



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[District of Columbia regulations](#) state that public schools must provide comprehensive health education, including instruction on human sexuality and reproduction. The instruction must be age-appropriate and taught in grades pre-K–12. The superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools is charged with ensuring that sexuality education is taught in schools and that students achieve a minimum proficiency in this area. The superintendent must provide systematic teacher training and staff-development activities for health and physical education instructors. Parents or guardians may remove their children from sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

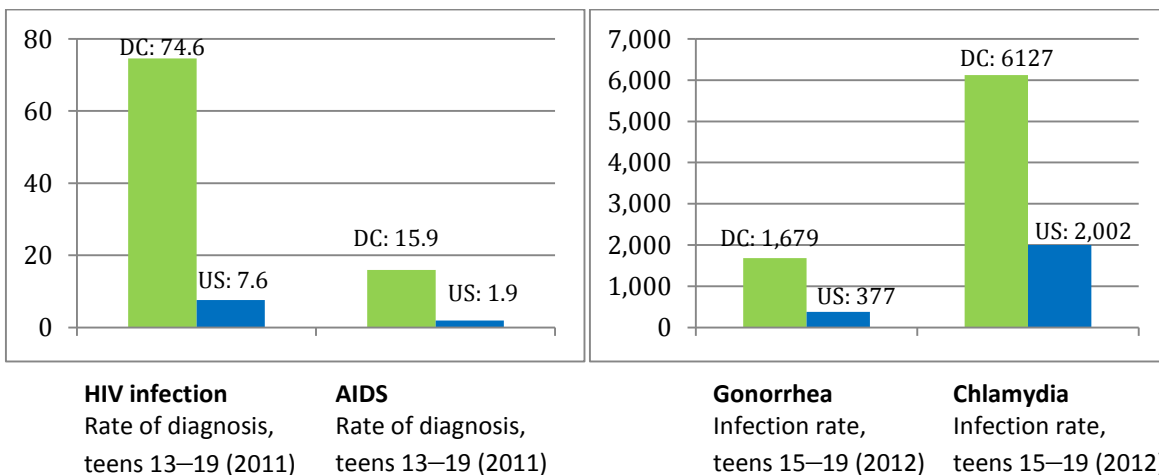
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- ↑ Among District of Columbia high school students in 2013, 47% of females and 62% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, higher than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
- ↑ Among District of Columbia high school students in 2013, 32% of females and 42% 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.
- ↑ Among District of Columbia high school students in 2013, 15% of females and 8% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, higher for males than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

- ↑ In 2010, the District of Columbia’s **teen pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 90 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
- ↑ In 2012, the District of Columbia’s **teen birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 39 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
- ↑ In 2010, the District of Columbia’s **teen abortion rate is higher than the national average**, with 32 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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



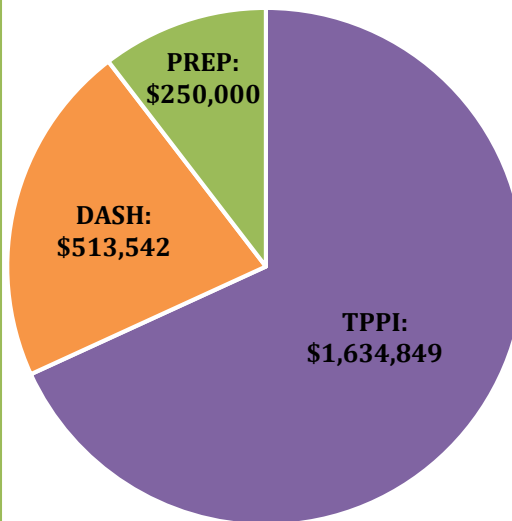
FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: TOTAL \$2,398,391

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 Office of the State Superintendent of Education sub-grants PREP funds to five entities in the District of Columbia: to implement programs in school and community-based settings. These entities are: Athletes United for Social Justice, Inc.; Children's National Medical Center; the Latin American Youth Center; Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington; and the Street Wise Foundation. The programs serve young people ages 11–19. Specific focus is placed on wards 1, 5, 7, and 8, and populations that are at high-risk or vulnerable to pregnancies, with a specific focus on youth who are African American, Latino, and LGBTQ, as well as low-income, male, and pregnant and parenting teens.

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 District of Columbia State Profile at siecus.org/DC2013.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,634,849

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

Sasha Bruce Youthwork is the TPPI Tier 1 grantee in the District of Columbia serving students at Ballou Senior High School through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, an academic-enrichment program offered during non-school hours to students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

The Tier 2 grantee in the District of Columbia, the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, aims to delay sexual initiation, increase contraceptive use, and prevent teen pregnancy among Latino high-school students in the Washington, DC metro area.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$513,542

Funds state and local education agencies to help districts implement exemplary sexual health education (ESHE), increase access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establishing 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.

Both District of Columbia Public Schools and the District of Columbia Office of the Superintendent of Education (OSSE) receive ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding. The DC OSSE also receives funding to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.



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