



A SNAPSHOT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELL-BEING

POLK COUNTY

Population: 43,496

WELL-BEING

- The unemployment rate in Polk is 4 % while the Georgia average is 3.9%.
- 23% of children in Polk are living in poverty, while the Georgia average is 20%.
- 36% of children in Polk live in single parent families while the Georgia average is 34%

Unemployment, Children Living in Poverty, Children Living in Single Parent Families Data Source: Kids Count: United States Census , U.S. Department of Commerce, United States Census Bureau, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Department of Labor, Labor Information Systems Office, Yearly Data.

SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- The teen pregnancy rate in Polk is 14.9 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 9.9 per 1,000.
- The teen birth rate in Polk is 27.4 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 16.5 per 1,000.
- 14% of teen mothers in Georgia are giving birth to a second child.
- The STD incidence of youth in Polk is 18.1 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 28.3 per 1,000.

Pregnancy Rate, Teen Birth Rate, Repeat Teen Pregnancy, and STD Infection Rate Data Source: Kids count: Birth Certificate Records, Fetal Death Certificate Records, and Abortion Certificate Records: Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Information and Policy.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 6% of youth in Polk expressed that they've seriously considered attempting suicide similar to the Georgia average.
- 86% of youth in Polk expressed that they've felt stressed.

Suicide Ideation and Stress Data Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Health Survey 2022 (9th-12th grade)

PHYSICAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

- 15% of youth in Polk consumed alcohol in the last 30 days while the Georgia average is 8%.
- The obesity rate in Polk is 36% while the Georgia average is 34%.
- 26% of the youth in Polk were not physically active for at least 60 minutes in the last 7 days.

Alcohol Consumption Data Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Health Survey 2022(9th-12th grade)
Obesity in Youth Data Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Database
Physical Activity Data Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Health Survey 2022 (9th-12th grade);

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