

2024

Black Hawk County

Teen Births By Race



TOGETHER FOR YOUTH



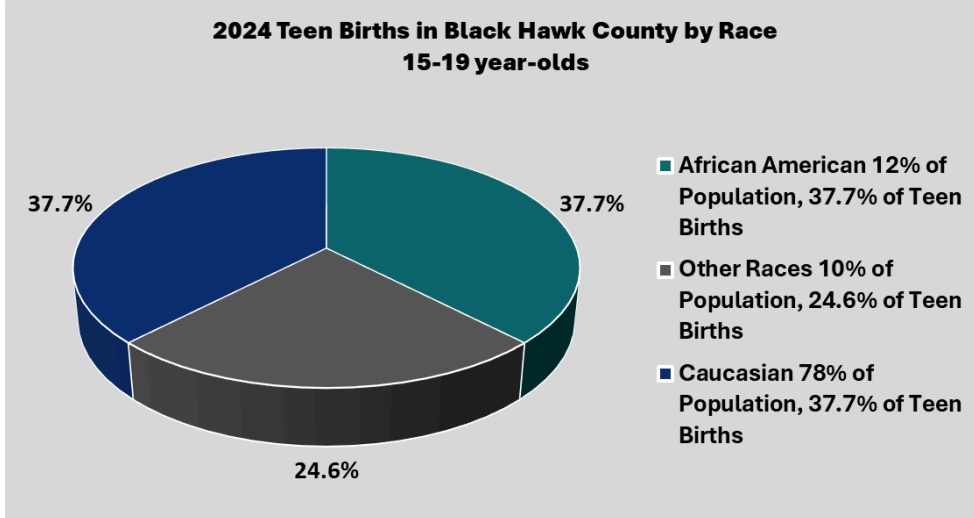
319-433-6331



togetherforyouth.net

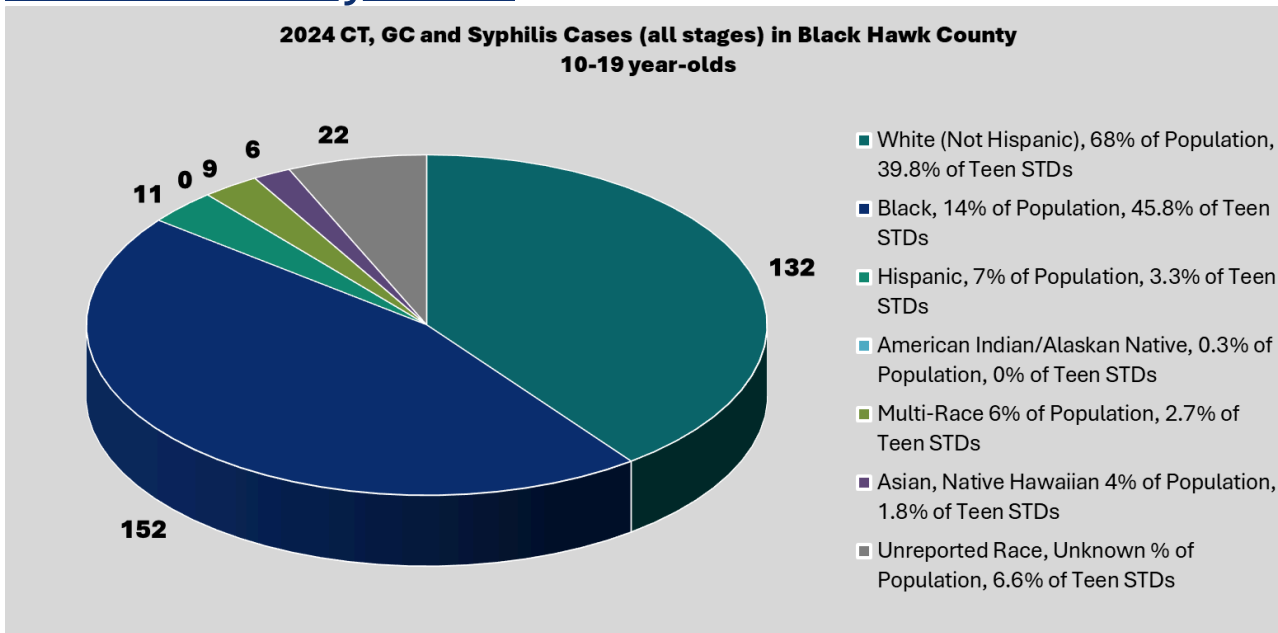


Together For Youth



According to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), the overall teen birth rate has declined; however, teen birth rates among youth of color remain disproportionately high. In Black Hawk County, African American youth ages 15-19 comprise 12% of the population yet account for 38% of teen births. Beginning in fiscal year 2009, TFY strategically implemented the SiHLE curriculum to address these disparities in sexual health outcomes, reaching nearly 765 African American females ages 14-18 over 15 years of SiHLE programming.

