

State Profile U.S. Virgin Islands

ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in U.S. Virgin Islands in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, including sexuality education laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

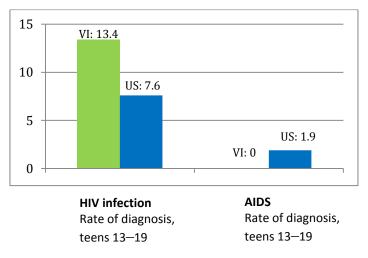
The <u>U.S. Virgin Islands requires sex education</u>, including AIDS-prevention education, to be a component of the health curriculum taught to students in grades K–12.

REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

The U.S. Virgin Islands did not participate in the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS TEEN BIRTH RATE

In 2010, the U.S. Virgin Islands' teen birth rate was higher than the U.S. national average, with 51 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 34 teens per 1,000 nationwide.



U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS' YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS RATES (PER 100,000)

FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS: TOTAL \$250,000

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$250,000

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.

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The Department of Human Services administers the PREP state-grant program for the U.S. Virgin Islands in collaboration with the Department of Education. Funding is used to provide school-based programming, targeting middle- and high-school students between the ages 9–19 in public schools on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas.

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 U.S. Virgin Islands State Profile at <u>siecus.org/USVirginIslands2013</u>.

