



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) 2012 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 Department of Education's [Program of Studies](#), which says through personal and physical health education, students learn "how decision-making relates to responsible sexual behavior (e.g., abstinence, preventing pregnancy, preventing HIV/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 SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN KENTUCKY



Among Kentucky high school students in 2011, 52% of females and 52% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.



Among Kentucky high school students in 2011, 41% of females and 35% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

KENTUCKY TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES



Kentucky's teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 71 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

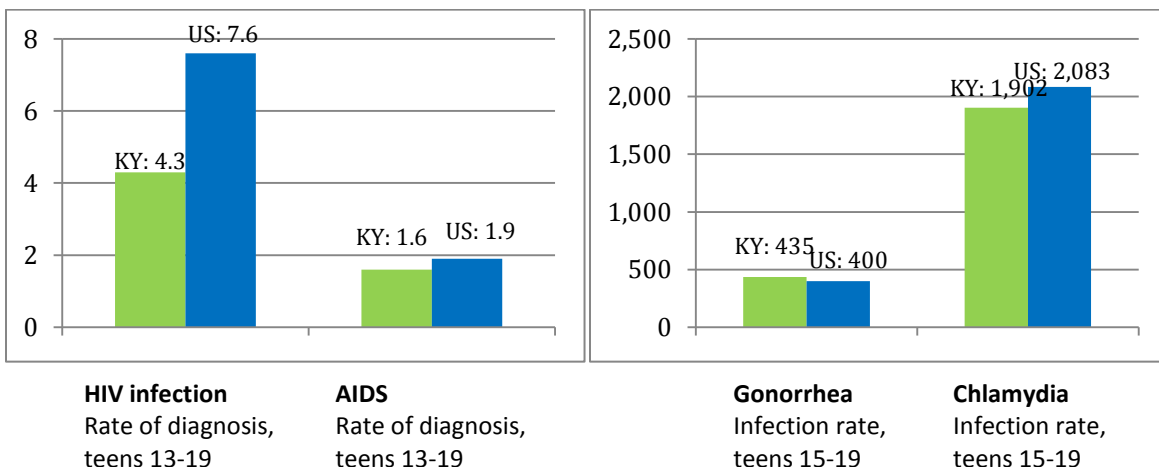


Kentucky's teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 44 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.



Kentucky's teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with seven teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

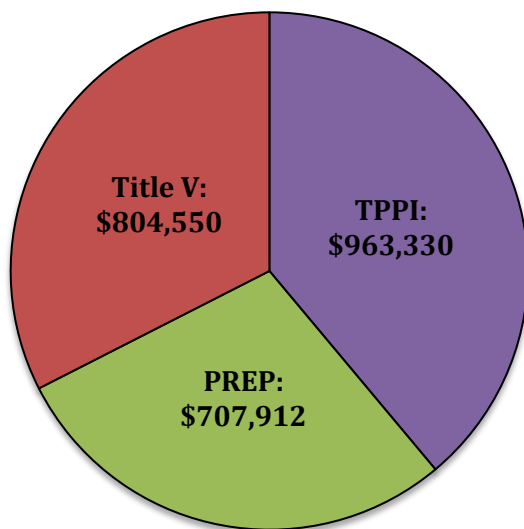


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN KENTUCKY: TOTAL \$2,475,792

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$804,550

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. In Kentucky, 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. The sub-grantees implement abstinence-only programs in schools statewide and are required to provide foster parent education in their locations.



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 youth 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) \$707,912

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 to implement evidence-based programs for young people ages 12-18 in public schools in 47 counties across the state.

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 Kentucky State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Kentucky2012