


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) 2012 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 SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARIZONA


 Among Arizona high school students in 2011, 44% of females and 50% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher for males than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Arizona high school students in 2011, 31% of females and 36% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher for males than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

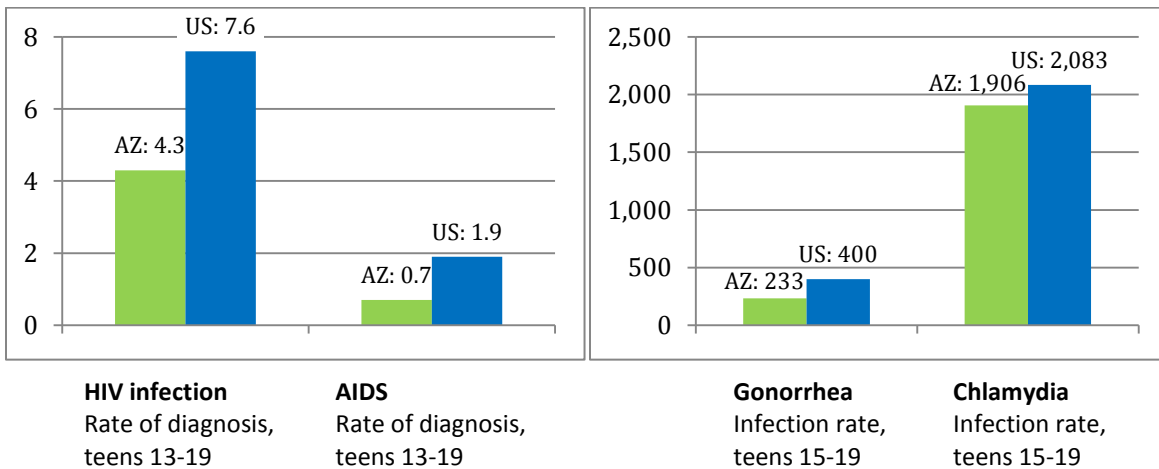
ARIZONA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Arizona’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 82 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Arizona’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 39 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Arizona’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.

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

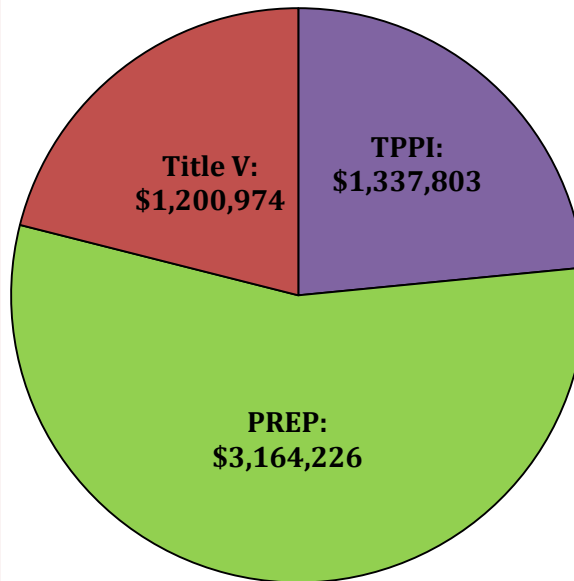


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN ARIZONA: TOTAL \$5,703,003

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,200,974

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 state 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: Maricopa County Department of Public Health, 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 youth ages 12-17. Touchstone serves Maryvale Latino youth ages 13-18 through schools, community centers, and faith-based organizations.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$3,164,226

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 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 Arizona State Profile available at

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