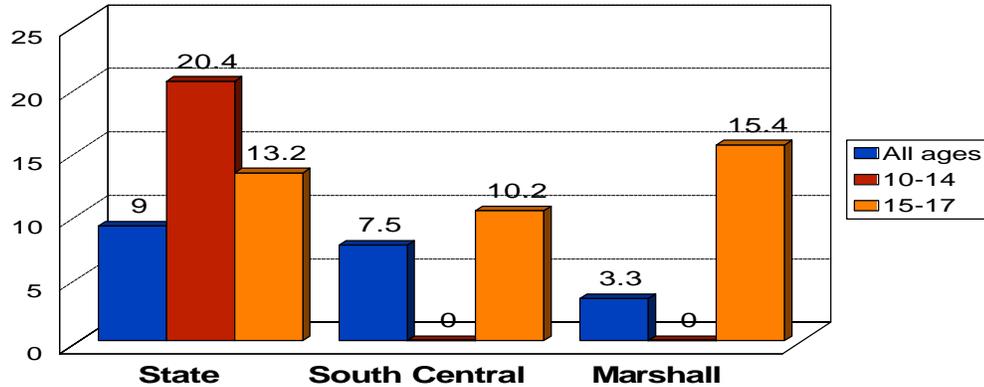
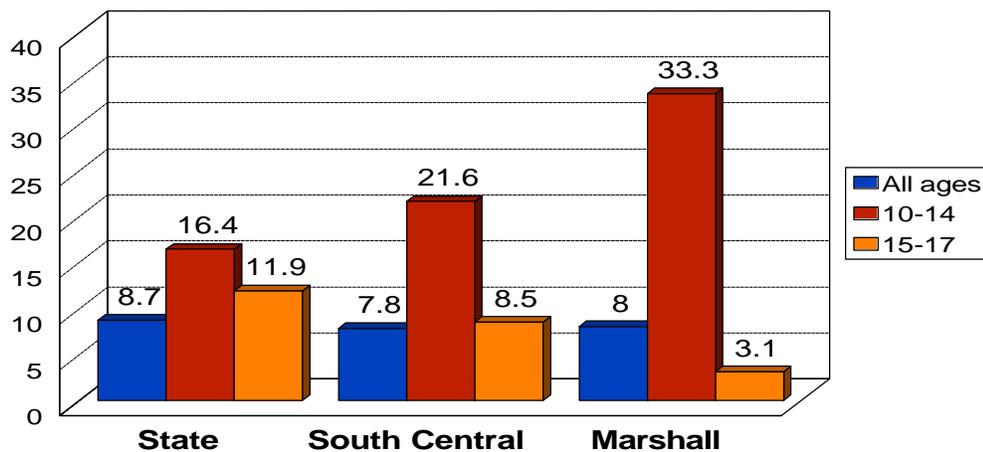


Infant Mortality (Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births)
 Three Year Average 1992-1994



Low birthweight is a major problem in Marshall County for teen mothers, especially those 10-14 years old. 33.3 percent of babies born from 1992-1994 to mothers in this age group were low birthweight. This percentage was higher than the state (16.4%) and the region (21.6%). In the 15-17 years age group in the county 3.1% of all live births were low weight babies. This average for the state during the same reporting period was 11.9% and the average for the region was 8.5%. The low birthweight for all ages from 1992-1994 was 8.0% for Marshall County, 7.8% for the South Central Region, and 8.7% for the state. In 1997, the percent of low-birth-weight babies for the county was 7.3; the state's percentage was 8.8 and 7.7 for the region.

Percent of Low Weight Births
 Three Year Averages 1992-1994



Data shows that more than half of the deaths that occurred, many due to low birth weight, was preventable with adequate prenatal care.