



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

New Jersey law mandate at least 150 minutes of health education during each school week in grades 1–12. School districts must align their health-education curricula with the New Jersey Department of Education’s [Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education](#). In addition to the *Core Curriculum Content Standards*, the New Jersey Department of Education published the [Comprehensive Health Education and Physical Education Curriculum Framework](#), which includes detailed suggestions for teaching about HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and teen pregnancy prevention. State law also requires that all sexuality education programs and curricula stress abstinence. 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 NEW JERSEY

↓ Among New Jersey high school students in 2013, 40% of females and 38% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

↓ Among New Jersey high school students in 2013, 29% of females and 29% 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.

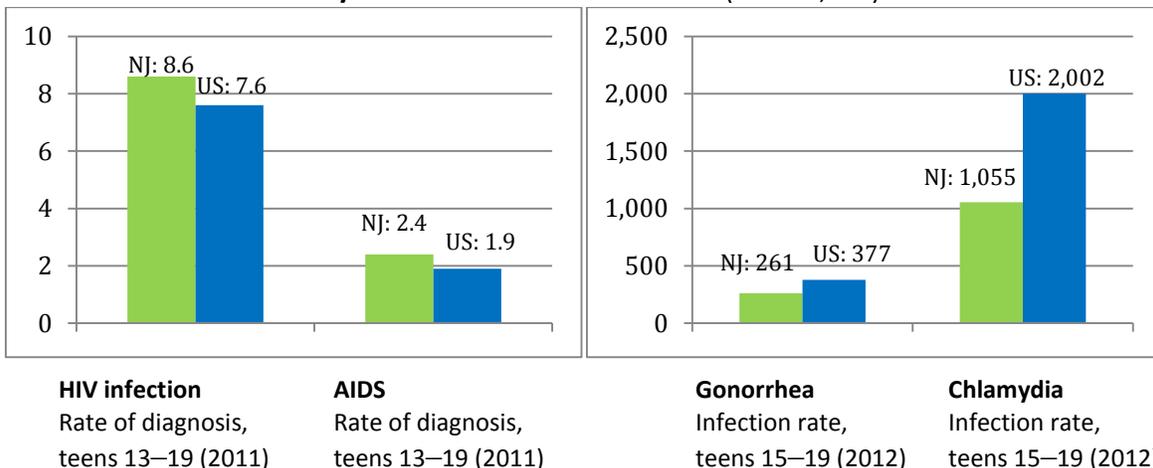
NEW JERSEY TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

↓ In 2010, New Jersey’s **teen pregnancy rate was lower than the national average**, with 51 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

↓ In 2012, New Jersey’s **teen birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 17 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.

↑ In 2010, New Jersey’s **teen abortion rate was higher than the national average**, with 24 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

NEW JERSEY'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS AND OTHER STD RATES (PER 100,000)



FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEW JERSEY: TOTAL \$6,309,273

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$828,250

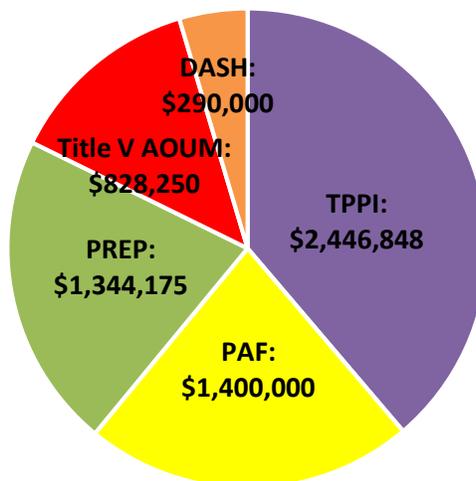
New Jersey has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The New Jersey Department of Health implements the Title V AOUM program in collaboration with four local entities. Funded organizations provide programming to young people ages 10–14 who reside in one of 30 state-identified high-risk municipalities, through both school- and community-based settings. Sub-grantees must choose curricula that meet the federal A–H guidelines, but are also “medically accurate, effective, and non-stigmatizing to LGBTQ youth.”

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$290,000

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 New Jersey Department of Education receives ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding as well as funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$2,446,848

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

There are two TPPI Tier 1 grantees in New Jersey: The Central Jersey Family Health Consortium (formerly the Regional Perinatal Consortium of Monmouth and Ocean County) and South Jersey Healthcare. There is also one Tier 2 grantee in New Jersey; Princeton Center for Leadership Training, which received \$965,522 for FY 2013.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$1,344,175

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 New Jersey PREP state-grant program is implemented by the New Jersey Department of Health with the help of six local sub-grantees. The funded programs serve young people ages 10–19 living in the following municipalities: Atlantic City, Pleasantville, Seabrook, Trenton, and Vineland. The sub-grantees provide school- and community-based programming and address healthy relationships, parent-child communication, and adolescent development to meet the adulthood preparation subject requirement.

Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) \$1,400,000

Funds for a competitive grant program for state and tribal entities to support at least one of four components serving expectant and parenting teens, fathers, and families.

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families receives PAF funding.

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 New Jersey State Profile at siecus.org/NewJersey2013.