

A SNAPSHOT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN DEKALB COUNTY

Teen Population: 300,078

TEEN BIRTHS

- GA has the 4th highest **repeat teen pregnancy** rate; 15th highest teen birth rate in the nation.
- **DeKalb Co. reported 4,271 births from teens aged 15-19; the teen birth rate is 28.8 per 1,000.**
- Teens who are abused are 6x more at risk for **pregnancy**; twice as likely to **contract a sexually transmitted infection**.
- DeKalb Co. could save **\$5.8 million** if unplanned teen pregnancies were avoided.

SEXUAL HEALTH

- **DeKalb Co. STIs:** 3,750.3 per 100,000 teens aged 15–19; Black 4,346.5 per 100,000; White 575.8 per 100,000; Hispanic 1,120.7 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

- 23% of DeKalb Co. children **live in poverty**.
- 42 per 10,000 youth in DeKalb Co. are in **foster care**; GA rate is 46 per 10,000.

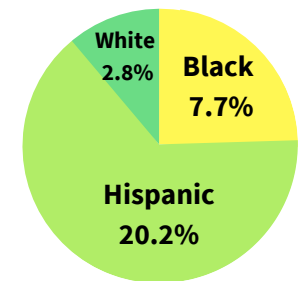
- DeKalb Co. high school **graduation rate** is 76%; **dropout rate:** 5.7%.

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**.



DeKalb Co. youth living without health insurance