




ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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


[Wyoming](#) does not require sexuality, HIV/AIDS, or sexually transmitted disease (STD)-prevention education, nor does it limit what can be taught if such education is offered. Schools are required to provide health education programs, and developmentally appropriate sexuality education concepts and benchmarks are included in the [Wyoming Health Education Content and Performance Standards](#). In addition, the Wyoming Department of Education created the *HIV/AIDS Model Policy for Wyoming Public Schools*, which recommends standards for HIV/AIDS-prevention education. 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 WYOMING


 Among Wyoming high school students in 2011, 47% of females and 49% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher for females than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Wyoming high school students in 2011, 38% of females and 32% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher for females than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

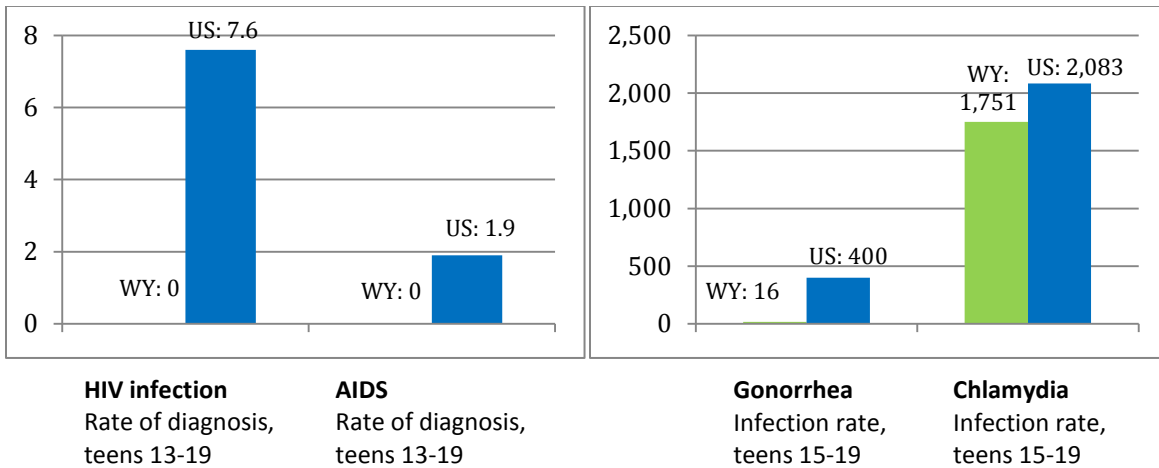
WYOMING TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

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

 Wyoming’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 35 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

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

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



FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN WYOMING: TOTAL (\$250,000)

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$250,000

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 Wyoming Department of Health received \$250,000 in federal PREP funds for FY 2012, but returned the funds as directed by the State Health Director. Wyoming was awarded \$250,000 in PREP funds, but returned the funds as directed by the State Health Director.

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 Wyoming State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Wyoming2012