1	8	14.5	16	43.5
32	Edgefield	18	25.6	6	14.2	12	42.7
33	Spartanburg	249	24.9	64	10.7	185	46.2
34	Beaufort	110	24.7	21	7.8	89	49.9
35	Calhoun	10	24.6	2	8.2	8	49.4
36	Lexington	197	23.3	48	9.5	149	44
37	Berkeley	135	22.5	28	7.8	107	44.6
37	York	197	22.5	69	13.1	128	36.5
39	Abbeville	18	22.3	5	10.3	13	40.4
40	Greenville	342	21.9	84	9	258	41.3
41	Dorchester	108	21.4	27	8.9	81	40.1
42	Pickens	109	20.8	25	8	84	40.1
43	McCormick	3	20.1	0	NA	3	50.8
44	Richland	271	16.9	68	7.1	203	31.6
45	Charleston	180	16.6	54	8.3	126	29.1
46	Bamberg	10	15.6	2	5.2	8	31.1
	South Carolina	4,020	26.1	1,044	11.3	2,976	48.4

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2015

Note: Counties are ranked from worst to best teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds. Rate is calculated per 1,000 females. Rates calculated with small numbers are unreliable and should be used cautiously.