






ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

Alaska does not have a state law that governs sexuality education. The [Department of Education and Early Development](#) does not endorse specific curricula, but provides up-to-date materials and research-based programs so schools can choose what best serves their student population. The [Content and Performance Standards for Alaska Students](#) provides minimum standards for “Skills for a Healthy Life.” Alaska does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education nor does it dictate whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

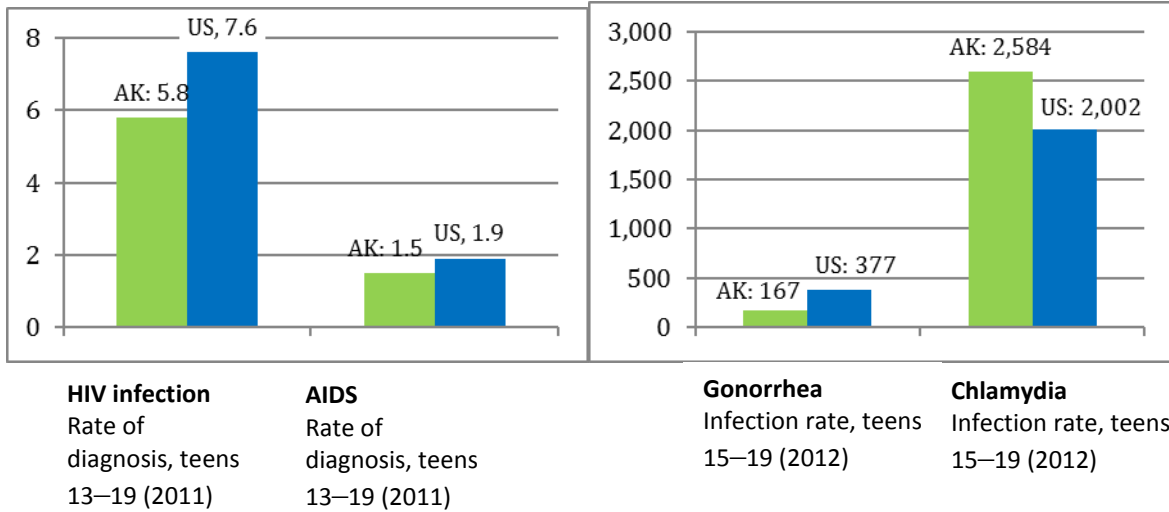
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALASKA

-  Among Alaska high school students in 2013, 40% of females and 38% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
-  Among Alaska high school students in 2013, 27% of females and 22% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower than the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.
-  Among Alaska high school students in 2013, 11% of females and 6% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, lower than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

ALASKA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

-  In 2010, Alaska’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 64 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2012, Alaska’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 35 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2010, Alaska’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 17 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

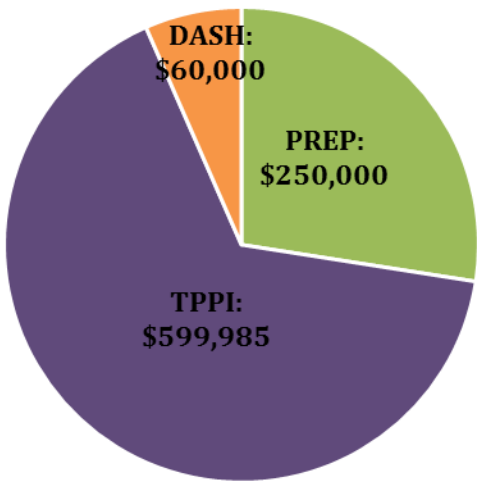
ALASKA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS AND OTHER STD RATES (PER 100,000)



FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN ALASKA: TOTAL \$909,985

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$599,985
Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

The Section of Women’s, Children’s and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services administers Alaska’s Tier 2 grant. The program serves young people ages 13–19 in five communities throughout Alaska, including young people in the juvenile justice system, foster care, behavioral residential care facilities or transitional housing, alternative high schools, and Alaskan Native youth in rural areas. The program plans to serve approximately 225 young people each year.



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 Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is funded through DASH to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

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.

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services partners with the Department of Education and Early Development to target students in grade 7–10 in areas with a high rate of teen births, such as the Lower Kuskokwim, North Slope Borough, and Northwest Arctic Borough school districts, though all schools in Alaska with an identified need can participate.

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 Alaska State Profile at siecus.org/Alaska2013.