



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) 2012 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.

REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA



Among Nebraska high school students in 2011, 37% of females and 37% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, lower than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.



Among Nebraska high school students in 2011, 29% 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 34% of females and 33% of males.

NEBRASKA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES



Nebraska’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 50 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

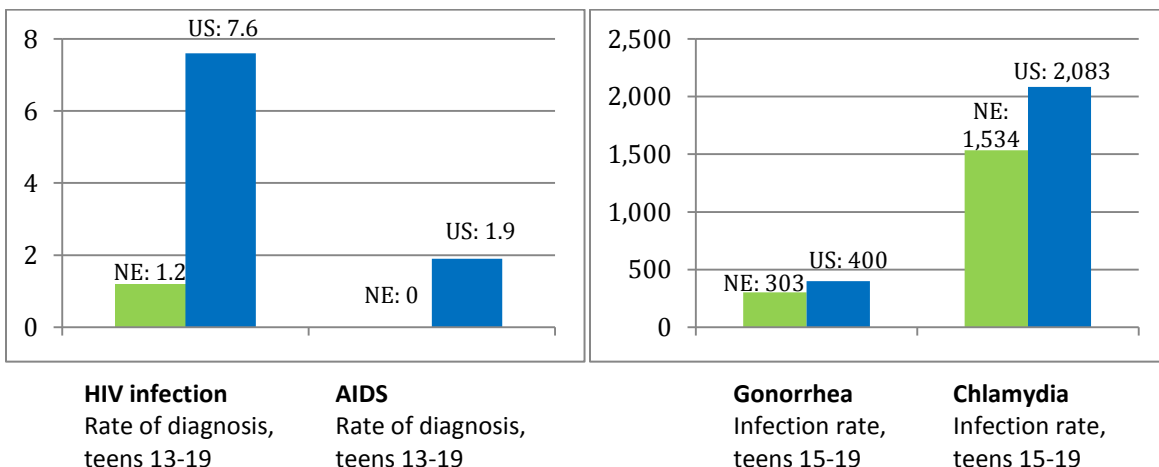


Nebraska’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 27 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.



Nebraska’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with seven teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

NEBRASKA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)

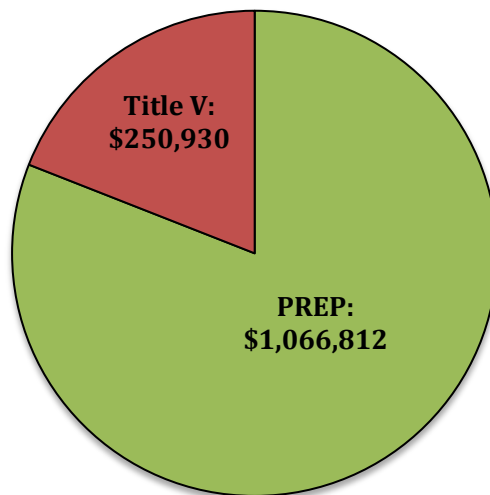


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEBRASKA: TOTAL \$1,317,742

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V)
\$250,930**

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 youth 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.



Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$1,066,812

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 the state’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 youth 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.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Nebraska State Profile available at

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