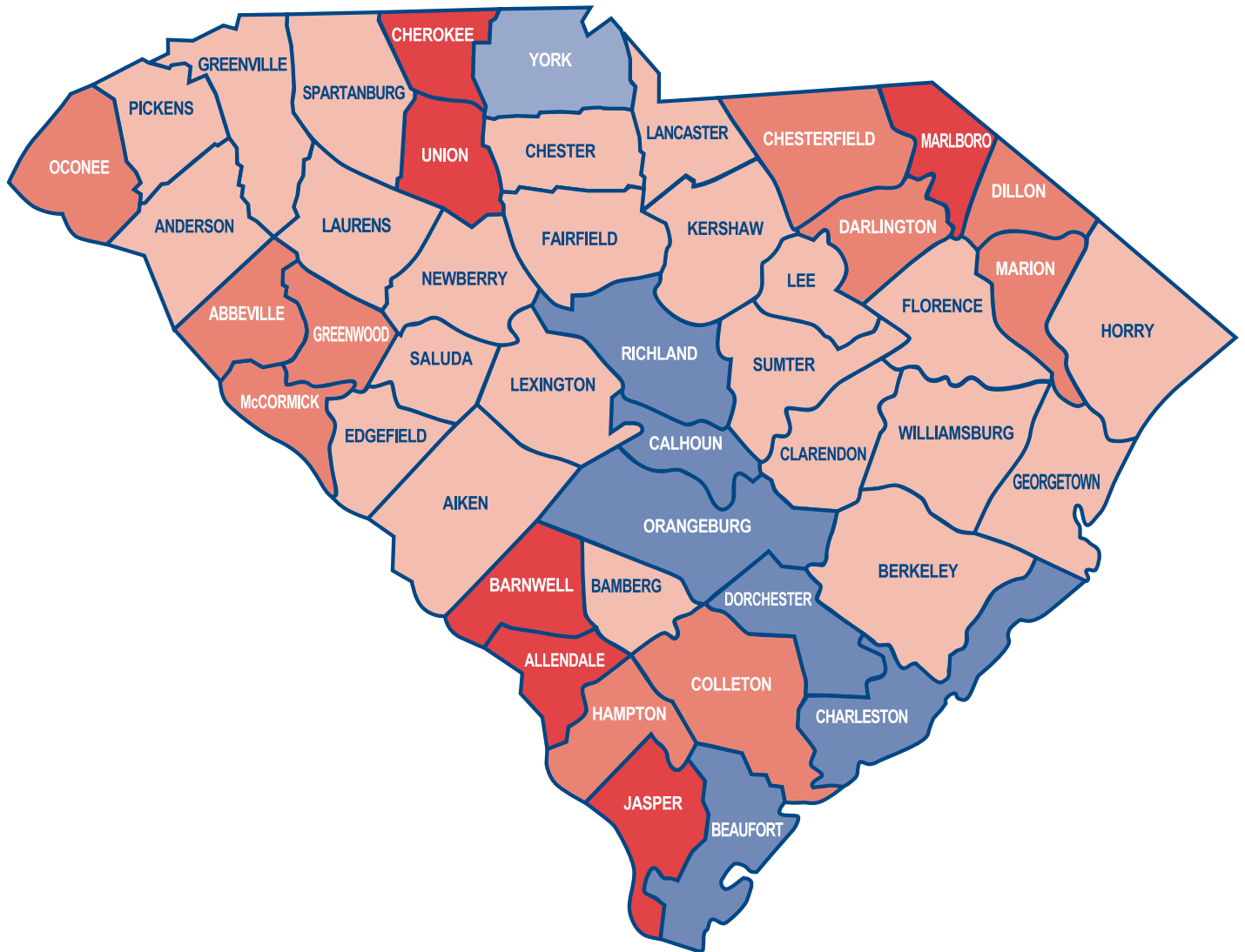


Start Early. Stay Late.

