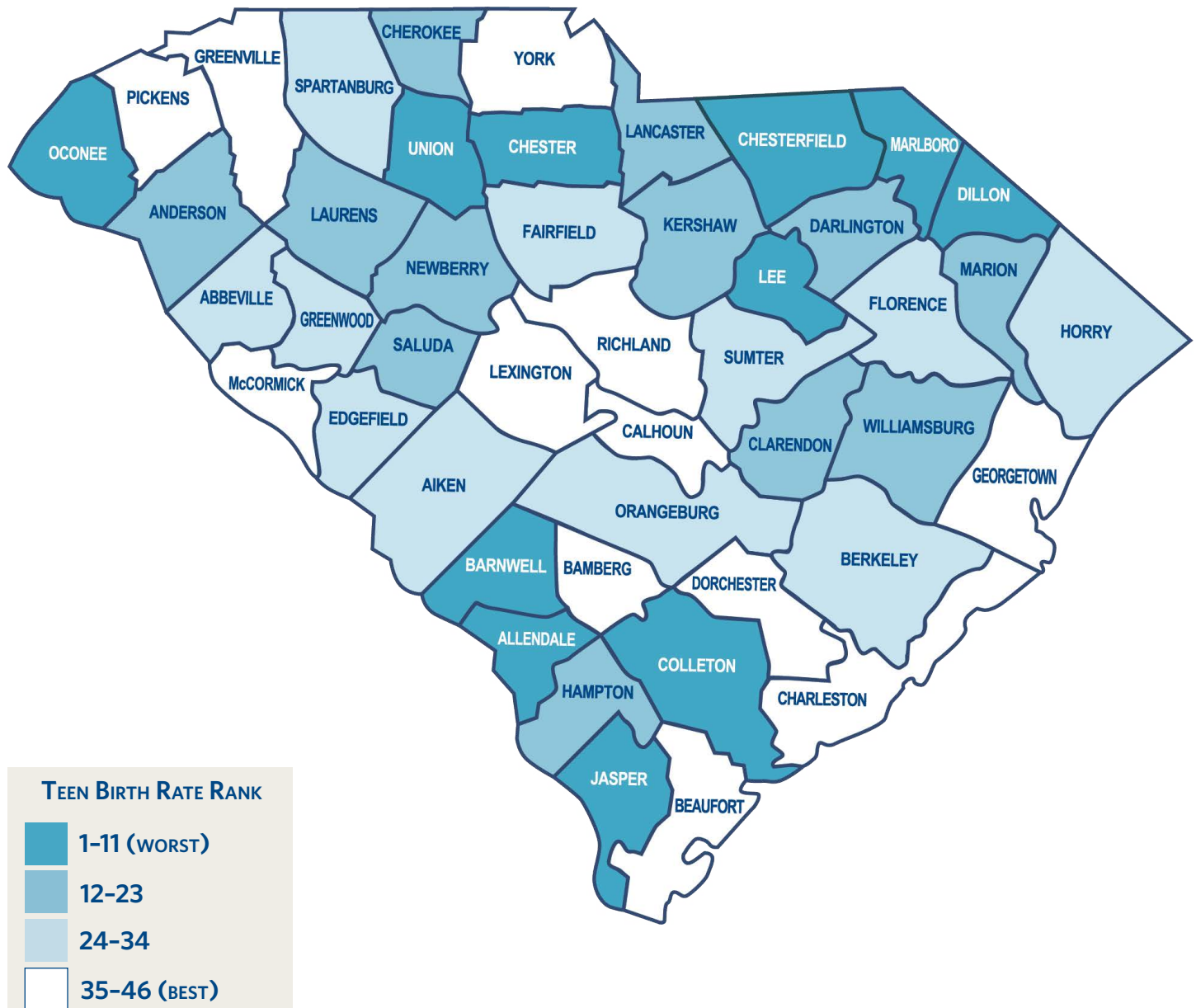


# Collaborating for Success.

## 2016 South Carolina Teen Birth Trends



South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined by 67% since peaking in 1991, continuing decades of success for communities across the state. This includes a 9% decrease from 2015 to 2016, landing the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds at 23.8 per 1,000 females. Declines over the past 25 years have been most substantial among African American youth ages 15-17 whose teen birth rate has decreased by 82% since 1991. While teen birth rates have decreased for all ages and races in previous years, Hispanic teens (15-19) experienced a 12% increase in teen births from 2015 to 2016. Still, older youth (18-19 year olds) continue to drive the overall South Carolina teen birth rate, currently making up 75% of all teen births among 15-19 year olds. Amid state and federal funding cuts to teen pregnancy prevention programs, it is now more important than ever to leverage strategic partnerships and outreach efforts to reach vulnerable youth and provide evidence-based resources to local communities. Learn more at [TeenPregnancySC.org/theissue](http://TeenPregnancySC.org/theissue).



