




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

North Dakota does not mandate sexuality education, nor does it address what can or cannot be taught in sexuality education classes. However, as a result of HB 1229, introduced and passed during the 2011 state legislative session, every school district, both public and nonpublic, was required to expand health education to include abstinence education, if teaching sexuality education as part of the general health curriculum. The alignment of a school district's health curriculum with the 2008 North Dakota Health Content and Achievement Standards is intended to be used as assurance that schools are in compliance with HB 1229. The [North Dakota Health Content and Achievement Standards](#) establish benchmarks for health instruction at all grade levels. The standards address "sexual behavior" beginning in grades seven and eight. North Dakota 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 NORTH DAKOTA

 Among North Dakota high school students in 2011, 46% of females and 43% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, lower for males than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

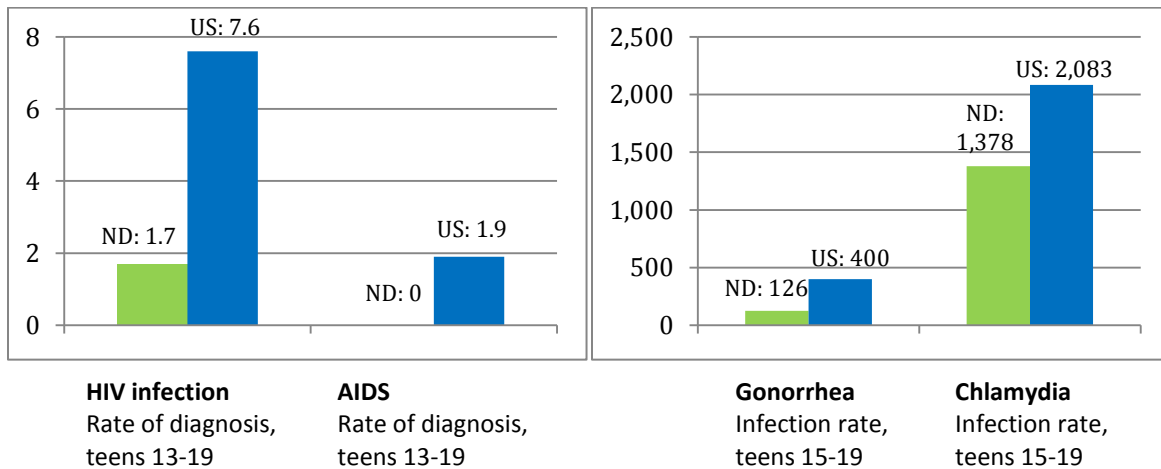
NORTH DAKOTA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 North Dakota's teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 42 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 North Dakota's teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 28 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

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

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



FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NORTH DAKOTA: TOTAL \$826,699

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$826,699

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.

Two local entities in North Dakota received CPREP funds, North Dakota State University and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. North Dakota State University partners with Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota to implement a community based sex education program targeting youth. Planned Parenthood educators run the program, which includes communication skills, goal setting, healthy relationships, abstinence, anatomy, birth control, responsible decision-making, sexual violence, and information on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians also receives Tribal PREP funds, though additional information was not available at the time of publication.

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 North Dakota State Profile available at www.siecus.org/NorthDakota2012