



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[Tennessee law](#) states that if any county in Tennessee has a pregnancy rate higher than 19.5 pregnancies per 1,000 females ages 15-17, then every school district in that county must develop and implement family life education in accordance with curriculum guidelines provided by the [state board of education](#). This instruction must emphasize abstinence-only-until-marriage and must include instruction on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Instruction that promotes “gateway sexual activity” or instruction from an individual or organization that promotes “gateway sexual activity” is prohibited. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

### REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN TENNESSEE



Among Tennessee high school students in 2011, 49% of females and 55% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.



Among Tennessee high school students in 2011, 37% of females and 37% 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.

### TENNESSEE TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES



Tennessee’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 76 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

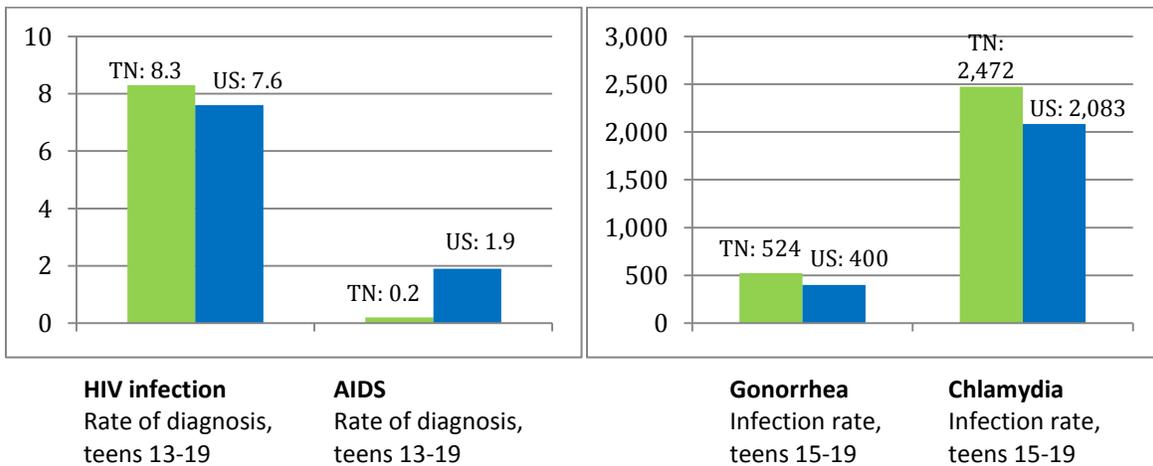


Tennessee’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 41 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.



Tennessee’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 12 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

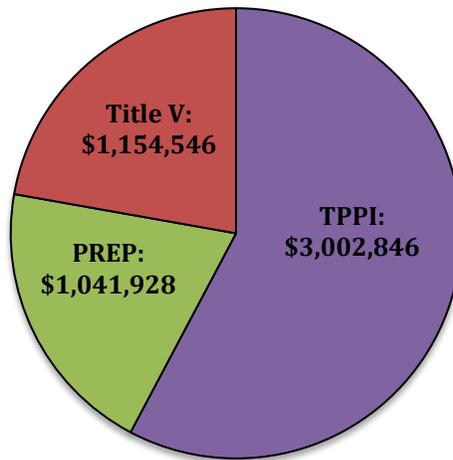


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN TENNESSEE: TOTAL \$5,199,320**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,154,546**

Tennessee 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 Division of Family Health and Wellness of the Tennessee Department of Health implements and monitors the Title V AOUM program through 13 sub-grantees targeting middle school-aged youth ages 10–17 through both school- and community-based settings in Davidson, Dyer, Hamblen, Hamilton, Knox, Lake, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, and Washington. The sub-grantees provide the match through in-kind funds.



**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$3,002,846**

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

There are four Tier 1 grantees in Tennessee: Centerstone of Tennessee, Inc.; Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. (DCEA); Knox County Health Department; and Le Bonheur Community Health and Well-Being. Centerstone’s program targets adolescents ages 12–19 attending schools in a 26-county area of Middle Tennessee; DCEA’s program targets students in grades six through eight at two middle schools in Morristown; Knox County Health Department program targets a diverse community of rural, suburban, and urban youth, ages 14–19; and Le Bonheur’s program targets African-American youth ages 13–18 in North Memphis and Shelby County.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$1,041,928**

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 Tennessee PREP state-grant program is managed by the Department of Children’s Services in collaboration with eight local sub-grantees providing community-based programming to foster care youth, primarily ages 15-19, in group home settings throughout Cumberland, Davidson, Knox, Madison, Putnam, Sevier, Shelby, Sumner, White, and Wilson counties.

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 Tennessee State Profile available at

[www.siecus.org/Tennessee2012](http://www.siecus.org/Tennessee2012)