

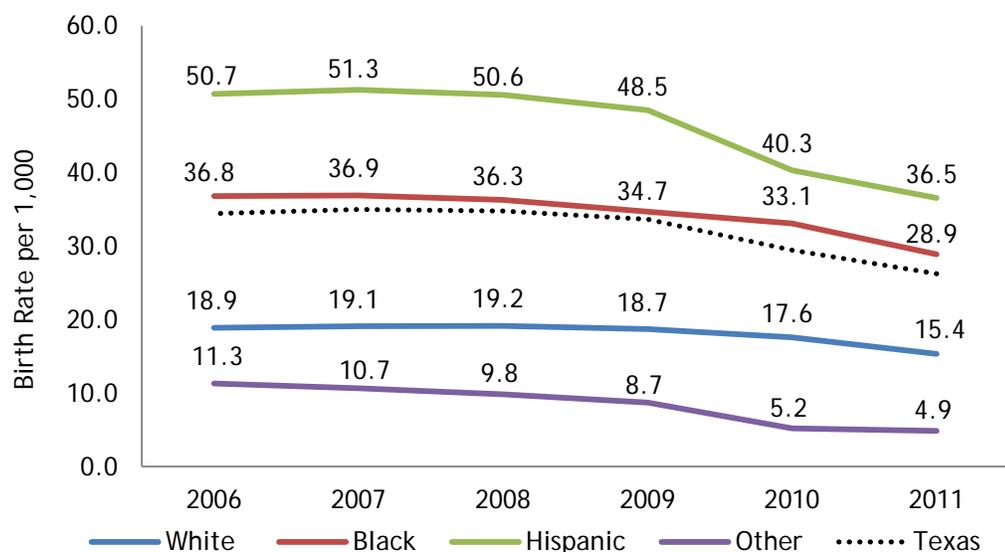
Teen Births in Texas, Quick Fact Sheet, 2011

Teen births in this fact sheet are defined as a birth to a female who is younger than 20 years old (≤ 19 years olds). This definition often varies based on the source of the report. In particular, the upper age often varies from 17 to 20 years, depending on the report. When comparing data in this fact sheet to data in other reports, it is important to know the age range included in the other report.

The birth rate is the total number of births to residents divided by the population and multiplied by 1,000. Birth rates may vary slightly between reports because of the population number that was used. An exact population number is only known for years in which the census was taken; all other years are projections or estimates. In this report, we utilize population data from the Texas Data Center, Office of the State Demographer. For 2011, we utilized population projections assuming a zero migration strategy.

Total Birth Rate for All Teens Younger than 20 years old in Texas, 2006-2011

Teen (11-19 Years) Birth Rate in Texas: 2006-2011

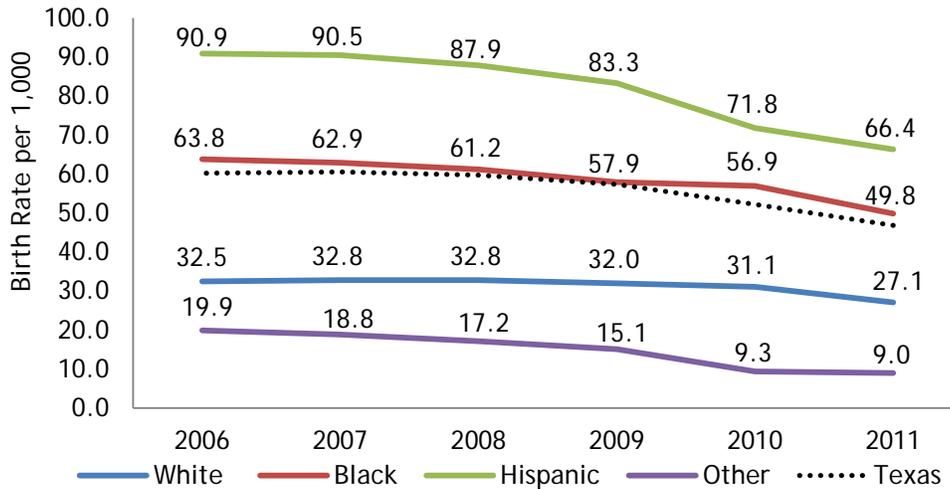


Source: 2006-2011 Birth File, DSHS Center for Health Statistics
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Texas, as the rest of the nation, has seen a decline in the teen birth rate since 2006 and 2007. The overall teen birth rate in 2011 was a 22.8 percent decrease from the 2006 rate. There has also been a narrowing of a racial/ethnic gap on birth rate. Among Hispanic youth, the birth rate has declined 28.0 percent since 2006. There has been a decline of 21.5 percent since 2006 in the teen birth rate for Black youth.