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



# 2016 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    | Allendale      | 12         | 56.6 | 4          | 31.5 | 8          | 94.1  |
| 2    | Union          | 40         | 52.6 | 16         | 35   | 24         | 78.9  |
| 3    | Dillon         | 51         | 50.9 | 19         | 31.6 | 32         | 80    |
| 4    | Lee            | 26         | 49.9 | 8          | 25.6 | 18         | 86.1  |
| 5    | Jasper         | 32         | 45.6 | 3          | 7.1  | 29         | 103.6 |
| 6    | Chesterfield   | 64         | 44.3 | 13         | 15   | 51         | 87.9  |
| 7    | Colleton       | 48         | 42   | 10         | 14.6 | 38         | 83    |
| 8    | Marlboro       | 32         | 41.8 | 10         | 21.8 | 22         | 71.9  |
| 9    | Oconee         | 81         | 40.7 | 15         | 12.6 | 66         | 82.9  |
| 10   | Barnwell       | 28         | 39.6 | 11         | 25.9 | 17         | 60.1  |
| 11   | Chester        | 32         | 36   | 7          | 13.1 | 25         | 70    |
| 12   | Lancaster      | 84         | 35.6 | 27         | 19   | 57         | 60.4  |
| 13   | Marion         | 32         | 34.6 | 9          | 16.2 | 23         | 62.2  |
| 14   | Williamsburg   | 34         | 34.6 | 8          | 13.6 | 26         | 66    |
| 15   | Cherokee       | 66         | 34.1 | 20         | 17.2 | 46         | 59.4  |
| 16   | Saluda         | 18         | 34   | 7          | 22.1 | 11         | 51.6  |
| 17   | Clarendon      | 29         | 31.8 | 6          | 11   | 23         | 63    |
| 18   | Hampton        | 20         | 31.6 | 5          | 13.2 | 15         | 59.5  |
| 19   | Laurens        | 67         | 31.4 | 19         | 14.9 | 48         | 56.3  |
| 20   | Kershaw        | 61         | 31.2 | 12         | 10.2 | 49         | 62.6  |
| 21   | Anderson       | 186        | 29.8 | 44         | 11.7 | 142        | 56.9  |
| 22   | Darlington     | 66         | 29.6 | 21         | 15.7 | 45         | 50.4  |
| 23   | Newberry       | 37         | 29.5 | 14         | 18.6 | 23         | 45.7  |
| 24   | Florence       | 126        | 29   | 31         | 11.9 | 95         | 54.7  |
| 25   | Sumter         | 96         | 28.4 | 27         | 13.3 | 69         | 51.1  |
| 26   | Greenwood      | 67         | 27.5 | 17         | 11.6 | 50         | 51.3  |
| 27   | Orangeburg     | 82         | 27.1 | 20         | 11   | 62         | 51.3  |
| 28   | Fairfield      | 18         | 27   | 2          | 5    | 16         | 60.2  |
| 29   | Abbeville      | 22         | 26.6 | 6          | 12.1 | 16         | 48.3  |
| 30   | Horry          | 224        | 25.7 | 52         | 9.9  | 172        | 49.2  |
| 31   | Aiken          | 128        | 25.5 | 26         | 8.6  | 102        | 50.8  |
| 32   | Edgefield      | 17         | 24.5 | 6          | 14.4 | 11         | 39.7  |
| 33   | Berkeley       | 152        | 23.8 | 37         | 9.7  | 115        | 45    |
| 34   | Spartanburg    | 236        | 23.5 | 53         | 8.8  | 183        | 45.6  |
| 35   | Beaufort       | 104        | 22.4 | 24         | 8.6  | 80         | 43.2  |
| 36   | Greenville     | 316        | 20.3 | 88         | 9.4  | 228        | 36.5  |
| 37   | Lexington      | 174        | 20.3 | 51         | 9.9  | 123        | 35.9  |
| 38   | Calhoun        | 8          | 19.5 | 2          | 8.1  | 6          | 36.6  |
| 39   | Dorchester     | 97         | 19.3 | 23         | 7.6  | 74         | 36.8  |
| 40   | York           | 171        | 19   | 35         | 6.5  | 136        | 37.8  |
| 41   | Pickens        | 95         | 18.2 | 23         | 7.3  | 72         | 34.5  |
| 42   | Charleston     | 166        | 15.2 | 37         | 5.6  | 129        | 29.4  |
| 43   | Georgetown     | 22         | 13.9 | 6          | 6.3  | 16         | 25.3  |
| 44   | Richland       | 223        | 13.8 | 61         | 6.3  | 162        | 25.1  |
| 45   | Bamberg        | 6          | 10.4 | 2          | 5.8  | 4          | 17.4  |
| 46   | McCormick      | 0          | NA   | 0          | NA   | 0          | NA    |
|      | South Carolina | 3,696      | 23.8 | 937        | 10   | 2,759      | 44.3  |

Data Source: Division of Biostatistics, Public Health Statistics and Information Services, SC DHEC, 2016

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.