

# WISE: Working to Institutionalize Sex Education

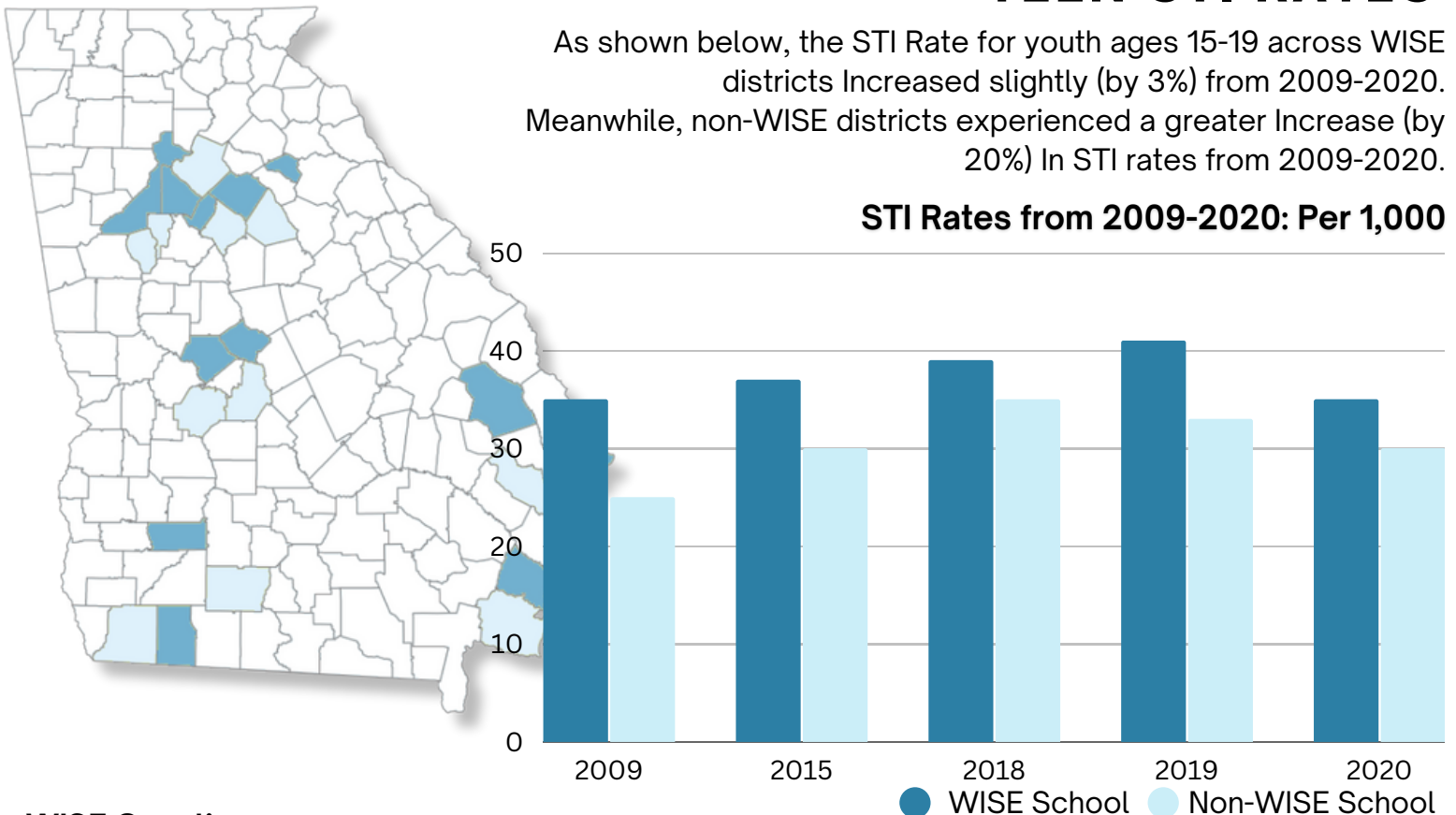
Georgia is one of 14 ‘WISE’ states (**Working to Institutionalize Sex Education**), a national initiative that supports school districts in implementing effective sex ed. WISE Georgia, based on 15 years of best practice research and led by GCAPP, helps schools identify, select, and implement a comprehensive sex ed curriculum of their choosing, and provides ongoing support and trainings to maintain the curriculum over time.

When comparing teen birth rates and pregnancy rates across WISE districts and non-WISE districts, data shows that adolescents from WISE counties have experienced a larger decrease in these rates than adolescents from non-WISE counties (i.e. from 2009- 2020 the percentage is greater for WISE than non-WISE schools).

## TEEN STI RATES

As shown below, the STI Rate for youth ages 15-19 across WISE districts increased slightly (by 3%) from 2009-2020. Meanwhile, non-WISE districts experienced a greater increase (by 20%) in STI rates from 2009-2020.

**STI Rates from 2009-2020: Per 1,000**



**WISE Counties:**

Fulton, Bibb, Bulloch, Chatham, Clarke, Crawford, DeKalb, Dougherty, Glynn, Grady, Rockdale, Walton

**Non-WISE:**

Comparison Counties Clayton, Houston, Bryan, Liberty, Gwinnett, Macon, Fayette, Colquitt, Camden, Decatur, Morgan, Newton