Total Birth Rate for Teens 15-19 years old in Texas, 2006-2011

Teen (15-19 Years) Birth Rate in Texas: 2006-2011

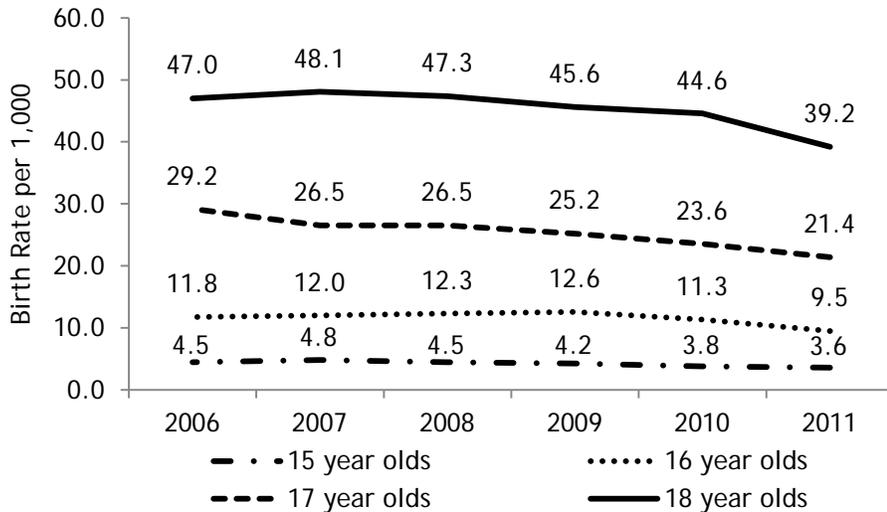


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The teen birth rate for young women between 15 and 19 years of age is often the focus of reports on teen births. In Texas, the birth rate among youth 15-19 years old has declined 22.3 percent since 2006 and 22.7 percent since 2007. As with the overall birth rate, the 15-19 year old birth rate has fallen 27.0 percent for Hispanic and 21.9 percent for Black youth, resulting in a narrowing of this racial/ethnic gap.

Birth Rates by Age and Race/Ethnicity in Texas, 2006-2011

White Birth Rate by Age, 2006-2011

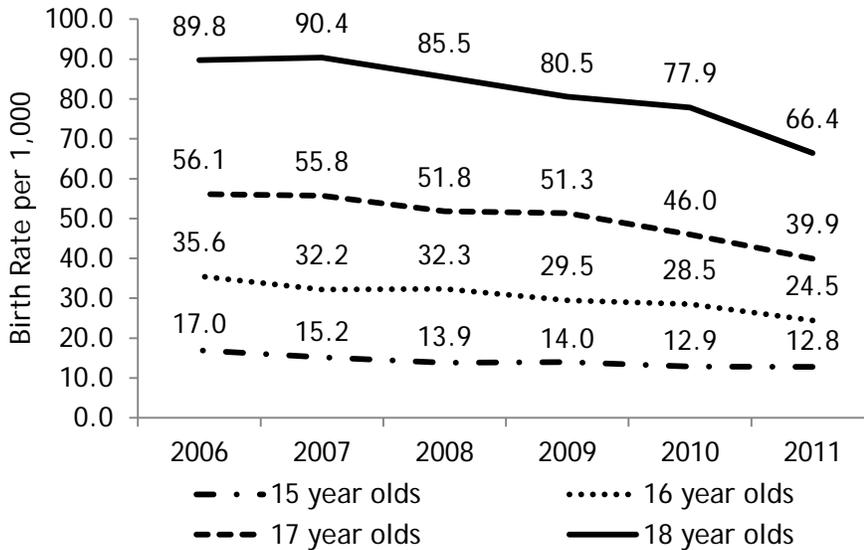


The birth rate for Whites has declined the least among all racial/ethnic groups since 2006. The rates have still declined between 16 and 26.7 percent for youth between 15 and 18 years of age.

The birth rate among 17 year olds has declined 26.7 percent since 2006. This decline is the largest among each of the age groups. Eighteen year olds had a 16.6 percent decline in their birth rate from 2006 to 2011.

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Black Birth Rate by Age, 2006-2011

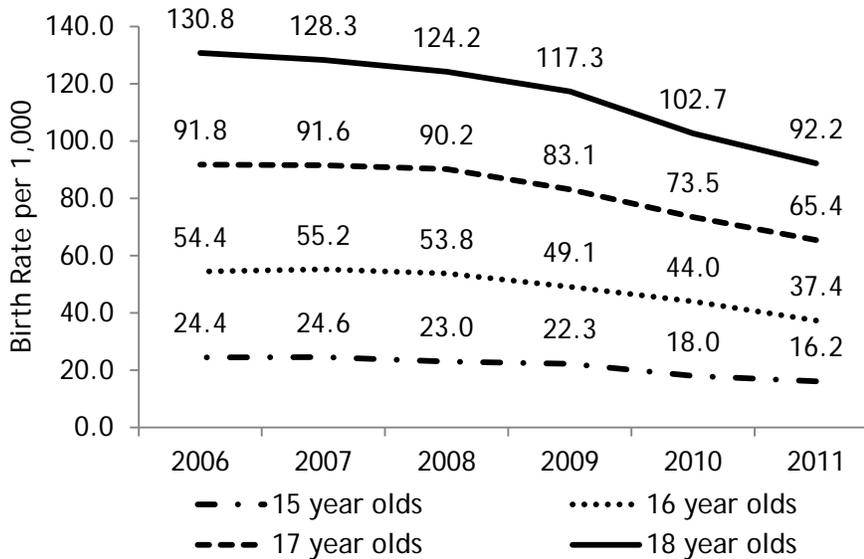


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The birth rate for 15-19 year olds fell 21.7 percent for Blacks. This decline was seen across each age group in the 15 to 18 year old range. Each age group had more than a 20 percent decline in the birth rate.

The 16 year old age group had the largest decline at 31.2 percent. The 17 year old age group was next with a 28.9 percent decrease in the birth rate.

Hispanic Birth Rate by Age, 2006-2011



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The birth rate for 15-19 year old Hispanic youth has declined 27 percent since 2006. For young women between 15 and 18 years old, the decline was even greater. The birth rate in these ages fell between 28.8 and 33.6 percent.

The 15 year old age group had the largest percent decline in birth rate for Hispanics. Sixteen year olds had a 31.2 percent decrease in birth rate between 2006 and 2011.