

FACT SHEET



**FSU Center for Prevention
& Early Intervention Policy**

Adolescent Births in Region IV ACF

The number of births to adolescents in the eight states represented by Region IV has declined in recent years at a time when the teen population has increased. Though decreases in the number of teen births are encouraging, 99,217 infants were born to teen mothers in this region in 2002. States, counties, and local communities continue to be challenged to address the unique needs of these vulnerable young children and their families.

During the past decade, the number of annual births to Region IV ACF residents 19 years of age and younger has declined from a high of 116,706 in 1995 to 99,217 in 2002.

Number of Births to Teens 19 Years of Age and Younger in Region IV by State

Year	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Mississippi	North Carolina	South Carolina	Tennessee	Region IV TOTAL
1995	11,175	25,805	18,315	8,979	9,185	22,262	8,796	12,189	116,706
1996	11,115	25,438	18,154	8,938	8,745	22,095	8,590	12,317	115,392
1997	10,724	25,747	18,315	8,630	8,575	21,188	8,540	12,103	113,822
1998	10,617	25,814	18,321	8,365	8,598	21,641	8,617	12,250	114,223
1999	10,069	25,440	18,391	8,150	8,405	20,515	8,647	11,932	111,549
2000	9,916	25,682	18,311	7,849	8,266	20,492	8,565	11,630	110,441
2001	8,993	24,716	17,640	7,148	7,536	19,377	8,080	11,020	104,510
2002	8,589	23,571	16,581	6,958	7,152	18,457	7,458	10,451	99,217