



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE


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

Schools in South Carolina [are required](#) to provide sexually transmitted disease (STD) education beginning in grade six and must receive reproductive health education and pregnancy prevention education at least one time over the course of grades nine through twelve. Schools are not required to teach about HIV or AIDS. The state does not require or suggest a specific curriculum; however, the [South Carolina Health and Safety Education Curriculum Standards](#) cover sexuality education. Each local school board must develop an advisory committee in the development of its sexuality education curriculum. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education classes (“opt-out”).


### REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA


 Among South Carolina high school students in 2011, 52% of females and 61% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among South Carolina high school students in 2011, 39% of females and 45% 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.

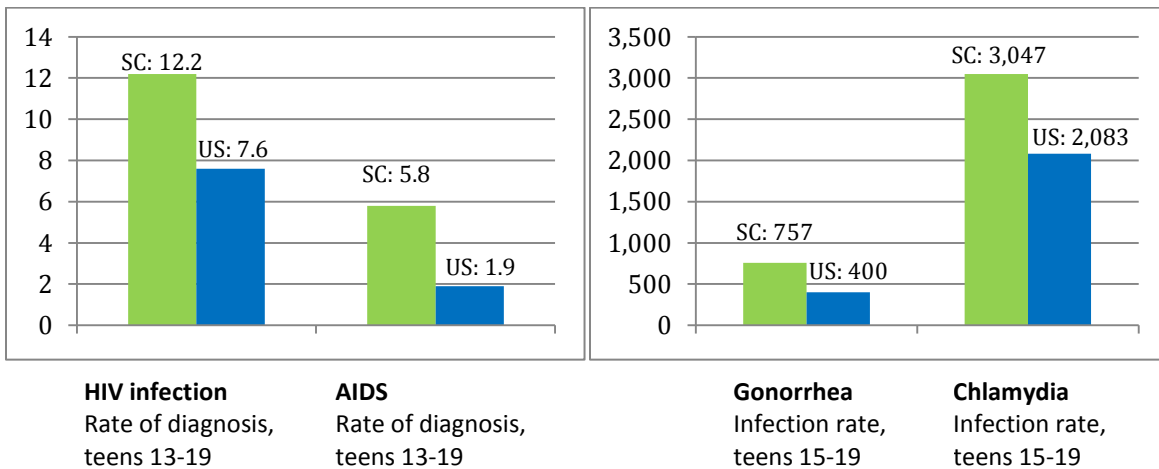
### SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 South Carolina’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 76 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 South Carolina’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 39 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 South Carolina’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.

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

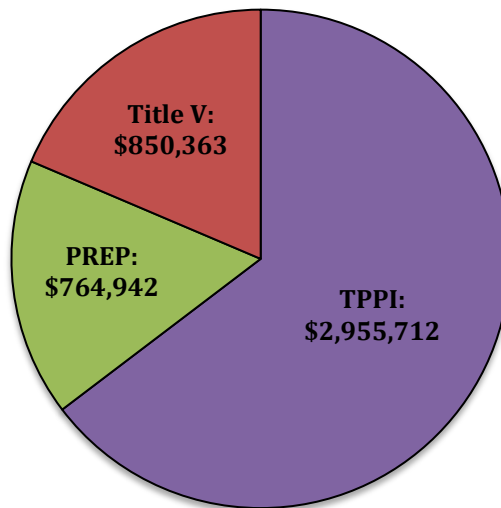


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN SOUTH CAROLINA: TOTAL \$4,571,017**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$850,363**

South Carolina 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 South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control implements the state Title V AOUM program through two sub-grantees, Heritage Community Services and South Carolina Parents Involved in Education. The state program targets young people ages 10–19 in both community-based and school-based settings in Charleston, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Greenville, Lexington, Marlboro, Oconee, Richland, and Sumter. The two sub-grantees provide the match through in-kind funds.



**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$2,955,712**

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

There is one Tier 1 grantee in South Carolina, South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, which partners with 24 middle schools across the state, providing training and technical assistance to education administrators and teachers, to decrease the number of adolescent girls in South Carolina who become pregnant before graduating from high school and increase the number of middle schools in the state that institutionalize the provision of an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program. The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy also receives Tier 2 Communitywide Initiative funding to implement evidence-based, teen pregnancy-prevention programs in Horry and Spartanburg counties.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$764,942**

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 South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) implements the state’s PREP grant in partnership with 13 local sub-grantees, serving middle school and high school students, specifically targeting youth transitioning out of the foster care and/or juvenile justice system in communities with the highest teen pregnancy rates in 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 South Carolina State Profile available at [www.siecus.org/SouthCarolina2012](http://www.siecus.org/SouthCarolina2012)