Teen STDs By Race



IDPH data indicate that Black Hawk County has had the highest per-capita rate of reported sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Iowa in nearly every year since 2007. Significant disparities persist among youth of color. For example, African American youth ages 10-19 in Black Hawk County represent 14% of the population but account for 46% of reported teen STD cases. **Black Hawk County ranks first in the state for chlamydia and third for gonorrhea.**

2024

Black Hawk County

Adolescent Sexual Health Trends



TOGETHER FOR YOUTH



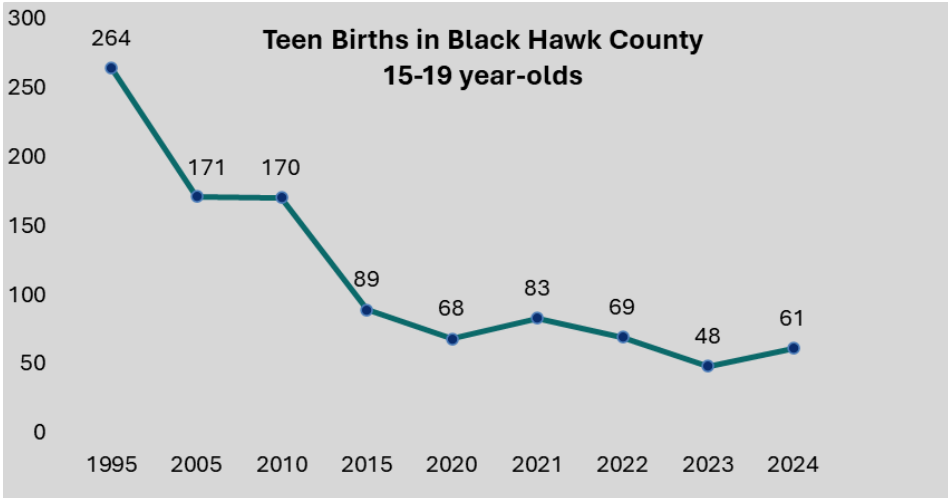
319-433-6331



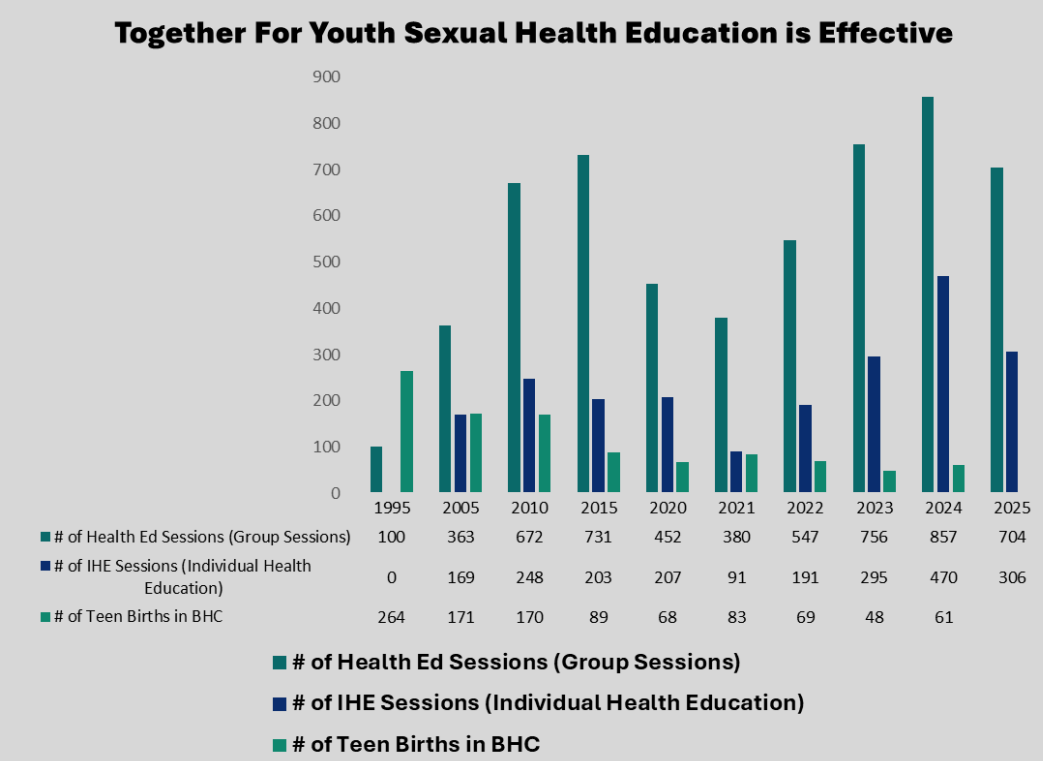
togetherforyouth.net



Together For Youth



Together For Youth (TFY) has developed partnerships with many community agencies and has had a direct impact on Black Hawk County's current low teen birth rate. Historically our county had one of the highest rates of teen births in the state. Over the last 30 years, Black Hawk County teen births have declined very significantly.



Together For Youth programming has grown substantially over the years. In 1995, TFY delivered 100 health education sessions, compared to 704 sessions in Fiscal Year 2025. Additionally, since Fiscal Year 2005, Individual Health Education (IHE) sessions have nearly doubled, reaching 306 sessions. We are proud of this growth and of the comprehensive package of programming developed in partnership with schools and youth-serving agencies. TFY remains committed to providing comprehensive, age-appropriate sexual health education throughout the Cedar Valley.