

Talking Facts

Teen pregnancy has far reaching social and economic effects that impact not only teens and their families, but our community as a whole. Check out the facts and help us spread the word by sharing on social media.

Teen childbearing costs Dallas taxpayers over \$100 million each year.

SOURCE: ntarupt.org

Only 2% of teen mothers receive a college degree by age 30.

SOURCE: Hoffman, S.D., By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Adolescent Childbearing, 2006, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Washington, DC

Texas is ranked #4 in the country in teen births, and #1 in repeat teen births.

SOURCE: powertodecide.org

2016: There were 3,059 teen births in Dallas County. That's enough for 140 kindergarten classes!*

SOURCE: ntarupt.org, *Based on the number of teen births and maximum number of students allowed in a kinder class as designated by TEA.

1 in 3 children in Dallas lives in poverty.

SOURCE: childpovertyactionlab.org

Young mothers are 6 times more likely to experience persistent poverty than girls without children.

SOURCE: ntarupt.org

The United States has the highest teen birth rate of any industrialized country in the world.

SOURCE: NCBI.NLM.NIH.GOV

In many areas of Dallas, the teen birth rate is equal to those of Afghanistan, Sub-Saharan Africa, Honduras, and Iraq.

SOURCE: worldbank.org(Dallas Count)

In some Dallas zip codes, it is more common for a teen to give birth than it is for her to obtain a bachelor's degree.

SOURCE: Census Reporter

8 out of 10 teen fathers do not stay with the mothers of their children.

SOURCE: DoSomething.org

Since 2007, there has been a 37% increase in HIV cases among youths aged 15-24 in Dallas County.

SOURCE: Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Only about 50% of teen mothers receive a high school diploma by 22 years of age, compared to 90% of young women who do not give birth.

SOURCE: cdc.gov

A baby is born to a teen mom every 3 hours in Dallas County

SOURCE: Texas Department of State Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics

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