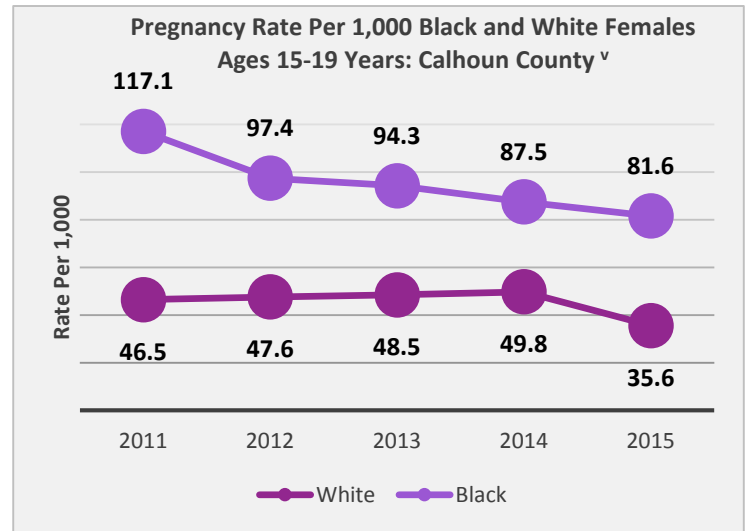


TEEN PREGNANCY

GOAL: Decrease the occurrence of teen pregnancy in Calhoun County

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Calhoun County has seen a substantial decrease in teen pregnancy and birth rates in the past decade; however, both rates are consistently higher than the state and racial disparity is evident. In 2015, Black females aged 15 to 19 years had a pregnancy rate 2.3 times larger than their White counterparts. The pregnancy rate for Black females aged 15 to 19 years was 81.6 (per 1,000 population) compared to 35.6 for White females. Both rates were the lowest rates experienced over the past five years. Additionally, Black females were found to access prenatal care later than other races. ^{i, ii}



In 2015, there were 132 live births to females aged 15 to 19 years in Calhoun County. The number of live births to teens has been decreasing, as has the number of estimated pregnancies. This downward trend is encouraging as giving birth and raising a child during the teen years may carry substantial emotional, social, health and financial costs for both teen mothers and their infants. ^{iv}

CALHOUN COUNTY ⁱⁱⁱ			
	Females Age 15-19	Estimated Number of Pregnancies*	Number of Live Births
2011	4,642	272	186
2012	4,467	256	187
2013	4,429	251	180
2014	4,328	241	166
2015	4,356	184	132

REPEAT BIRTHS AS PERCENT OF TEEN BIRTHS, AGE 15- 19 YEARS ^v		
	Calhoun County	Michigan
2013	15.9%	16.5%
2014	19.5%	17.4%
2015	16.4%	17.3%

TEEN PREGNANCY AND BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 FEMALES AGE 15-19 YEARS ⁱⁱⁱ				
	Live Birth Rate		Pregnancy Rate	
	Calhoun County	Michigan	Calhoun County	Michigan
2011	40.1	27.8	58.6	44.4
2012	41.9	26.2	57.3	41.0
2013	40.6	23.5	56.7	38.2
2014	38.4	21.1	55.7	34.8
2015	30.3	19.4	42.2	31.6

Pregnancies: Estimated pregnancies are the sum of live births, induced abortions and estimated miscarriages

ⁱ Calhoun County Public Health Department, 2017.

ⁱⁱ 2005 - 2015 Files of Induced Abortions Occurring in Michigan and 2005 - 2015 Michigan Resident Live Birth Files, Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_2944_4669---,00.html, accessed September 14, 2017.

ⁱⁱⁱ 2015 Michigan Abortion File, Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_2944_4669---,00.html, accessed September 14, 2017.

^{iv} Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

^v Lifecourse Epidemiology & Genomics Division, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, by special data request, received October 16, 2017.