

FACT SHEET



FSU Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy

Adolescent Parenting in Leon County

The number of births to adolescents in Leon County has decreased over time. The Leon adolescent birth rate is much lower than the state birth rate which is encouraging. Nevertheless, during 2016, 73 infants were born to mothers of school age in this community. The Leon County Public Schools, Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Healthy Families, and Healthy Start will continue to be challenged to address the unique and complex needs of young mothers and their children.

Number of Teen Births

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Leon County births to mothers younger than 19	171	160	156	132	108	87	98	97	74	73
Leon County births to mothers younger than 15	7	7	7	4	4	3	1	5	2	4

Teen Birth Rates

Leon County’s teen birth rate for female residents, age 15 to 18 years old, is consistently below the average for the state of Florida.

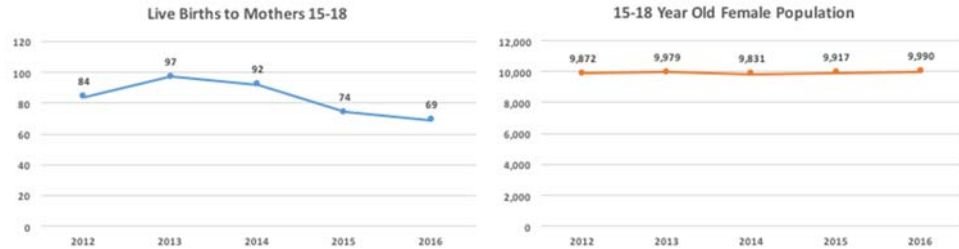
Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Age 15-18 Years Old

Year	Leon County Population – Females Age 15-18	Leon County Birth Rate per 1000 Females Age 15-18	Florida Population – Females Age 15-18	Florida Birth Rate per 1000 Females Age 15-18
2012	9,872	8.5	469,871	18.5
2013	9,979	9.7	470,259	16.0
2014	9,831	9.4	468,367	14.5
2015	9,917	7.5	470,472	13.6
2016	9,990	6.9	477,047	12.4

Trends

The absolute numbers of births to teens ages 15 to 18 have decreased since 2012, while the population of teens ages 15 to 18 has remained relatively steady over the last 5 years in Leon County.

For 15-18 year old Females, Number of Live Births and Population in Leon County



Ages of Teen Mothers

The table below represents the numbers of teen births for Leon County residents in 2016 grouped by age. Those younger than 19 typically have not completed high school, while many 19 year olds have already graduated.

Births to Teen Residents of Leon County by Age of Mother for 2016

Age	<13	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total <19
# of Births	0	1	3	4	9	19	37	73

Estimated Number of Children Being Parented by Teens in Leon County - 2016*

Estimated Number of Children Being Parented by Pregnant and Parenting Students

Year of child's birth	Age 13 or under	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Total <19
2011						2	2
2012					1	2	3
2013				0	1	3	4
2014			1	4	6	16	27
2015		0	2	7	18	16	43
2016	1	3	4	9	19	37	73
TOTAL	1	3	7	20	45	76	152

*Estimate based on Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, births to those under age 20 in Leon County, years 2011-2016. Some teens will have more than one birth during this time period, so the Total is an estimate of the number of children being parented by teens during 2016.

It is recognized that some families will move from the area and others will relocate, along with infant and child mortality, so this estimate is not an exact count. The chart provides information for professionals serving young families in Leon County.

The Florida Department of Health Florida Community Assessment Resource Tool Set (CHARTS). Retrieved March 7, 2017 from <http://www.floridacharts.com/charts/default.aspx>. Data for 2016 is provisional and has not yet been finalized by the Florida Department of Health.

Teen Births by Zip Code

**Age of Mother at Time of Birth by Zip Code
Leon County 2016**

Zip Code	Younger Than Age 15	Ages 15 - 18	Total <19	Age 19	Total
32301	1	14	15	11	26
32302	----	----	----	----	----
32303	----	8	8	8	16
32304	----	8	8	10	18
32305	1	13	14	9	23
32307	----	----	----	----	----
32308	----	5	5	2	7
32309	----	3	3	2	5
32310	2	13	15	9	24
32311	----	3	3	2	5
32312	----	1	1	2	3
32313	----	----	----	----	----
32314	----	----	----	----	----
32316	----	----	----	----	----
32317	----	1	1	1	2
32327	----	----	----	----	----
32343	----	----	----	----	----
32351	----	----	----	----	----

