



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[Delaware requires sexuality education](#) as part of health education for grades K–12. This education must be coordinated by an employee in each school district and overseen by a District Consolidated Application Planning Committee. Sexuality education must include an “HIV-prevention program that stresses the benefits of abstinence from high-risk behaviors.” Sexuality education courses must also follow the [Delaware Health Education Curriculum](#). Delaware also has a [policy on responding to teen dating violence and sexual assault](#), requiring school districts and charter schools to include guidelines on mandatory reporting and confidentiality, a protocol for responding to incidents of teen dating violence and sexual assault, and training on the issue. School districts and charter schools are required to include comprehensive healthy relationships programming as part of health classes at a set minimum number of hours per grade. Delaware does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education nor does it say whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

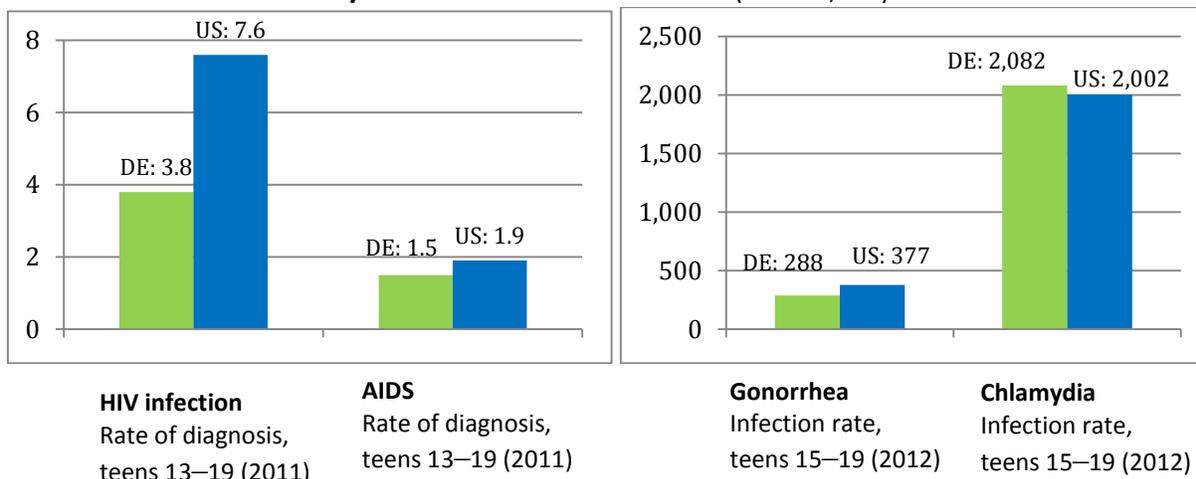
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DELAWARE

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 Among Delaware high school students in 2013, 46% of females and 51% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, higher for males than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
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 Among Delaware high school students in 2013, 34% of females and 34% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), higher for males than the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.
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 Among Delaware high school students in 2013, 11% of females and 7% 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.

DELAWARE TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

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 In 2010, Delaware’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 67 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
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 In 2012, Delaware’s **teen birth rate was equal to the national average**, with 25 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
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 In 2010, Delaware’s **teen abortion rate was higher than the national average**, with 28 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

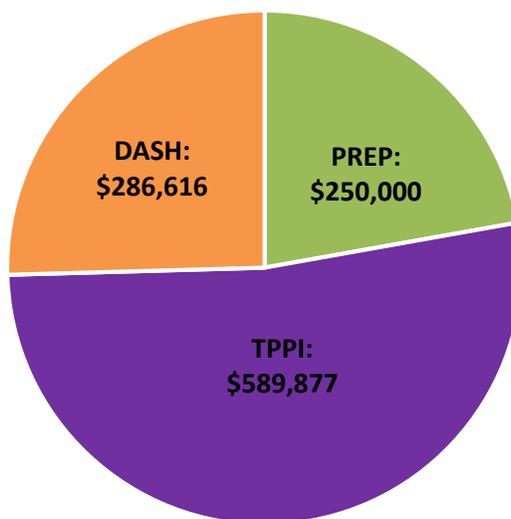


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN DELAWARE: TOTAL \$1,126,493

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$286,616

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 Delaware Department of Education receives ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding. Additionally, the Department of Health and Social Services is funded 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 Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health works in collaboration with its PREP sub-grantee, the Planned Parenthood of Delaware, to provide school- and community-based programming across the state, targeting the most at-risk populations.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$589,877

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

The West End Neighborhood House, Inc. is the only Tier 1 grantee in Delaware. West End’s TPPI-funded program targets students in grades 5–8 who attend low-income and/or low-performing schools and reside largely in the west side of Wilmington, which historically has had high rates of teen pregnancy, school drop-outs, and juvenile crime.

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 Delaware State Profile at siecus.org/Delaware2013.