



## Oklahoma County: 2022 Teen Birth Facts-at-a-Glance

### **Statewide numbers declined:**

- In 2022, Oklahoma had 2,880 births to girls aged 19 and younger, a decrease of 11% from the previous year.
- One-fourth (733) were to girls aged 17 and younger; three out of four (2,147) were to females, aged 18-19.

### **Statewide rate declined:** *(Birth rates are the number of births per 1,000 females of the same age range.)*

- The birth rate was 21.2 for ages 15-19, declining 12% from 2021, but remaining well above the U.S. rate of 13.9.
- Oklahoma had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest (worst) teen birth for ages 15-19 in 2021, ranked at 47<sup>th</sup> out of all the states.

### **Oklahoma County had the highest NUMBER of teen births among all counties in the state.**

- Oklahoma County had 665 births to girls aged 10-19, which represented over one of every five (23%) in the state.
- Those births included 5 births to girls aged 10-14; 165 births to 15-17-year-olds; 495 births to 18 and 19-year-olds.
- Oklahoma County's teen birth rate was 25.1, declining 5% from 2021, but still above the state average.
- Some Oklahoma County zip codes have had rates that reached three times the national average.
- The eight counties comprising the OKC metro area had over one-third (1,001, 35%) of all teen births in the state.

### **Costs and consequences of teen pregnancy and too-early, unprepared parenting in Oklahoma County:**

- On average, about 55 girls between the ages 10-19 gave birth each month in 2022.
- Among all teens giving birth, over half (52%) did not have a high school diploma.
- Even among the older teens, aged 18-19, two out of five (40%) did not have a high school diploma.
- One of every six births (17%) was to a teen girl who was already a mother.
- Over four out of five (86%) of the births to Oklahoma County teen mothers was paid by Medicaid.

For more teen birth data and resources, go to: [healthyteensok.org](https://healthyteensok.org); for teen sexual health programs and info, go to: [teenempower.org](https://teenempower.org)

Sources: Oklahoma State Department of Health, Vital Statistics 2022 (final); CDC/National Center for Health Statistics *Births: Final Report for 2021*.

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