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Teen Pregnancy Prevention Panel

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Oklahoma has remained among the five states with the highest teen birth rates for the past decade, reporting the fifth highest (worst) rate for ages 15-19 in 2018.

Oklahoma County is the state's most populous and most racially and ethnically diverse county, with the largest number of teen births. The county's teen birth numbers represent one-fifth of all teen births in the state, with teen birth rates in some zip codes reaching as high as 3-4 times the U.S. average.

Early pregnancy can limit the educational and job opportunities available for many teen parents. Over time, high rates of teen births can contribute to generational cycles of poverty and higher risks of negative outcomes for teen parents and their children. Further, significant disparities in teen birth rates exist by geography and other demographic factors—the issue disproportionately impacts already vulnerable populations.

Join us as we learn more!