



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

North Dakota does not mandate sexuality education, nor does it address what can or cannot be taught in sexuality education classes. However, as a result of HB 1229, introduced and passed during the 2011 state legislative session, every school district, both public and nonpublic, was required to expand health education to include abstinence education, if teaching sexuality education as part of the general health curriculum. The alignment of a school district's health curriculum with the 2008 North Dakota Health Content and Achievement Standards is intended to be used as assurance that schools are in compliance with HB 1229. The [North Dakota Health Content and Achievement Standards](#) establish benchmarks for health instruction at all grade levels. The standards address "sexual behavior" beginning in grades seven and eight. North Dakota 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.

REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH DAKOTA



Among North Dakota high school students in 2013, 45% of females and 45% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.



Among North Dakota high school students in 2013, 12% of females and 7% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, similar to the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

NORTH DAKOTA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES



In 2010, North Dakota's teen **pregnancy rate was lower than the national average**, with 42 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

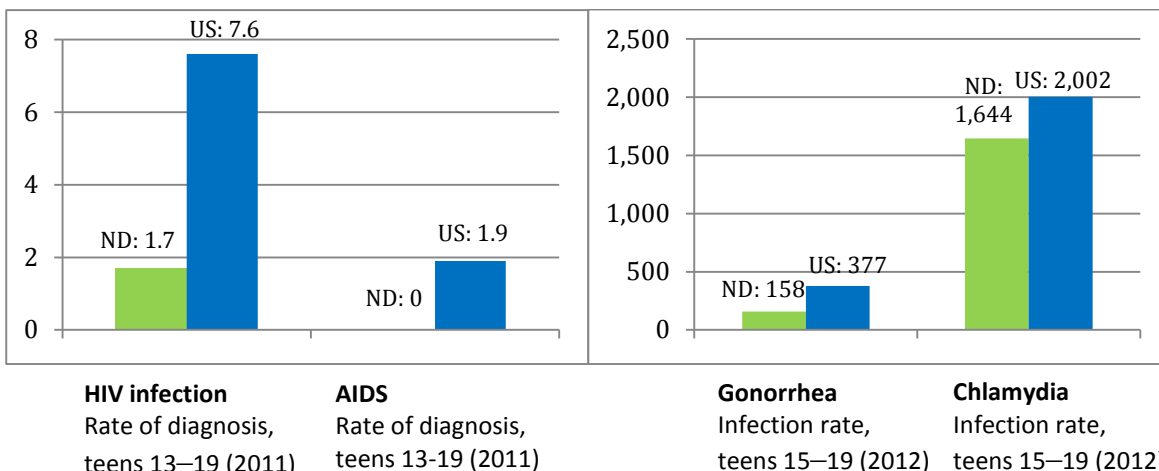


In 2012, North Dakota's teen **birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 27 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.



In 2010, North Dakota's teen **abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 6 abortions 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

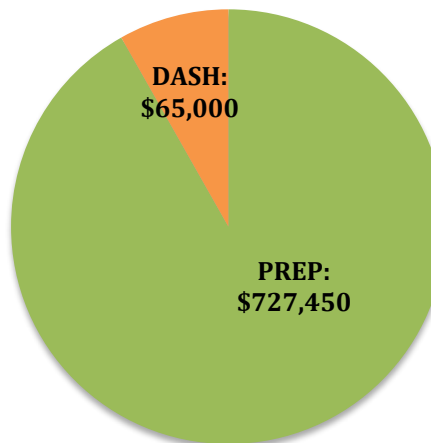


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NORTH DAKOTA: TOTAL \$792,450

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$65,000

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 North Dakota Department of Public Instruction receives DASH funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.



Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$727,450

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.

Two local entities in North Dakota received CPREP funds: North Dakota State University and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. North Dakota State University partners with Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota to implement a community-based sex-education program targeting young people. Planned Parenthood educators run the program, which includes communication skills, goal setting, healthy relationships, abstinence, anatomy, birth control, responsible decision making, sexual violence, and information on HIV/AIDS and other STDs. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians also receives Tribal PREP funds, though additional information was not available at the time of publication.

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 North Dakota State Profile at siecus.org/NorthDakota2013.