

# A SNAPSHOT OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELL-BEING

# **TOWNS COUNTY**

Population: 12,875

### **WELL-BEING**

- The unemployment rate in Towns of 4% while the Georgia average is 3.9%.
- 20% of children in Towns are living in poverty similar to the Georgia average
- 25% of children in Towns 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.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

- 4% of youth in Towns expressed that they've seriously considered attempting suicide while the Georgia average is 6%.
- 79% of youth in Towns expressed that they've felt stressed.

Suicide Ideation and Stress Data Source: Georgia Department of Education Student Health Survey 2022 (9th-12th grade)

### **SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

- The teen pregnancy rate in Georgia is 9.9 per 1,000.
- The teen birth rate in Towns is 8.3 per 1,000, compared to the Georgia average of 16.5 per 1,000.
- 14% of teen mothers in Georgia are giving birth to a second child
- The STD incidence of youth in Georgia is 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.

## **PHYSICAL HEALTH & NUTRITION**

- 5% of youth in Towns consumed alcohol in the last 30 days while the Georgia average is 8%.
- The obesity rate in Towns is 31% while the Georgia average is 34%.
- 18% of the youth in Towns 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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