



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[Louisiana does not require](#) schools to offer sexuality or sexually transmitted disease (STD)/HIV education, but schools are permitted to offer it after grade six. According to the [Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators](#), students must be taught “the principal modes by which communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, HIV infection, are spread and the best methods for the restriction and prevention of these diseases.” Classes may not include “any sexually explicit materials depicting male or female homosexual activity.” They also may not in “any way counsel or advocate abortion” and must emphasize abstinence. In addition, Louisiana now requires that adoption awareness be included in any health education or appropriate class. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana did not participate in the full 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.



In 2011 in Louisiana, **fewer high school students reported having been taught about HIV/AIDS** (75%) than the nationwide average (84%).



Among Louisiana high school students in 2013, 16% of females and 13% 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.

LOUISIANA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES



In 2010, Louisiana’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 69 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

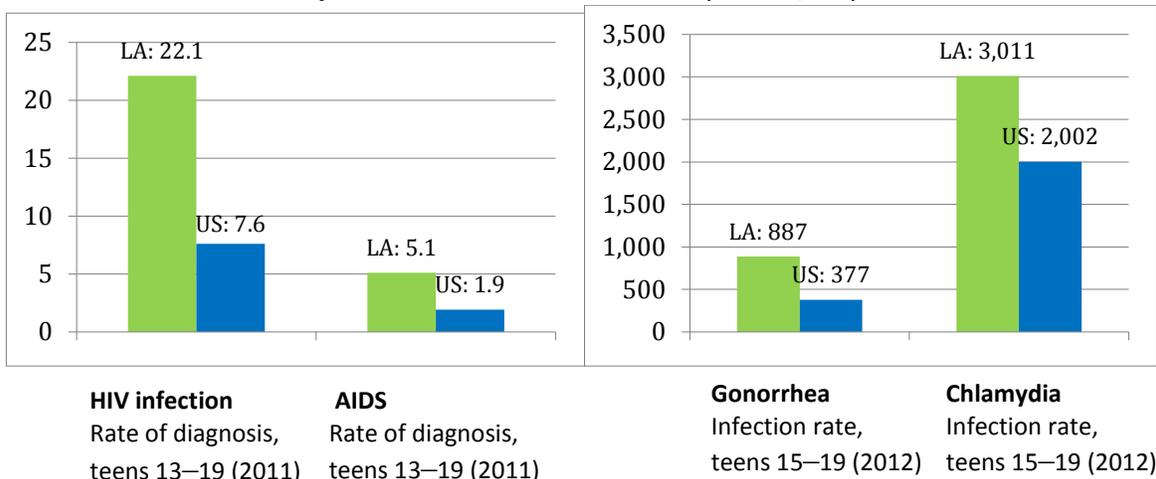


In 2012, Louisiana’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 43 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.



In 2010, Louisiana’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 10 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

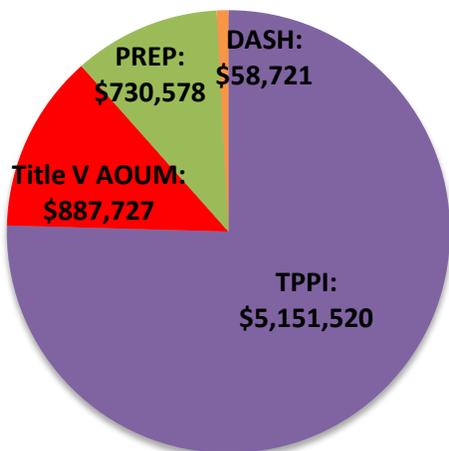


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN LOUISIANA: TOTAL \$6,828,546

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$887,727

Louisiana 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 Office of Louisiana Youth for Excellence within the Office of the Governor implements its Title V AOUM funds, matching the funding through in-kind funds. The program targets young people in grades 7–12 across the state in both school- and community-based settings.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$5,151,520

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

There are four Tier 1 grantees in Louisiana: Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center Foundation; Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies; Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health; and Louisiana Public Health Institute. There is also one Tier 2 grantee in Louisiana, Tulane University, working with African-American young women ages 18–19 in New Orleans.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$58,721

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 Louisiana Department of Education receives DASH funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$730,578

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 Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program provides eight PREP sub-grants to local public and private entities to provide community-based programming. Funded programs target African American young people in and around the cities of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, and Shreveport.

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 Louisiana State Profile at siecus.org/Louisiana2013.