

# Harris County ADOLESCENT HEALTH

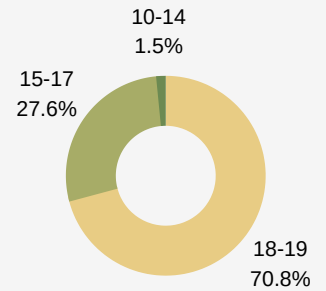
## Number of Teen Births, 2018

### Number of Births in Harris County

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Births to 10-14 year olds: | <b>61</b>    |
| Births to 15-17 year olds: | <b>1,088</b> |
| Births to 18-19 year olds: | <b>2,790</b> |

**Total Teen Births in Harris County, 2018: 3,939**

### Age of Mother



**18%**  
of teen births in Harris County are repeat births

A baby is born to a teen mom in Harris County every **2 hours**

## IN TEXAS...

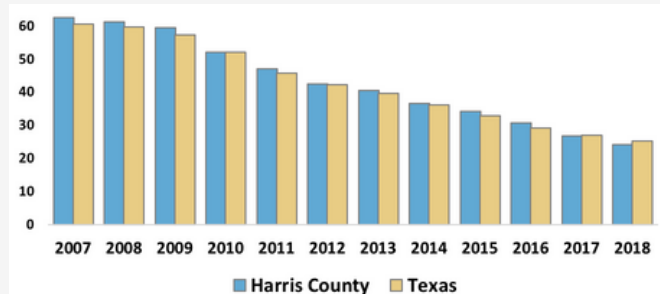
63% of 12th grade students have had sex.

Just 16% of school districts teach abstinence-plus sex education.

In 2018, Texas had the 9th highest teen birth rate and the highest rate of repeat teen births in the nation.

## Teen Birth Rate, 2018

### Harris County births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19



Many young women in Texas struggle to access the resources needed to make informed decisions about their health, futures and families. Teen births are on the decline, but the Harris County teen birth rate still was 40% higher than the US average in 2018.

| Area           | 2018 Rate    |
|----------------|--------------|
| Harris County: | <b>24.4*</b> |
| Texas:         | <b>25.0*</b> |
| US:            | <b>17.4</b>  |

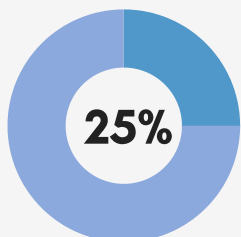
Between 2009 - 2018 the Harris County teen birth rate declined

**59%**

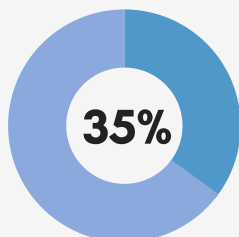
\* Preliminary estimated 2018 rate

## Community Well-Being

Harris County Children Living in Poverty



Harris County Young Adults Without Health Insurance



## Sexually Transmitted Infections

Though teen pregnancy rates are declining, the count and rate of sexually transmitted infections are increasing among Texas youth.

### Reported STI Cases & Rates, Youth 15-24, Harris County

|           | Count of new cases, 2018 | Increase/decrease from 2009* | County, above/below TX rate, 2018 |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HIV       | 270                      | -1%                          | +67%                              |
| Chlamydia | 16,855                   | +36%                         | +14%                              |
| Gonorrhea | 4,524                    | +32%                         | +22%                              |

\*Some increase may be due to improved screening and diagnoses.