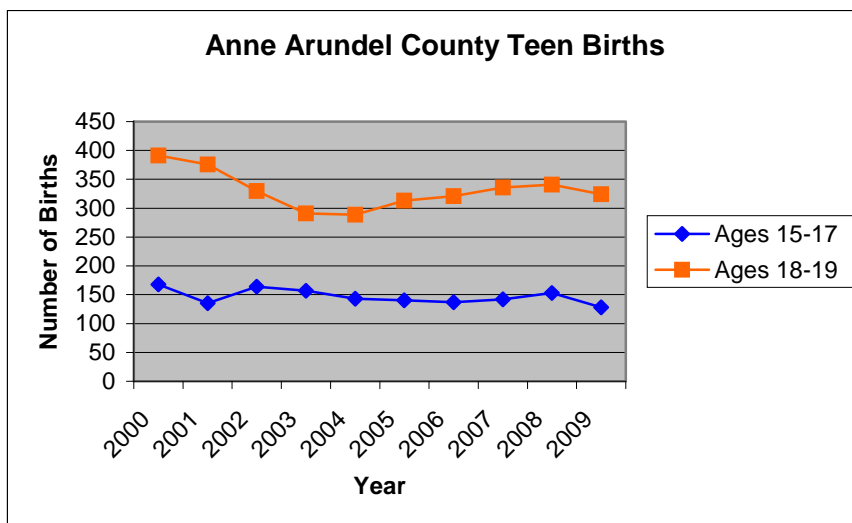


Teen Birth Rates in Anne Arundel County



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In the past 10 years, the overall number of births to teen mothers in Anne Arundel County has declined. In 2000, there were a total of 559 births to females 19 and younger. In 2009, there were a total of 452 births to females 19 and younger in Anne Arundel County. The majority of births were to women between the ages of 18-19.



Year	Ages 15-17	Ages 18-19
2000	168	391
2001	135	376
2002	164	330
2003	157	291
2004	143	289
2005	140	313
2006	137	321
2007	142	336
2008	153	341
2009	128	324

National Pregnancy Rates

Research from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy indicates that the teen pregnancy rate is declining due to an increase in abstinence and an increase in the use of birth control. In 2009, 46% of high school students reported having sex at least once. In 2008, 61% of sexually active students reported using a condom the last time they had sex, and 20% of sexually active students reported using birth control pills the last time they had sex.

State and County Birth Rates

During the past 10 years, the birth rate for mothers between the ages of 15-19 years old in Anne Arundel County was less than the state and national rates. According to the Maryland Vital Statistics Reports, in 2009 there were 27.8 per 1000 births were to females between the age of 15-19 years old in Anne Arundel County compared to 31.2 per 1000 births in Maryland.

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 for Females Ages 15-19

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Anne Arundel	37.6	32.9	31.0	27.5	26.1	26.6	26.8	27.8	28.9	27.8
Maryland	41.2	37.8	35.4	33.3	32.3	31.8	33.6	34.4	32.7	31.2
United States	47.7	45.3	43.0	41.6	41.1	40.5	41.9	42.5	41.5*	39.1*

* preliminary report

Source: Maryland Vital Statistics Reports; Division of Health Statistics, Maryland DHMH