

# A SNAPSHOT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELL-BEING

# BEN HILL COUNTY

Population: 17,158

## WELL-BEING

- The unemployment rate in Ben Hill 5 % while the Georgia average is 3.9%.
- 33% of children in Ben Hill are living in poverty, while the Georgia average is 20%.
- 44% of children in Ben Hill 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 Ben Hill is 18.8 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 9.9 per 1,000.
- The teen birth rate in Ben Hill is 42.3 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 16.5 per 1,000.
- 28% of teen mothers in Ben Hill are giving birth to a second child while the Georgia average is 14%.
- The STD incidence of youth in Ben Hill is 43.8 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

- 9% of youth in Ware expressed that they've seriously considered attempting suicide, while the Georgia average is 6%.
- 79% of youth in Georgia 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

- 7% of youth in Ben Hill consumed alcohol in the last 30 days while the Georgia average is 8%.
- The obesity rate in Ben Hill is 41% while the Georgia average is 40%.
- 34% of the youth in Ben Hill 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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