



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Alaska in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

Alaska does not have a state law that governs sexuality education. The [Department of Education](#) does not endorse specific curricula, but provides up-to-date materials and research-based programs so schools can choose what best serves their student population. The [Content and Performance Standards for Alaska Students](#) provides minimum standards for “Skills for a Healthy Life.” Alaska neither requires parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education nor does it dictate whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALASKA

↓ Among Alaska high school students in 2011, 37% of females and 39% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, lower than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

↓ Among Alaska high school students in 2011, 26% of females and 24% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **lower than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

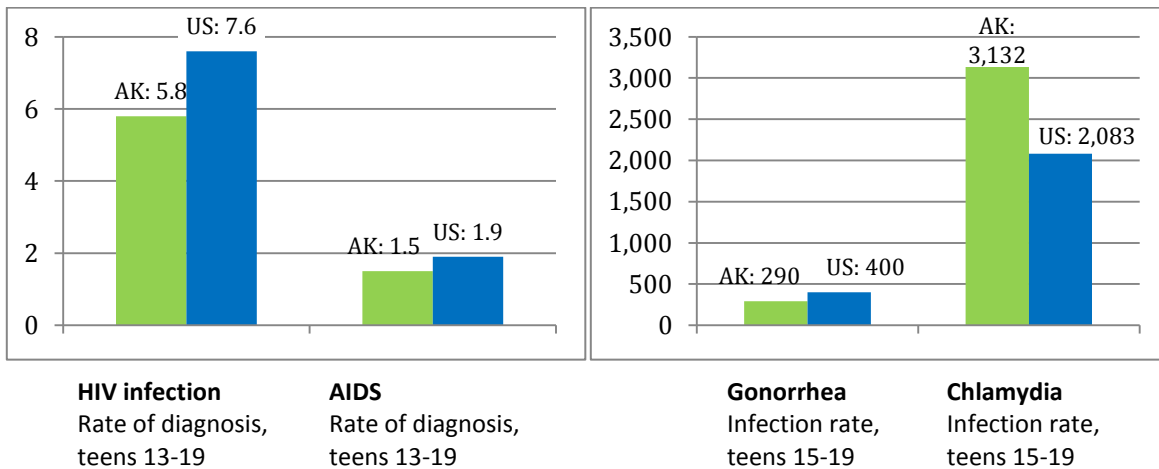
ALASKA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

↑ Alaska’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 69 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

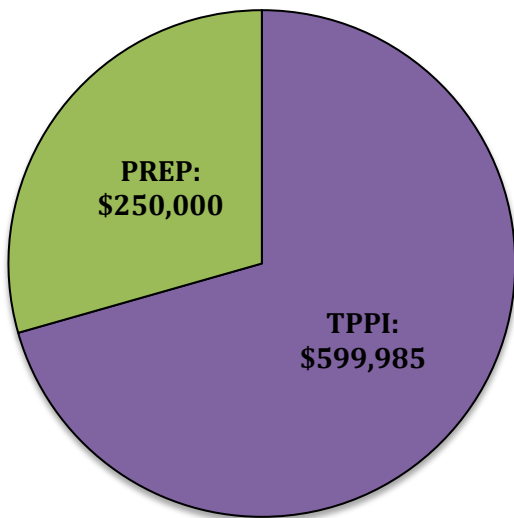
↑ Alaska’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 36 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

↓ Alaska’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 15 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

ALASKA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)



FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN ALASKA: TOTAL \$849,985



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$599,985
Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

The Section of Women’s, Children’s and Family Health of the Division of Public Health in the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services administers Alaska’s Tier 2 grant. The program serves young people ages 13–19 in five communities throughout Alaska including young people in the juvenile justice system, in foster care, in behavioral residential care facilities or transitional housing, in alternative high schools, or Alaskan Native youth in rural areas. The program plans to serve approximately 225 young people each year.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$250,000
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 Alaska Department of Health and Social Services partners with the Department of Education and Early Development to target 7th – 9th graders in areas with a high rate of teen births, such as the Lower Kuskokwim School District, Northwest Arctic Borough School District and the North Slope Borough School District, though all schools in Alaska with an identified need can participate.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Alaska State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Alaska2012