



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in New York 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 York requires health education for all students in grades K–12, and though its requirements do not specifically mention sexuality education, they include certain topics within sexuality education. Instruction must provide information about HIV/AIDS, including accurate information about the nature of the disease, methods of transmission, and methods of prevention. Instruction must be age-appropriate, consistent with community values, and stress abstinence as the most appropriate and effective premarital protection against AIDS. Local school boards must establish an advisory council to make recommendations on HIV/AIDS instruction and may provide for the distribution of condoms in schools. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”). For more information, see [New York Regulations of the Commissioner of Education § 135.3](#), and [Learning Standards for Health, Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences at Three Levels](#).

REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW YORK

 Among New York high school students in 2013, 35% of females and 41% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

 Among New York high school students in 2013, 27% 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.

 Among New York high school students in 2013, 12% of females and 12% 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.

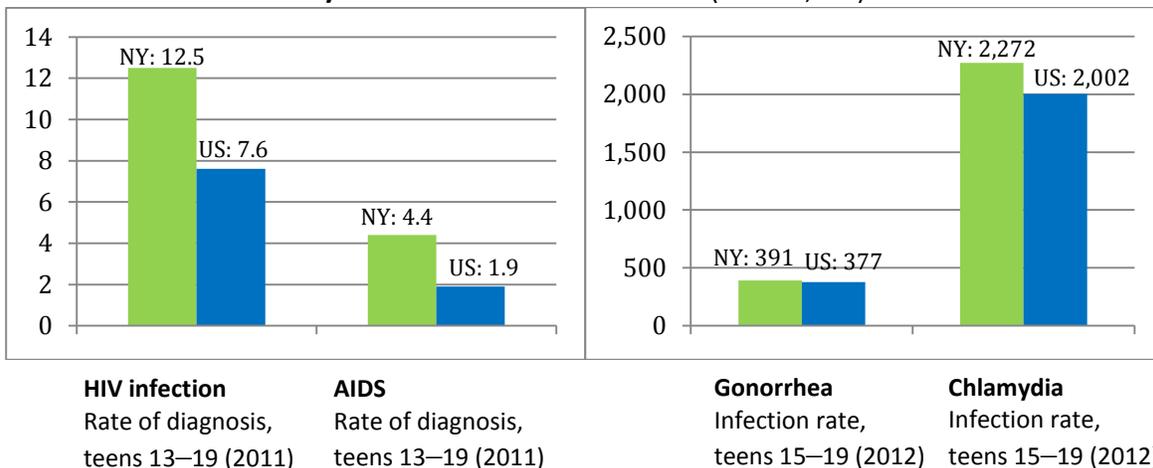
NEW YORK TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

 In 2010, New York’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 63 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 teens per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2012, New York’s **teen birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 20 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.

 In 2010, New York’s **teen abortion rate was higher than the national average**, with 32 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide .

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



FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEW YORK: TOTAL \$15,848,027

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$2,659,034

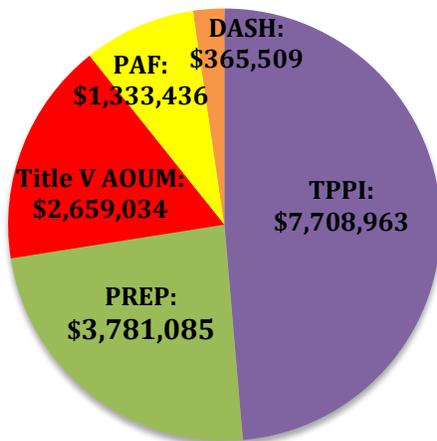
New York has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The New York State Department of Health administers the V AOUM program with 17 local community-based organizations in counties that experience the highest number of births to young people under the age of 20. Sub-grantees focus on preteens (ages 9–12) in after-school and community-based settings. Sub-grantees contribute to the match through local government funds, private dollars, or in-kind services.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$365,509

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 York City Board of Education receives ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding. Both the New York City Board of Education and the New York State Education Department receive funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.



Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) \$1,333,436

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 York State Department of Health/Health Research, Inc., receives PAF funding.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$3,781,085

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 York State Department of Health, in collaboration with nine sub-grantees, administers PREP through programming in school- and community-based settings across the state. There is one PREIS grantee in New York, Cicatelli Associates, Inc., which implements a behavioral intervention program for young people ages 12–19 in the foster-care system.

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 York State Profile at siecus.org/NewYork2013.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$7,708,963

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

There are six TPPI Tier 1 grantees in New York: the City of Rochester; Grand Street Settlement, Inc.; Morris Heights Health Center; New York City Mission Society; Planned Parenthood of New York City, Inc.; and Program Reach, Inc.

There is one TPPI Tier 2 Innovative Approaches grantee in New York, EngenderHealth, Inc., which implements programming for low-income African-American and Latino young people who participate in the city of Austin, TX's Summer Youth Employment Program.

There is also one Tier 2 Communitywide Initiatives grantee in New York, the Fund for Public Health in New York, Inc., which serves the Hunts Point and Morrisania communities in the South Bronx.



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