



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Puerto Rico in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, including sexuality education laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.

SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Puerto Rico's health education policy](#) asserts that such education should lead students to develop habits for maintaining good health, including “respect for the body,” in order to develop positive sexual behavior. Puerto Rico schools are required to implement sexuality education programs that address the “physiological and emotional aspects of sexual relations,” “family responsibilities,” and the health risks related to sexual relationships. Puerto Rico 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 PUERTO RICO

↓ Among Puerto Rico high school students in 2013, 25% of females and 34% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, lower than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.

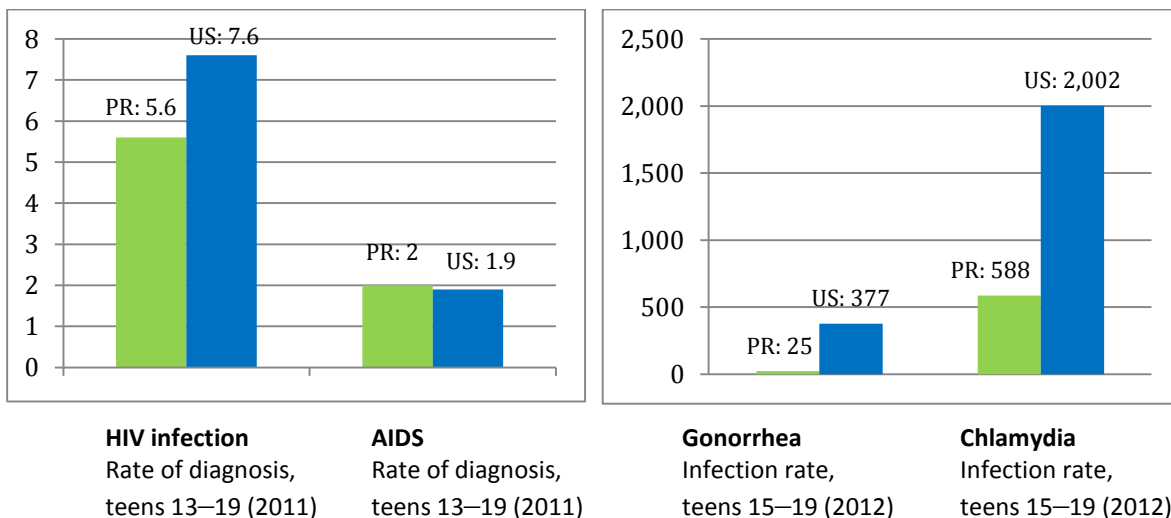
↓ Among Puerto Rico high school students in 2013, 18% of females and 17% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower than the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.

↓ Among Puerto Rico high school students in 2013, 6% of females and 4% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, lower than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

PUERTO RICO TEEN BIRTH RATE

↑ In 2010, Puerto Rico's **teen birth rate was higher than the U.S. national average**, with 51 teens births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 34 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

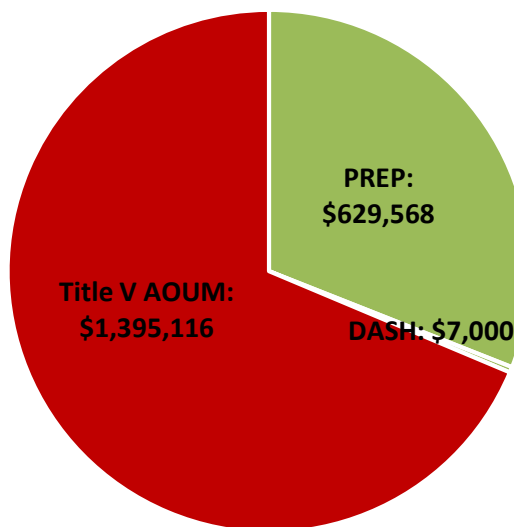


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN PUERTO RICO: TOTAL \$2,031,684

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,395,116

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

The Puerto Rico Department of Health administers the Title V AOUM program through sub-grants and collaboration with the Center for Evaluation and Sociomedical Research and the United Way of Puerto Rico. The United Way also sub-contracts with Programa Comunal de Entrega y Servicio and the Centre Sor Isolina Ferré. The funded programs target 10–12 year olds and their parents in municipalities identified in a needs assessment from the southeast region of Puerto Rico. Programming is provided in Arroyo, Guayama, Humacao, Maunabo, Naguabo, Patillas, Vieques, and Yabucoa. The funding match in Puerto Rico is made with in-kind funds.



Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$629,568

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 Puerto Rico Department of Health implements the state's PREP grant program. Collaborating with public housing authorities and public middle schools, the Department of Health's PREP program targets adolescents ages 12–14 in five municipalities in the south east coast of Puerto Rico, including Humacao, Maunabo, Naguabo, Vieques, and Yabucoa.

Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$7,000

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 Puerto Rico Department of Education is funded through DASH to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

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 Puerto Rico State Profile at siecus.org/PuertoRico2013.