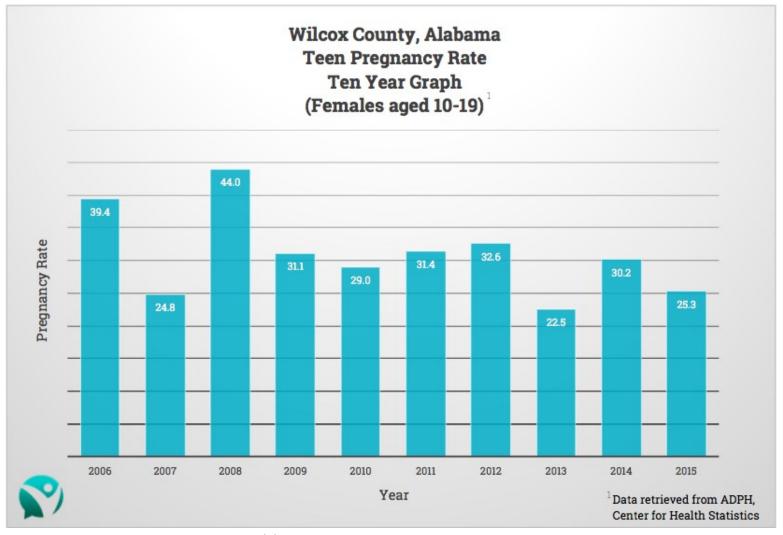


We envision sexually healthy people and communities throughout Alabama and advance our mission of leading Alabama in embracing evidence informed sexual health education as critical to healthy youth development.



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## 2015 YRBS Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is conducted every two years across the country. In Alabama it is administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health to a sample of students in grades 9-12. The survey includes questions on:

- Behaviors that contribute to unintentional violence or injury
- Sexual behaviors related to unintended pregnancy, STIs, and HIV

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%

- Alcohol and other drug use
- Tobacco use
- Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- Inadequate physical activity

## Significant findings in Sexual Risk Behaviors, Alabama, 2015

Percentage of high school students who have ever had sex	1	İ	İ	İ	İ	1	İ	İ	İ	İ	46.3%
Percentage of high school students who had sexual intercourse before age 13	•	İ	1	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	6.9%
Percentage of high school students who had sexual intercourse with four or more persons	1	1	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	15.4%
Percentage of high school students who were currently sexually active (in he last 3 months)	İ	İ	İ	İ	1	İ	İ	İ	İ	İ	34.9%
Percentage of high school students who used a condom	1	İ	İ	İ	50.9%						

In 2015, the Wilcox teen pregnancy rate for girls ages 10-19 was 25.8.\*

The 2015 Alabama teen pregnancy rate was 20.7.

## The actual number of teen births in Wilcox in 2015 was 18.\*

The 2015 Alabama number of teen births was 4,790.

\*Pregnancy and birth data for 2015 is preliminary data provided by ADPH.

## **2017 Policy Priorities**

- 1. Expand Personal Responsibility Education Programming (PREP) for Alabama public schools.
- 2. Remove homophobic language from the Alabama sex education law.
- 3. Mandate comprehensive and inclusive sexual health education in public schools.
- 4. Ensure reproductive health access for all Alabamians.



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