



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Idaho in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Idaho state statute](#) says that the “primary responsibility of family life and sex education” rests with a student’s home and church “and the schools can only complement and supplement those standards which are established in the family.” Local school boards may decide to offer sexuality education, and if a school board decides to institute sexuality education, the program must place “major emphasis” on the home. The statute states that program should give youth “the scientific, psychological information for understanding sex and its relation to the miracle of life.” It must also include “knowledge of the power of the sex drive and the necessity of controlling that drive by self-discipline.” Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN IDAHO



Among Idaho high school students in 2011, 39% of females and 41% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, lower than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males. *Idaho did not participate in the full 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).*

IDAHO TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES



Idaho’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 57 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

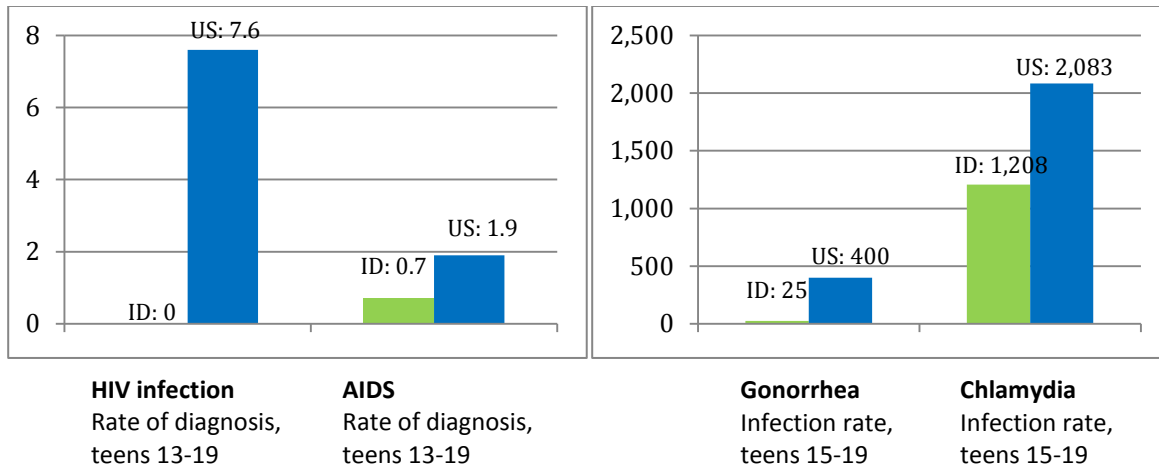


Idaho’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 28 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.



Idaho’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 8 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

IDAHO'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)



FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN IDAHO: TOTAL \$282,907

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$282,907

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 Idaho Department of Health and Welfare administers the state’s PREP grant in collaboration with seven sub-grantees. The PREP funds are used to expand upon the state’s pregnancy prevention efforts through their TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, which supports the majority of pregnancy prevention efforts in Idaho. Programming takes place in both school and community-based settings, targeting students in grades 7-12, and specifically, Latino youth ages 13-18. The PREP state grant requires programming to address the following adulthood preparation subjects: adolescent development, healthy relationships, and parent-child communication. Sub-grantees are providing programming in Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Canyon, Elmore, Gooding, Jefferson, Lewis, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Twin Falls, and Valley counties.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Idaho State Profile available at

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