South Carolina Teen Birth Trends

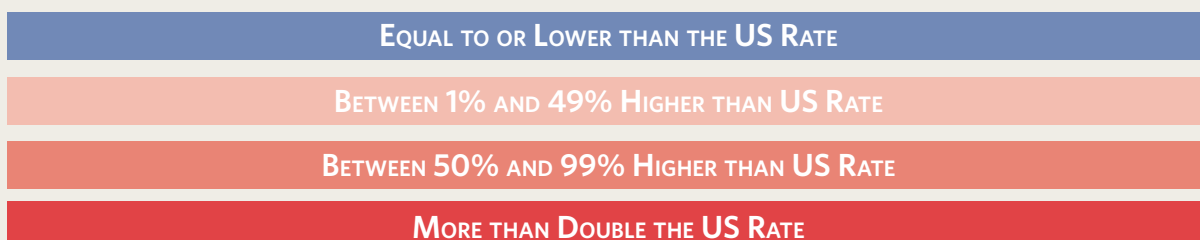


South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined 61 percent since peaking in 1991, continuing decades of success for communities across the state. This includes a 10% decrease between 2013 and 2014, landing the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds at 28.5 per 1,000 females. **Declines over the last two decades have been most substantial among African American, school-aged youth ages 15-17** whose teen birth rate has decreased by 77 % since 1991. Data trends prove that the field has done a great job of *starting early*...encouraging young people to delay sex, but there is a need to *stay late* and continue programming and services for **older youth (18-19 year olds) who make up 72% of all teen births among 15-19 year olds**. Further progress reducing the teen birth rate among older youth will require more comprehensive services including access to healthcare and contraception.



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The US 15-19 year old birth rate was 24.2 per 1,000 in 2014.



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



2014 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	13	57.8	**	22.1	10	112.4
Cherokee	2	96	53.6	25	23.3	71	99.2
Barnwell	3	37	53.2	9	21.6	28	100.4
Union	4	41	51.1	11	22.9	30	93.5
Jasper	5	34	49.7	12	29.3	22	80.3
Marlboro	6	37	48.8	10	22.0	27	89.1
Chesterfield	7	65	44.0	18	20.3	47	79.5
Marion	8	41	43.9	12	21.4	29	77.7
Oconee	9	85	43.0	36	30.4	49	61.9
McCormick	10	7	42.9	0	NA	7	107.7
Dillon	11	42	41.5	16	26.4	26	64.4
Colleton	12	45	38.9	13	18.7	32	69.1
Greenwood	13	97	38.8	29	19.3	68	67.9
Hampton	14	23	37.6	5	13.6	18	73.5
Abbeville	15	31	37.3	9	18.1	22	66.3
Darlington	16	81	36.8	22	16.6	59	67.0
Anderson	17	217	35.8	72	19.8	145	59.8
Kershaw	18	66	35.4	17	15.2	49	65.8
Chester	19	31	34.7	6	11.2	25	69.8
Newberry	20	41	34.4	8	11.2	33	69.0
Saluda	21	17	34.4	**	13.5	13	65.7
Aiken	22	168	34.3	44	15.0	124	63.2
Edgefield	23	24	33.9	**	9.4	20	71.2
Florence	24	146	33.6	39	14.9	107	61.5
Williamsburg	25	31	32.8	9	15.9	22	58.4
Laurens	26	69	32.6	26	20.5	43	50.8
Lancaster	27	68	30.8	22	16.6	46	52.1
Sumter	28	105	30.4	24	11.6	81	58.7
Spartanburg	29	294	29.9	79	13.4	215	54.7
Berkeley	30	169	29.6	32	9.3	137	59.9
Horry	31	232	29.5	60	12.7	172	54.7
Bamberg	32	19	29.2	**	7.7	16	61.5
Clarendon	33	27	28.8	8	14.2	19	50.8
Fairfield	34	19	28.4	5	12.5	14	52.2
Georgetown	35	42	26.6	15	15.9	27	42.8
Pickens	36	135	26.5	30	9.8	105	51.4
Lexington	37	211	25.4	51	10.2	160	48.2
Greenville	38	385	25.2	114	12.4	271	44.4
Lee	39	12	24.4	0	NA	12	60.9
Orangeburg	40	74	24.1	27	14.7	47	38.3
York	41	205	24.0	45	8.8	160	46.9
Dorchester	42	100	20.5	27	9.2	73	37.4
Beaufort	43	89	20.2	34	12.9	55	31.2
Calhoun	44	8	19.8	**	12.3	5	31.1
Charleston	45	211	19.8	61	9.6	150	35.3
Richland	46	307	19.6	87	9.3	220	35.2
South Carolina		4,297	28.5	1,186	13.1	3,111	51.5

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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