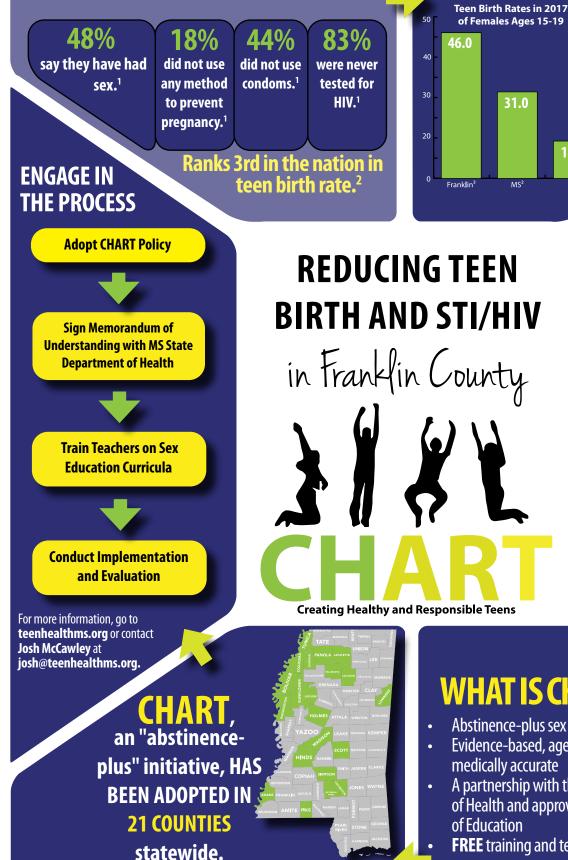


## **FRANKLIN COUNTY IN 2017**

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Rank among 82 counties in <u>Mississippi</u>:

**46th** in Chlamydia infection rates<sup>4</sup> 66th in Gonorrhea infection rates<sup>5</sup> 34th in Syphilis rates<sup>6</sup>

## 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:7

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

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

## 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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