






ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Kentucky 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

There is no state law in Kentucky regarding sex education; however, all Kentucky schools follow the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. The Kentucky Core Academic Standards contain content formerly in the Kentucky Department of Education's Program of Studies, which required instruction for students in grades 6–12. Students learn “how decision-making relates to responsible sexual behavior (e.g., abstinence, preventing pregnancy, preventing HIV/[sexually transmitted diseases] STDs), and impacts the physical, mental and social well being of an individual.” Students also learn about the basic reproductive system and functions. No specific curriculum is required. Kentucky does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education, nor does it say whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

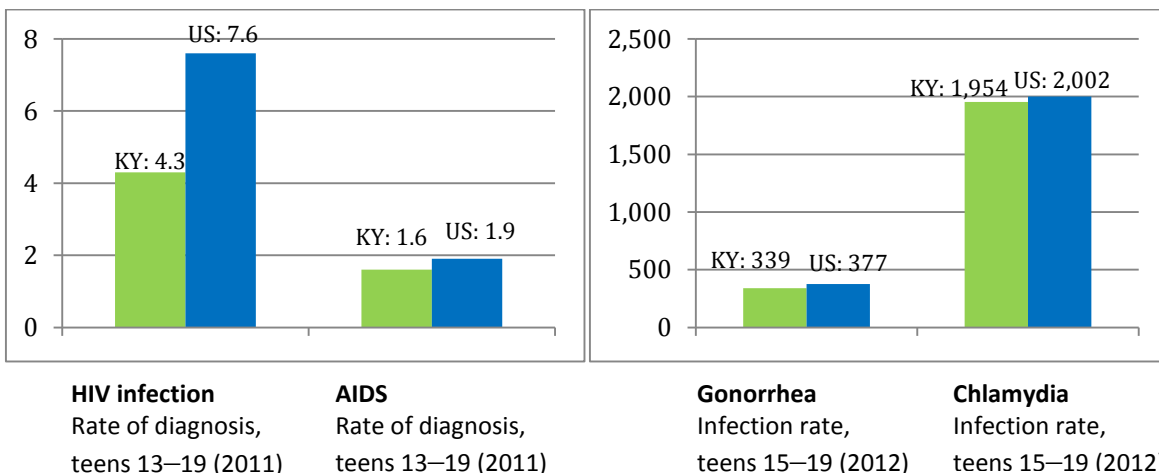
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN KENTUCKY

-  Among Kentucky high school students in 2013, 43% of females and 46% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
-  Among Kentucky high school students in 2013, 32% 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.
-  Among Kentucky high school students in 2013, 12% of females and 8% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, higher for males than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

KENTUCKY TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH AND ABORTION RATES

-  In 2010, Kentucky's **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 62 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2012, Kentucky's **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 42 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2010, Kentucky's **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 6 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

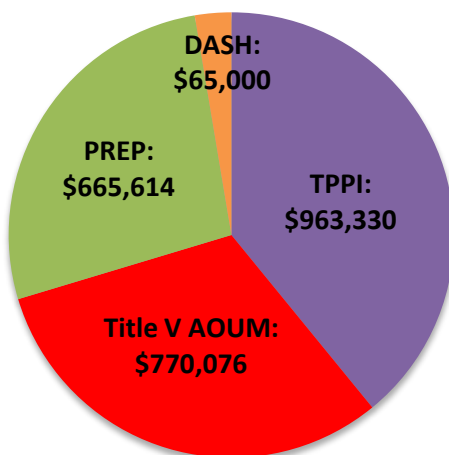


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN KENTUCKY: TOTAL \$2,464,020

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



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$963,330

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

There is one Tier 2 Innovative Approaches grantee in Kentucky, the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc., which targets at-risk young people ages 14–19, such as immigrants, refugees, youth in foster care, youth from low-income neighborhoods, and youth from areas with high rates of teen pregnancy.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$665,614

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 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Families provides sub-grants to 22 local health departments in 47 counties across the state to implement evidence-based programs for young people ages 12–18 in public schools.

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$770,076

Kentucky 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 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services provides Title V AOUM sub-grants to 29 local public and private entities. The sub-grantees implement abstinence-only programs in schools statewide and are required to provide foster-parent education in their locations. The match is provided through a combination of in-kind funds from sub-grantees and the Department for Public Health/Division of Women's Health and state general funds.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, see the FY 2013 Kentucky State Profile at siecus.org/Kentucky2013.