

Of Mississippi high school students...

48%
say they have had sex.¹

18%
did not use any method to prevent pregnancy.¹

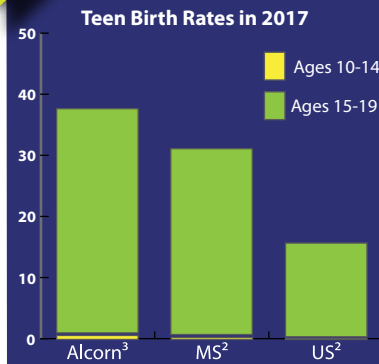
44%
did not use condoms.¹

83%
were never tested for HIV.¹

Ranks 3rd in the nation in teen birth rate.²

ALCORN COUNTY IN 2017

Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:



18th in teen birth rates ages 10-14³
34th in teen birth ages 15-19³
17th in HIV rates⁴

ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS

Adopt CHART Policy

Sign Memorandum of Understanding with MS State Department of Health

Train Teachers on Sex Education Curricula

Conduct Implementation and Evaluation

REDUCING TEEN BIRTH AND STI/HIV in Alcorn County



CHART

Creating Healthy and Responsible Teens

THE LAW: HB494

Requires sex education in MS public schools. Each school district must adopt an abstinence-only or "abstinence-plus" policy as well as a curriculum approved by the MS Department of Education.

THE EVIDENCE:⁵

Evidence-based, "abstinence-plus" curricula meets the needs of ALL students and is shown to:

- Delay sexual activity
- Reduce # of partners
- Reduce frequency of sex
- Increase proper use of contraceptives

For more information go to teenhealthms.org or contact Josh McCawley at josh@teenhealthms.org.

CHART
an "abstinence-plus" initiative, HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN 21 COUNTIES statewide.



WHAT IS CHART?

- Abstinence-plus sex education
- Evidence-based, age-appropriate, and medically accurate
- A partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health and approved by Mississippi Department of Education
- **FREE** training and technical assistance to school districts

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