

FACT SHEET



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Adolescent Parenting in Miami-Dade County

The number of births to adolescents in Miami-Dade County has decreased over time with a slight increase in 2006 and 2007. The Miami-Dade adolescent birth rate is lower than the state birth rate which is encouraging. Nevertheless, last year 1,900 infants were born to mothers of school age in this community. The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Healthy Families, and Healthy Start will continue to be challenged to address the unique needs of these vulnerable young mothers and their children.

Number of Teen Births

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Miami-Dade Births to Mothers Younger Than 19	2,478	2,326	2,403	2,187	1,996	1,911	1,861	1,848	1,857	1,900
Miami-Dade Births to Mothers Younger Than 15	108	98	83	61	62	59	47	57	42	48

Teen Birth Rates

Miami-Dade County's teen birth rate for female residents, age 15 to 19 years old, is consistently below the average for the state of Florida.

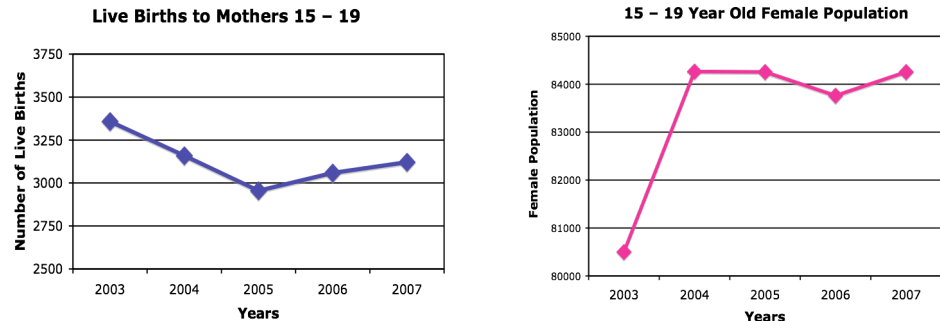
Birth Rate per 1,000 Females Age 15-19 Years Old

Year	Miami-Dade Population – Females Age 15–19	Miami-Dade Birth Rate Per 1000 Females Age 15–19	Florida Population – Females Age 15–19	Florida Birth Rate Per 1000 Females Age 15–19
2003	80,501	36.6	536,507	42.4
2004	84,264	34.6	562,574	41.6
2005	84,255	35.0	576,265	41.9
2006	83,762	36.0	585,832	43.5
2007	84,154	36.5	594,361	43.2

Trends

The absolute numbers of births to teens ages 15 to 19 have decreased until 2006 and 2007 when there was a slight increase, while the population of teens ages 15 to 19 has increased or remained stable in Miami-Dade County.

For 15-19 year old Females, Number of Live Births and Population in Miami-Dade



Ages of Teen Mothers

The table below represents the numbers of births for Miami-Dade residents in 2007 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 Miami-Dade County by Age of Mother for 2007

Age	<13	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total <19	19	Total <20
# of Births	0	13	35	139	335	560	818	1,900	1,221	3,121

Served by School District

Pregnant and parenting students in Miami-Dade District Schools may enroll in specialized Teen Parent Programs at the COPE Centers, receive services at their district schools in the TAP Program, or choose to continue enrollment as a regular school student. The table below represents the numbers of pregnant and parenting students who were enrolled in Miami-Dade District School's COPE Centers and the school TAP Program in October during each of the last five school years.

Pregnant and Parenting Teens Participating in Specialized School Programs*

School Year	COPE Center North	Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center	Served at local schools in TAP Program	Total
2004 - 05	205	142	418	765
2005 - 06	149	162	394	705
2006 - 07	122	124	391	637
2007 - 08	144	134	394	672
2008 - 09	118	146	396	660

* Counts taken during October of each school year at middle, high, alternative education, and special education schools.

The Florida Department of Health. 2007 vital statistics annual report. Retrieved March 16, 2009, from www.doh.state.fl.us/