



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in New Mexico 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 Mexico mandates that schools must teach a course in health education in either middle or high school. Each school district must “provide instruction about HIV and related issues in the curriculum of the required health education content area to all students in the elementary grades, in the middle/junior high school grades, and in the senior high school grades.” New Mexico offers *Health Education Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards* that include abstinence and reproductive health education beginning in grades three and four. The curriculum also covers strategies for maintaining healthy relationships and resolving harmful behaviors in relationships. It also states that each school district must have a policy allowing parents to “request that their child be exempted from the parts of the health education curriculum that addresses [sic] the sexuality performance standards.” For more information, see [New Mexico Administrative Code §§ 6.12.2.10](#) and [6.29.6.8](#); and [Health Education Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards](#).

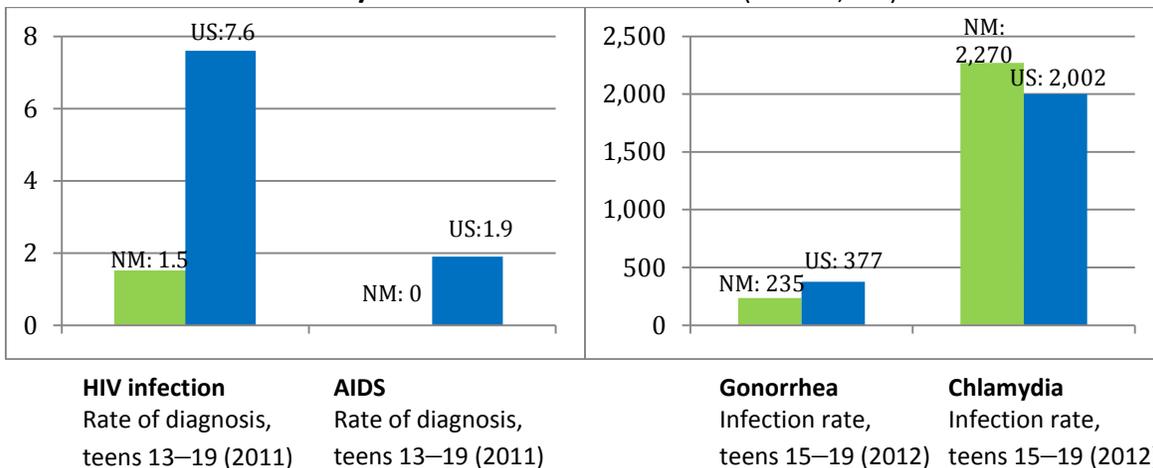
REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW MEXICO

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 Among New Mexico high school students in 2013, 3% of females and 8% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse before age 13**, the same rates as the reported national averages of 3% of females and 8% of males.
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 Among New Mexico high school students in 2013, 28% 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.
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 Among New Mexico high school students in 2013, 11% 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.

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

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 In 2010, New Mexico’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 80 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
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 In 2012, New Mexico’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 48 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.
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 In 2010, New Mexico’s **teen abortion rate was equal to the national average**, with 15 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

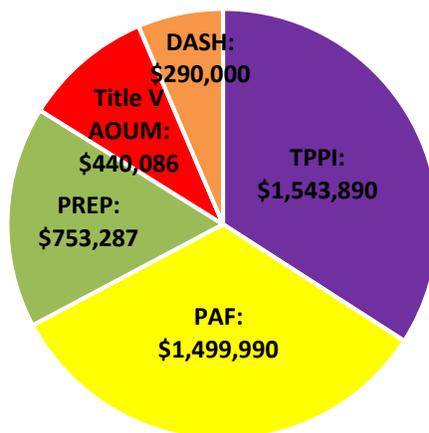


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEW MEXICO: TOTAL \$4,527,253

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$440,086

New Mexico 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 Mexico Department of Health administers the state's Title V AOUM program in collaboration with New Mexico State University and the University's seven sub-contractors. Funds are used in Chavez, Cibola, Curry, Doña Ana, Eddy, Lea, and Luna counties to provide community-based programming. Funded programs target young people ages 12–17 but focus primarily on middle-school-aged students. The match is provided through in-kind services.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,543,890

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

Capacity Builders, Inc. is the Tier-1 grantee in New Mexico, using funds to support its Navajo Youth Builders program, which serves Navajo young people ages 11–19 at seven reservation-based Boys & Girls Clubs.

The National Indian Youth Leadership Project is a Tier-2 grantee implementing a program in rural McKinley County that is designed and culturally appropriate for use with Native American youth ages 12–13.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$753,287

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.

New Mexico Department of Health's Family Planning Program implements the PREP state-grant program with five local sub-grantees. Funded entities serve young people ages 12–18 in both school- and community-based programs in Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, Doña Ana, Luna, San Miguel, Sierra, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia counties. Tewa Women United and the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project receive Tribal PREP funds.

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 Mexico Public Education Department 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.

Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) \$1,499,990

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 Mexico Public Education Department 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 Mexico State Profile available at siecus.org/NewMexico2013.