




## 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) 2012 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 SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OHIO

 Among Ohio high school students in 2011, 4% of females and 8% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse before age 13, higher for females than the reported national average** of 3% of females and 9% of males.

 Among Ohio high school students in 2011, 43% of females and 40% 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.

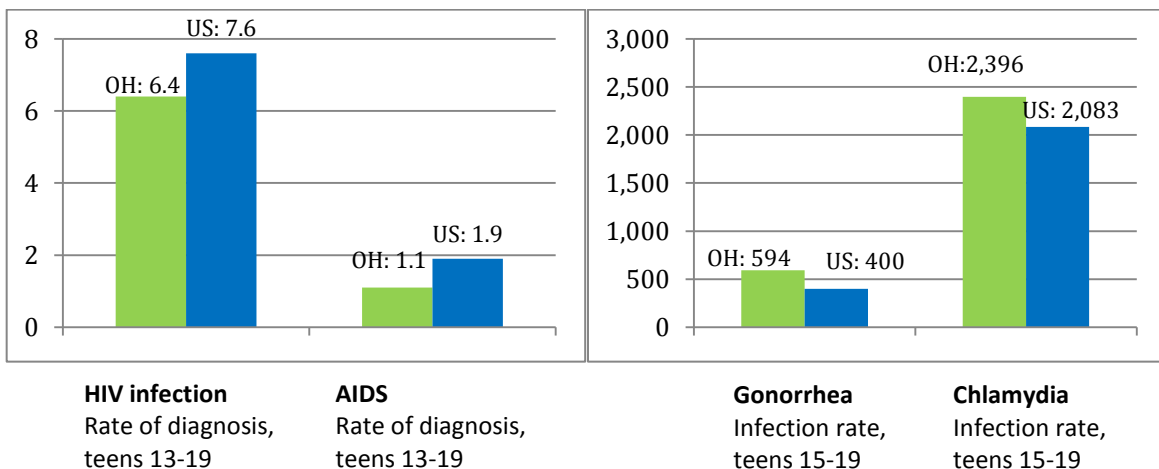
### OHIO TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Ohio’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 62 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Ohio’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 32 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Ohio’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 14 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

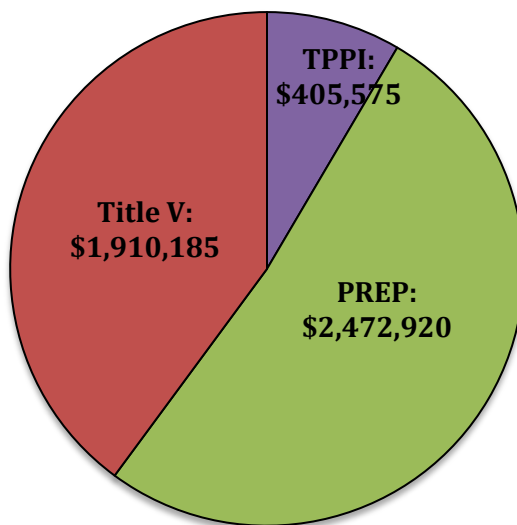


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN OHIO: TOTAL \$4,788,680**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,910,185**

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. Funding targets middle school-aged youth in the counties with the highest teen birth rates in school-based settings in 32 Appalachian and eight urban counties across the state. The RIDGE Project provides the match.



**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 in Ohio, 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 to act as “peer educators.”

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,472,920**

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, the Ohio Department of Youth Services, and the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family 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.

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 Ohio State Profile available at

[www.siecus.org/Ohio2012](http://www.siecus.org/Ohio2012)