




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE


The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Arizona in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

Arizona law does not require schools to teach sexuality education or sexually transmitted disease (STD)/HIV education. However, Arizona law does state that if a school chooses to teach these topics, instruction must be age-appropriate and must stress abstinence. Further, if a school chooses to teach HIV education, such instruction must be medically accurate, but cannot promote a “homosexual lifestyle,” portray “homosexuality as a positive alternative lifestyle,” or “suggest that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual sex.” Schools may also “provide a specific elective lesson or lessons concerning sex education as a supplement to the health course of study.” If a school chooses to provide a supplemental sexuality education course, the state requires written consent from parents before students may attend. For more information, see [Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 15-711, 15-716, and 15-102](#) and [Arizona Administrative Code § R7-2-303](#).


REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARIZONA


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Among Arizona high school students in 2013, 42% of females and 48% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
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Among Arizona high school students in 2013, 33% of females and 31% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower than the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.

ARIZONA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH AND ABORTION RATES

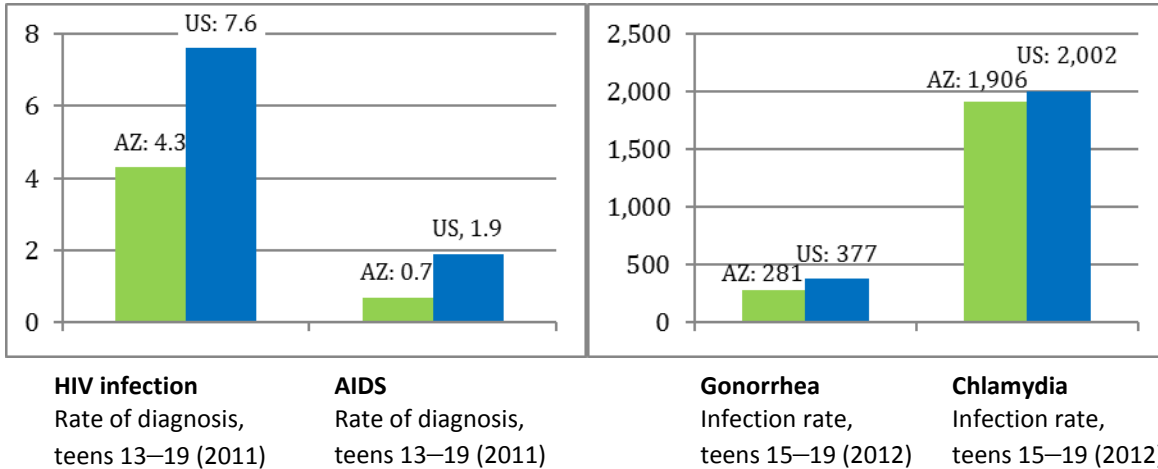
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In 2010, Arizona’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 60 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
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In 2012, Arizona’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 37 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
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In 2010, Arizona’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 9 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

ARIZONA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS AND OTHER STD RATES (PER 100,000)

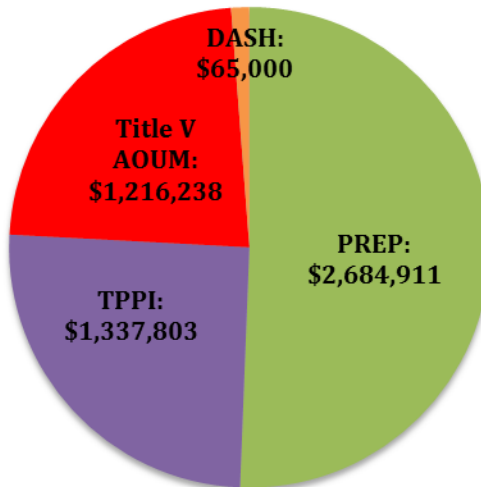


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN ARIZONA: TOTAL \$5,303,952

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,216,238

Arizona has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Arizona Department of Health Services sub-grants to four entities: Arizona Youth Partnership, Catholic Charities, National Community Health Partners, and Pima Prevention Partnership. The state match is provided through revenue from the Arizona lottery.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,337,803

Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

Arizona has two Tier 2 grantees: 1) Maricopa County Department of Public Health and 2) Family Health Partnerships and Touchstone Behavioral Health clinics in Mesa and Phoenix. Maricopa County focuses on reducing rates of school failure, suspension, and teen pregnancy for young people ages 12–17. Touchstone serves Maryvale Latino youth ages 13-18 through schools, community centers, and faith-based organizations.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$65,000

Funds state and local education agencies to help districts implement exemplary sexual health education (ESHE), increase access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establish safe and supportive environments (SSE) for students and staff; funds HIV/STD prevention efforts for young men who have sex with men (YMSM); supports state education and health agencies' surveillance efforts.

The Arizona Department of Education receives DASH funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,684,911

Funds for states (PREP), local entities (PREIS), community/faith-based organizations (CPREP), and tribes (TPREP) to implement evidence-informed or innovative teen pregnancy- and HIV/STD-prevention, and adulthood preparation programs for young people.

The Arizona Department of Health Services awarded funding to eight local entities to implement programming to young people ages 12–19 in the Greater Phoenix area, the Greater Tucson area, and select areas in Pinal and Santa Cruz counties. Funding supports the implementation of evidence-based programs in school- and community-based settings. There are two PREIS grantees in Arizona: Child & Family Resources, Inc., in Pima County and Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services in Tucson. Arizona also has one TPREP grantee: the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

For more background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, see the FY 2013 Arizona State Profile at siecus.org/Arizona2013.