




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE


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

Ohio does not require schools to teach sexuality education. However, the board of education of each school district must establish a health curriculum for “all schools under their control.” The health education curriculum must include “[v]enereal disease education,” which must emphasize that, “abstinence from sexual activity is the only protection that is one hundred per cent [sic] effective against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and the sexual transmission of a virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.” Upon written request of a parent or guardian, a student may be excused from taking any or all of this instruction. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy. For more information, see [Ohio Revised Code Sections 3313.60](#) and [3313.6011](#).


REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OHIO


 Among Ohio high school students in 2013, 47% of females and 39% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, similar to the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

 Among Ohio high school students in 2013, 35% of females and 27% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower for males and similar for females to the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.

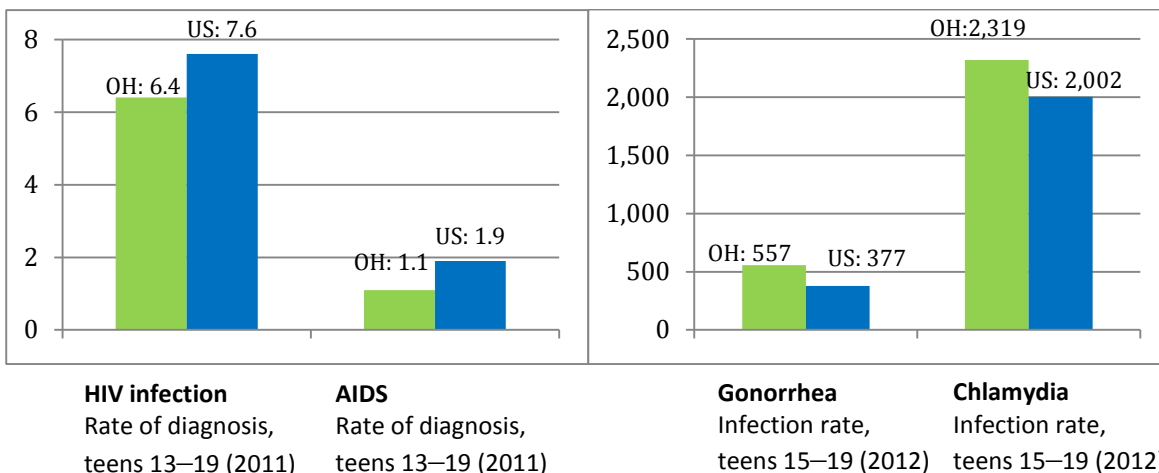
OHIO TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

 In 2010, Ohio’s **teen pregnancy rate was lower than the national average**, with 54 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2012, Ohio’s **teen birth rate was similar to the national average**, with 29 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2010, Ohio’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 12 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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



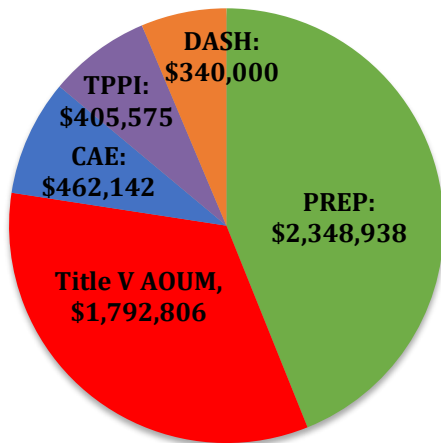
FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN OHIO: TOTAL \$5,349,461

Title V AOUM Program (Title V)

\$1,792,806

Ohio has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Ohio Department of Health implements the state Title V AOUM program in collaboration with The RIDGE Project, Inc., which provides the match. Funding targets middle-school-aged young people in the counties with the highest teen birth rates, using school-based settings in 32 Appalachian and eight urban counties across the state.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$405,575

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

The Young Women's Christian Association of Hamilton, Ohio, (YWCA Hamilton) is a Tier 1 grantee, providing sexual health programming to young women and girls ages 16–19 in the Butler County area. The YWCA of Hamilton, Ohio, partners with Miami University Hamilton's Department of Nursing, which provides third-year nursing students who act as "peer educators."

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$340,000

Funds state and local education agencies to help districts implement exemplary sexual health education (ESHE), increase access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establish 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 Cleveland Municipal School District receives ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding. Both the Cleveland Municipal School District and the Ohio Department of Health receive funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,348,938

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 Ohio PREP state-grant program is managed through a partnership between the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and Ohio Department of Youth Services. Ohio PREP sub-grants funding to eight local public and private entities serving young people ages 15–19 in foster care and the juvenile justice system.

Competitive Abstinence Education (CAE) \$462,142

Funds for community- and faith-based organizations to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

The Alliance for Healthy Youth received CAE funding in FY 2013.

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 Ohio State Profile at siecus.org/Ohio2013.