






ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

West Virginia schools are not required to teach sexuality education, but are required to teach HIV/AIDS-prevention education in grades six through twelve. Each county board must integrate HIV-prevention education into health courses and may also include it in “science, social studies and developmental guidance” courses in order to “assure total understanding of the disease and its consequences.” Educators conducting classroom instruction about HIV/AIDS must be qualified professionals who participate in staff development to ensure they teach current AIDS information. Parents or guardians may remove their children from any part of this instruction (“opt-out”). For more information, see [West Virginia Code §18-2-9](#), [West Virginia Board of Education Policies 2422.4](#), [2520.5](#), and [21st Century Health Education 5-12 Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools](#).

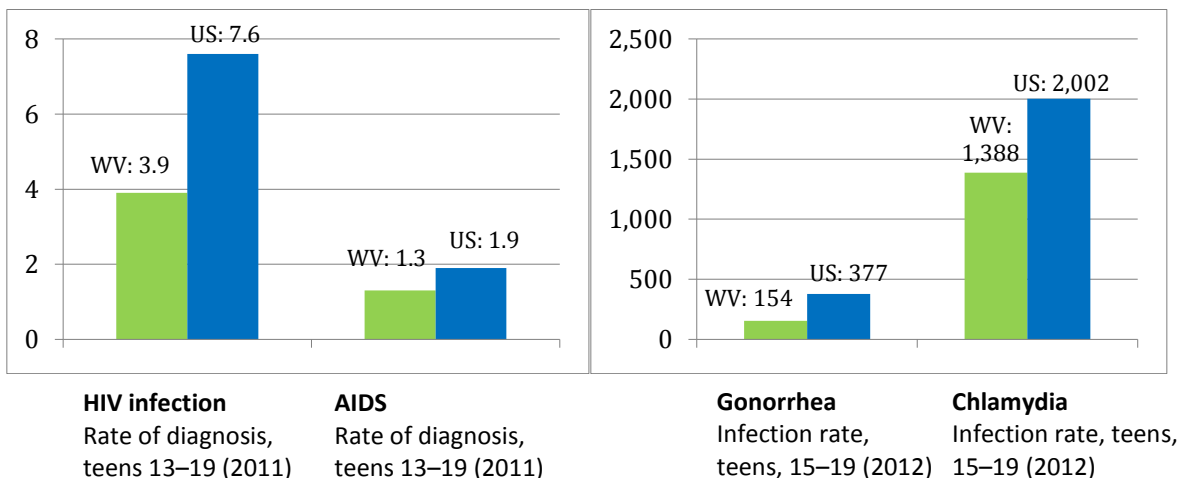
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST VIRGINIA

-  Among West Virginia high school students in 2013, 52% of females and 55% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, higher than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
-  Among West Virginia high school students in 2013, 40% 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 35% of females and 33% of males.
-  Among West Virginia high school students in 2013, 14% of females and 8% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, higher than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

WEST VIRGINIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

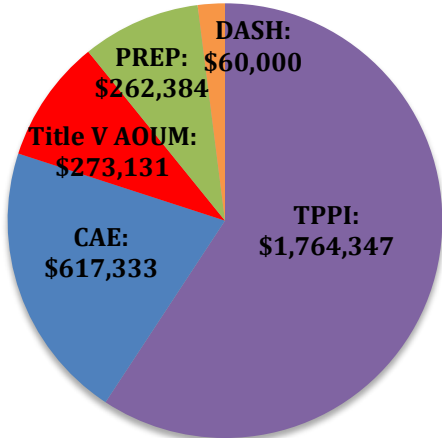
-  In 2010, West Virginia’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 64 pregnancies per 1,000 teens, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2012, West Virginia’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 44 births per 1,000 teens, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2010, West Virginia’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 9 abortions per 1,000 teens, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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



FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN WEST VIRGINIA: TOTAL \$2,977,195

Competitive Abstinence Education \$617,333
Funds for community- and faith-based organizations to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.
 Mission West Virginia, Inc. ,received CAE funding in FY 2013.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,764,347
Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.
 There are two TPPI Tier 1 grantees in West Virginia: the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia, Inc., and Mission West Virginia, Inc. The Children’s Home Society program targets middle- and high-school students in grades 6–10 who are living in Charleston, Martinsburg, and Parkersburg counties. Mission West Virginia partners with 41 schools to provide programming to young people ages 12–19.

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$273,131
West Virginia 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 Department of Health and Human Resources provides Title V AOUM funding to local public and private entities to serve young people ages 12–20 in both school- and community-based settings, and provides additional program resources to parents, young adults, and community members. Sub-grantees contribute the majority of the match, and the rest is provided through available state funds.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$262,384
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 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources implements the state PREP grant program providing funding to five local community-based organizations to implement comprehensive pregnancy prevention programs to young people ages 12–19. Sub-grantees are targeting African American students, homeless youth, juvenile offenders, and youth in foster care.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$60,000
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 West Virginia Department of Education receives DASH funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health

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 West Virginia State Profile at siecus.org/WestVirginia2013.