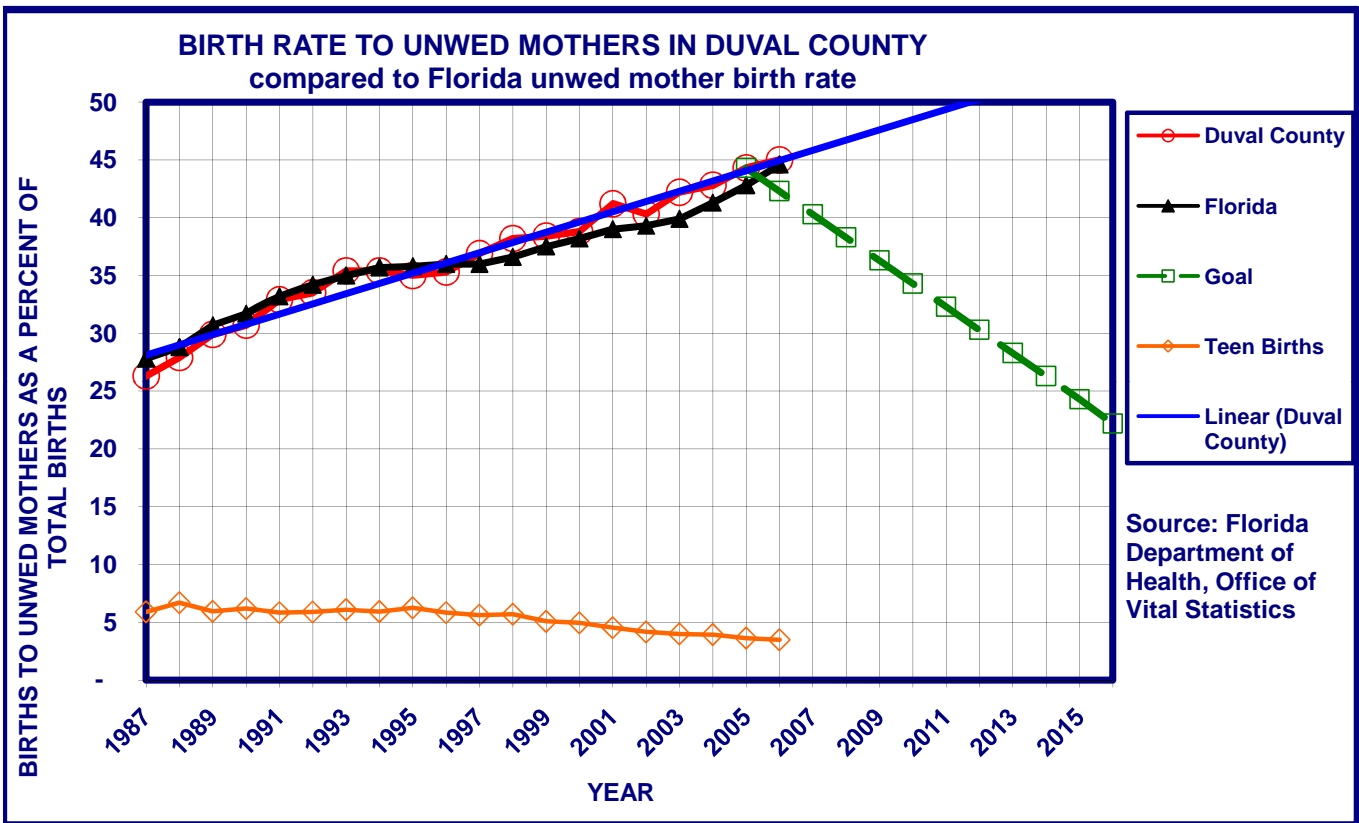


6. Family Stability

a. Reduce Duval County's birthrate to unwed mothers by 50 percent by 2016.

The rate of births to unwed mothers is considered an indicator of family stability. This Key Benchmark indicator demonstrates the increasing number of births to unwed mothers during the last 20 years in Florida and in Duval County. Both rates exceed the U.S. level. There is a misperception that teenage births constitute a large percentage of the total of unwed births. They do not – nationally or locally. For the past decade, Duval County has had a declining teen birth rate, which has been directly influenced by agencies currently participating as Blueprint Partners.



Unwed Mother Birth Rate:

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Duval County	36.9%	38.2%	38.4%	38.8%	41.2%	40.3%	42.2%	42.8%	44.3%	45.0%
Florida	36.0%	36.6%	37.5%	38.2%	39.0%	39.3%	39.9%	41.3%	42.8%	44.6%

Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics