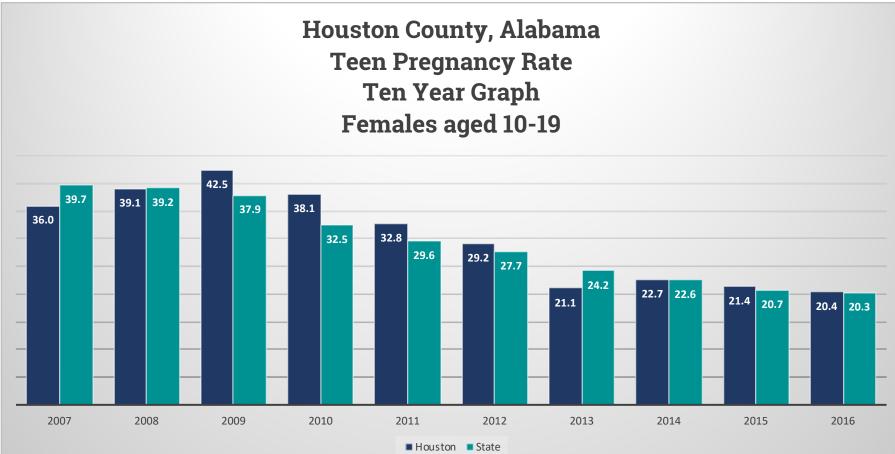


We envision sexually healthy people and communities throughout Alabama and advance our mission of leading Alabama in embracing evidence informed sexual health education as critical to healthy youth development.



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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, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and HIV
- Alcohol and other drug us
- 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	46.3%
Percentage of high school students who have ever had sex	6.9%
Percentage of high school students who had sexual intercourse with four or more persons	15.4%
Percentage of high school students who were currently sexually active (in the last 3 months)	34.9%
Percentage of high school students who used a condom	50.9%

# In 2016 the Houston teen birth rate for girls ages 10-19 was 16.0.\*

The 2016 Alabama teen birth rate was 14.7.

## The actual number of teen births in Houston in 2016 was 105.\*

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.