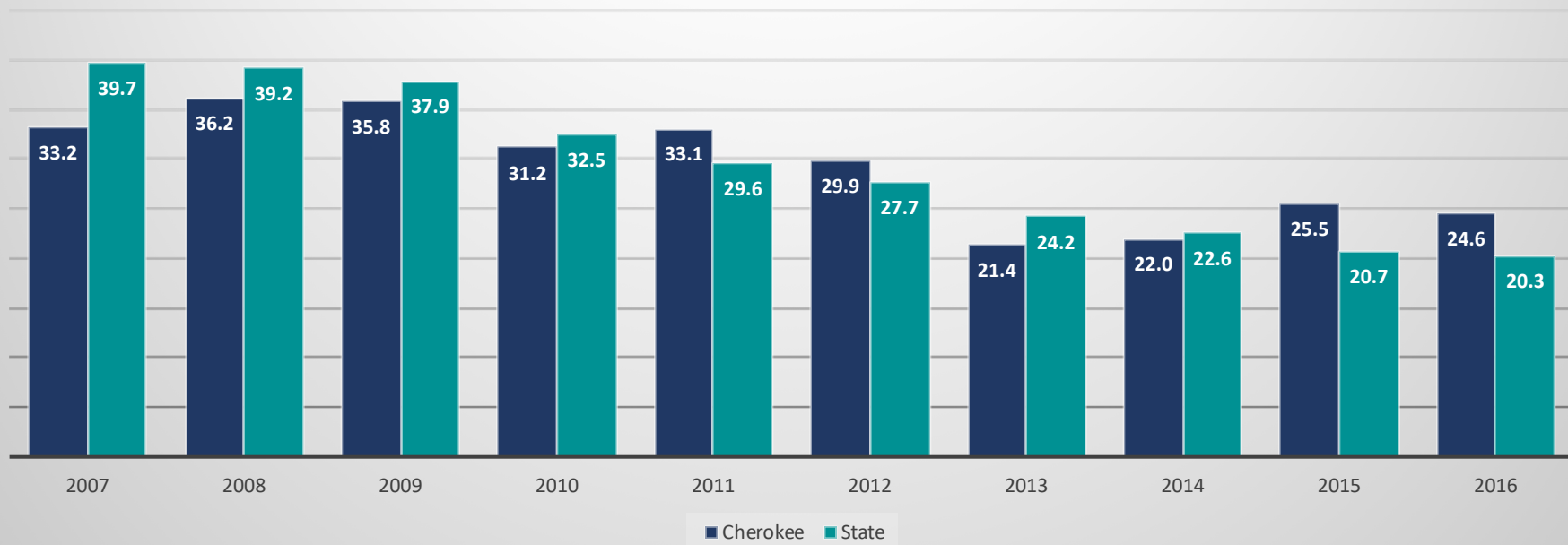




We envision sexually healthy people and communities throughout Alabama and advance our mission of leading Alabama in embracing evidence informed sexual health education as critical to healthy youth development.

**Cherokee County, Alabama
Teen Pregnancy Rate
Ten Year Graph
Females aged 10-19**



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, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and HIV
- ◆ Alcohol and other drug use
- ◆ Tobacco use
- ◆ Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- ◆ Inadequate physical activity

Significant Findings in Sexual Risk Behaviors, Alabama, 2015



In 2016 the Cherokee teen birth rate for girls ages 10-19 was 19.3.*

The 2016 Alabama teen birth rate was 14.7.

The actual number of teen births in Cherokee in 2016 was 29.*

The 2016 Alabama number of teen births was 4,526.

*Pregnancy and birth rate data for 2016 is preliminary data provided by ADPH.

2018 Policy Priorities

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