




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE


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

Pennsylvania has created the [Academic Standards for Health, Safety, and Physical Education](#), which includes STD- and HIV-prevention education for primary, intermediate, middle, and high schools; however, it does not include a requirement for schools to teach sexuality education. Primary schools are allowed to omit instruction on the sexual methods of disease transmission. Schools must use materials that have been determined by the local school district, are age-appropriate, discuss prevention, and stress abstinence as “the only completely reliable means of preventing sexual transmission.” Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”). For more information, see [Title 22 Pennsylvania Constitutional Statutes § 4.29](#).

REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN PENNSYLVANIA

 Among Philadelphia, PA high school students in 2011, 56% of females and 67% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Philadelphia, PA high school students in 2011, 41% of females and 49% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

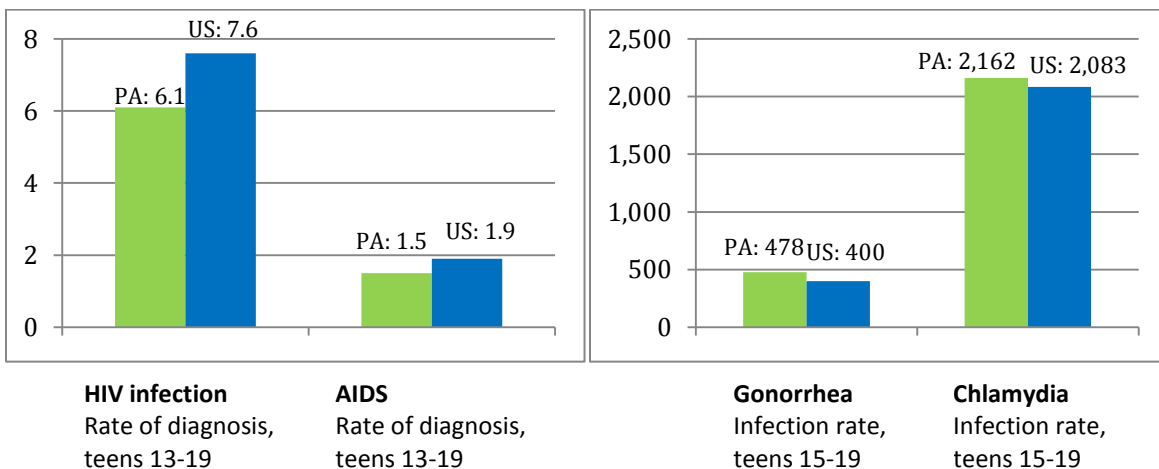
PENNSYLVANIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Pennsylvania’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 56 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Pennsylvania’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 25 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

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

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

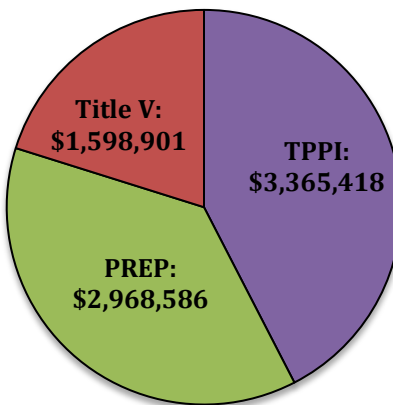


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN PENNSYLVANIA: TOTAL \$7,932,905

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,598,901

Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania Title V AOUM program provides both community- and school-based programming to youth ages 9–14 that are African-American/Latino, in/transitioning out of foster care, or LGBT. The match is provided by the contractor and sub-contractors with local government dollars or in-kind support.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$3,365,418

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

There are two Tier 1 grantees in Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. (OICA). CMU is a private research university in Pittsburgh, which partners with a clinical team from West Virginia University to implement an interactive video to encourage safer sexual behaviors among females ages 14–19 within family planning and adolescent health clinics in Allegheny, Boone, Braxton, Franklin, Harrison, Mercer, Mingo, Ohio, and Randolph counties. OICA partners with eleven Philadelphia public, private, charter, and alternative schools, as well as local organizations, to implement programming in middle and high schools targets predominantly lower-income, African-American urban youth ages 12–18. The Family Planning Council is a Tier 2 Communitywide Initiatives grantee, which aims to reduce the teen birth rate within the predominately African-American community of West Philadelphia by increasing the number of youth ages 10–19 in the community who receive evidence-based and evidence-informed teen pregnancy- prevention programming and reproductive health care services.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,968,586

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 Pennsylvania PREP state-grant program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Health in collaboration with 16 sub-grantees providing community-based programming to youth ages 10–19 through psychiatric residential treatment facilities; residential substance abuse treatment programs; partial hospitalization or outpatient drug and alcohol facilities; partial hospitalization or outpatient mental health facilities; and residential programs serving delinquent youth. Philadelphia Health Management Corporation is the one PREIS grantee, serving young people ages 12–18 and parents, caregivers, and supportive adults in North Philadelphia.

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 Pennsylvania State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Pennsylvania2012