



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

Montana Administrative Rules requires that school districts include a “[health enhancement](#)” program among their academic offerings. The [Montana Board of Public Education](#)’s guidelines recommend “students receive proper education about HIV before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting the disease.” While the [Office of Public Instruction](#) acknowledges that sexuality education programs may be “abstinence-based, abstinence until marriage, or abstinence only,” it does recommend that they be “consistent with the most reasoned approach for public health and education professionals.” Montana 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 MONTANA



Among Montana 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 Montana high school students in 2011, 37% of females and 33% 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.

### MONTANA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES



Montana’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 59 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

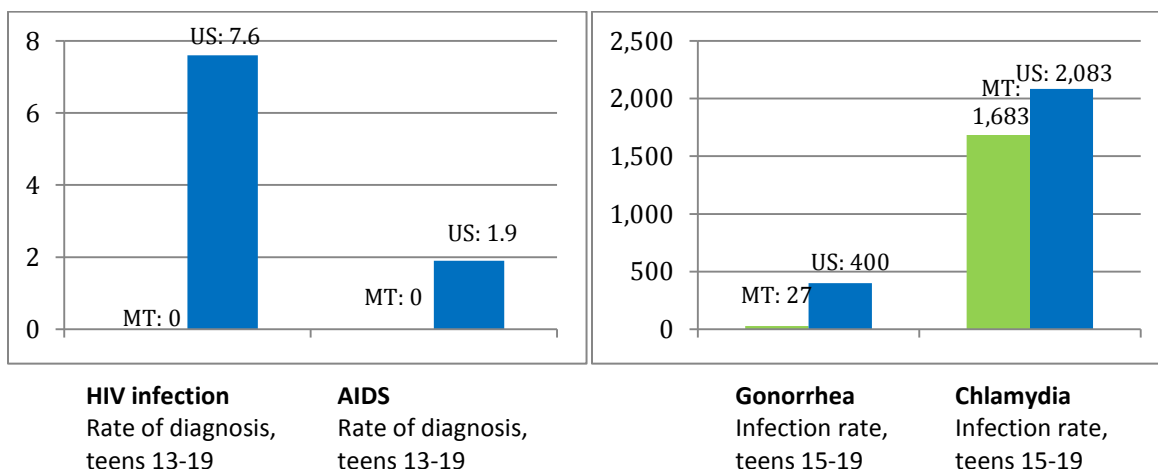


Montana’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 29 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.



Montana’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 11 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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



## FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN MONTANA: 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 Women's and Men's Health Section of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services implements the PREP state grant and has awarded sub-grants to six local public and private entities to implement both school- and community-based programming. Funded programs serve middle school and high school-aged youth in Beaverhead, Custer, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Jefferson, Missoula, and Silver Bow, counties as well as on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

*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 Montana State Profile available at [www.siecus.org/Montana2012](http://www.siecus.org/Montana2012)*



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