

# A SNAPSHOT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN BROOKS COUNTY

Teen Population: 6,068

## TEEN BIRTHS

- GA has the 26th highest **repeat teen pregnancy** rate; 14th highest **teen birth rate** in the nation..
- **Brooks Co. reported 162 births from teens aged 15-19; the teen birth rate is 55.7 per 1,000**
- Teens who are abused are 6x more at risk for **pregnancy**; twice as likely to **contract a sexually transmitted infection**.
- Brooks Co. could save **\$1,679,000** if unplanned teen pregnancies were avoided.

## SEXUAL HEALTH

- **Brooks Co. STIs:** 3,171.0 per 100,000 teens aged 15–19; White 1,028.8 per 100,000; Black 4,407.7 per 100,000.
- 1 in 10 young people will be **sexually abused** before the age of 18.
- 26% of females and 15% of males experience some form of **dating violence** before the age of 18.

## SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

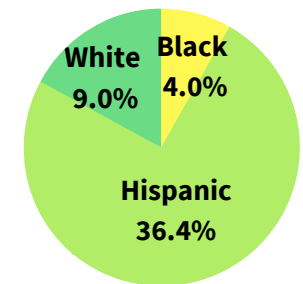
- 34% of Brooks Co. children **live in poverty**.
- 92 per 10,000 youth in Brooks Co. are in **foster care**; GA rate is 46 per 10,000.
- Brooks Co. high school **graduation rate** is 87%; **drop out rate** is N/A

## MENTAL HEALTH

- **Suicide** is the 2nd leading cause of death among youth aged 10–14 and 3rd for ages 15-19 in GA.
- More than 1 in 10 youth in GA aged 12-17 experience at least **one major depressive episode** yearly.
- 16% of GA 6th to 12th grade students report experiencing **bullying**; 15% female & 17% male.
- 13.2% of US children has been diagnosed with a mental or behavioral health condition, such as **anxiety or depression**.

## PHYSICAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

- GA has the **24th highest obesity rate** for youth aged 10–17 in the US; over one-third are overweight or obese.
- Over 500,000 children live in **food deserts** across GA.
- Only 16% of 1 million GA youth are able to pass **5 basic physical fitness** tests.



Brooks Co. youth living without health insurance