



GEORGIA CAMPAIGN FOR  
ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION  
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## WHY PREVENTION MATTERS:

# Teen Pregnancy in Georgia 2008 Fact Sheet

### In Chatham County...

- 670 pregnancies a year occur among teenage girls.<sup>1</sup>
- Nearly 2 new teen pregnancies occur each day.
- Almost one-third (32.8%) of teen pregnancies occur to girls who have already been pregnant at least once before.<sup>2</sup>
- The teen pregnancy rate and repeat teen pregnancy rate exceed the state average.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Teen Pregnancy (Ages 15 to 19) in Chatham County<sup>1,2</sup>

County	# of pregnancies	Rate / 1,000	% Repeat Pregnancies
Chatham	670	78.1	32.8
GA	21,058	67.0	28.5

### What impact does teen pregnancy have on Chatham County?

- Teen mothers are less likely to complete high school or get married and are more likely to end up on welfare.<sup>3</sup>
- Children of teen mothers are at a higher risk of: being born at low birth weight, having problems in school, ending up in foster care, and either becoming incarcerated or becoming teen mothers themselves.<sup>3</sup>
- The poverty rate for children born to teen mothers who have never married and have not graduated from high school is 78 percent.<sup>4</sup>
- Teen childbearing in Chatham cost taxpayers over **\$10 million in 2004 alone.**<sup>5</sup>



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# We Can Make A Difference

**Chatham's teen pregnancy rate has declined by 27% in the past decade, proving that we can make a difference.**

**You can help keep Chatham County moving in the right direction by:**

- Advocating for state and local-level teen pregnancy prevention efforts, including adolescent public health services, educational programs and youth development initiatives.
- Supporting public investment in programs that address the early risk factors of teen pregnancy, such as school failure, child abuse and neglect, and child poverty.
- Endorsing research-based prevention programs that are proven to be effective.<sup>6</sup>
- Championing local prevention initiatives in your community.
- Working together with G-CAPP in support of the 15 by 15 state-wide reduction goal, an effort to reduce Georgia's teen pregnancy rate another 15% by year 2015.

**Chatham County's teen pregnancy rate will drop to 70.3 per 1,000 if the 15 by 15 goal is met.**

Contact G-CAPP for more information on how teen pregnancy impacts our state and how you can help (404-524-2277 or [www.gcapp.org](http://www.gcapp.org)).

<sup>1</sup>Georgia DHR, Division of Public Health, Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS). *Pregnancies and Pregnancy Rate, Ages 15-19, 2005*. Retrieved April 1, 2008 from <http://oasis.state.ga.us/oasis/qryMCH.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup>Georgia DHR, Division of Public Health, Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS). *Repeat Pregnancies and Percent, Ages 15-19, 2005*. Retrieved April 1, 2008 from <http://oasis.state.ga.us/oasis/qryMCH.aspx>.

<sup>3</sup>The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (2002). *Not Just Another Single Issue: Teen Pregnancy Prevention's Link to Other Critical Social Issues*. Retrieved April 1, 2008 from <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/resources/data/pdf/notjust.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup>The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2006). *2006 Kids Count Data Book*. Retrieved April 1, 2008 from <http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/da36221056.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup>The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (2007). *By the Numbers Calculator*. Retrieved April 1, 2008 from <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/calculator.asp>.

<sup>6</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Adolescent Reproductive Health. (2007). *Promoting Science-Based Approaches*. Retrieved August 1, 2007 from <http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/AdolescentReproHealth/ScienceApproach.htm>.