



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[Nebraska law](#) does not require sexuality education, nor does it limit or prescribe what can be taught in such classes or recommend a specific curriculum. However, in its [Nebraska Health Education Frameworks](#), the Nebraska State Board of Education supports “an abstinence approach to risk behaviors associated with . . . sexual activity” and declares that all “state monies shall be dedicated to abstinence programs.” The state board of education also adopted specific abstinence guidelines to be used in any school unit involving family life or sexuality education. Nebraska state law 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; however, the board of education does recommend that school districts “inform parents of intended activities and permit parents to have their children excluded from the activities.”

REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA

↓ Among Nebraska high school students in 2013, 35% of females and 35% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

↓ Among Nebraska high school students in 2013, 25% of females and 26% 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 Nebraska high school students in 2013, 10% of females and 5% 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.

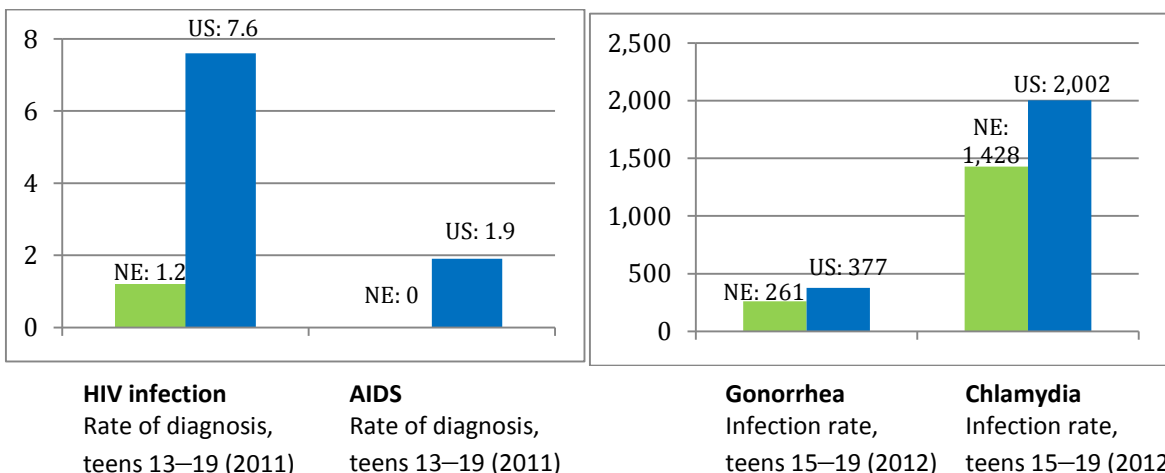
NEBRASKA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

↓ In 2010, Nebraska’s **teen pregnancy rate was lower than the national average**, with 43 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

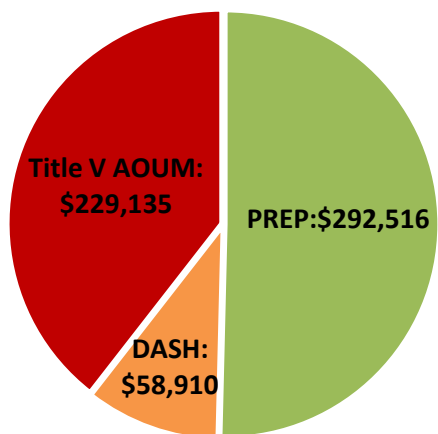
↓ In 2012, Nebraska’s **teen birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 27 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.

↓ In 2010, Nebraska’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 5 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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



FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEBRASKA: TOTAL \$580,561



Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$292,516

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 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ Lifespan Health Services Unit implements Nebraska’s PREP state-grant program in collaboration with six local entities, including community-based organizations, local health departments, and a university health center. Programming targets young people ages 11–18 in Cheyenne, Dawson, Douglas, Hall, Lincoln, Sarpy, and Scottbluff counties. The six sub-grantees include: the Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska; Douglas County Health Department; Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska; Nebraska Children’s Home Society; University of Nebraska–Lincoln, University Health Center; and West Central District Health Department.

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$229,135

Nebraska 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 Nebraska Title V AOUM program provides funding to three local entities: St. Elizabeth Foundation, Garfield-Loup-Wheeler Children’s Council, and Youth for Christ Programs. The sub-grantees serve young people ages 11–18 in Grant, Lancaster, Loup, Platte, and Wheeler counties, providing programming in both school- and community-based settings. The sub-grantees are required to meet the match through in-kind or cash cost sharing.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$58,910

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 Nebraska Department of Education is funded through DASH to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

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 Nebraska State Profile at siecus.org/Nebraska2013.