



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Virginia state law](#) states that all curriculum decisions are to be left to local school boards; however, programs of instruction must meet or exceed the requirements of the Virginia Board of Education. Virginia gives permission for local school boards to develop family life education programs with the “goals of reducing the incidence of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases [STDs] and substance abuse among teenagers.” The [Virginia Board of Education](#) provides family life education standards. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

VIRGINIA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) DATA



Among Virginia high school students in 2013, 14% of females and 8% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, higher than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

VIRGINIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES



In 2010, Virginia’s teen **pregnancy rate was lower than the national average**, with 48 pregnancies per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.

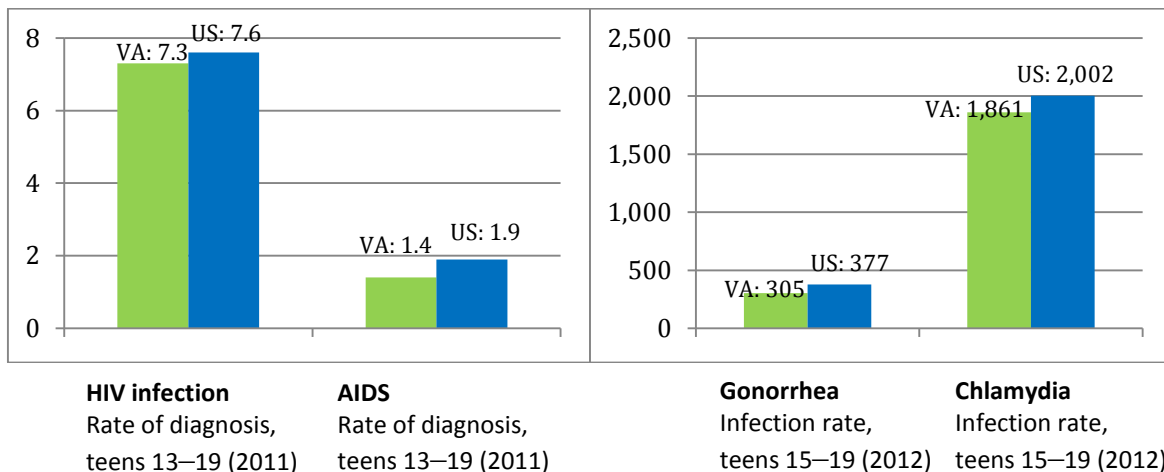


In 2012, Virginia’s teen **birth rate was lower than the national average**, with 23 births per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 29 per 1,000 nationwide.



In 2010, Virginia’s teen **abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 14 abortions per 1,000 teens ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

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

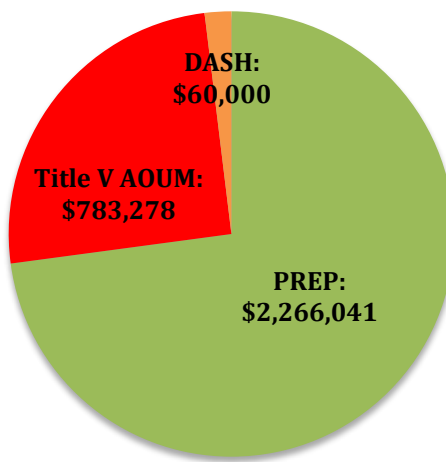


FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN VIRGINIA: TOTAL \$3,109,319

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$783,278

Virginia 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 Virginia Department of Health administers the Title V AOUM program in collaboration with seven local health districts to provide programming to young people in both community- and school-based settings, targeting Latino youth ages 10–14 in grades 6–8. Virginia sub-grantees provide the match through in-kind support.



Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$60,000

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 Virginia Department of Health receives DASH funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,266,041

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.

There is one PREIS grantee in Virginia, Lighthouse Outreach, Inc., which uses the funds to support its abstinence program, which primarily serves African-American young people ages 10–19 in the Hampton Roads area, concentrating on areas with high rates of teenage pregnancy, STDs, and poverty.

Five local entities in Virginia received CPREP funds in FY 2012: the City of Alexandria; Family Service of Roanoke Valley; James Madison University (JMU); Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Virginia (PPSEV); and the City of Waynesboro. JMU programs are implemented in Harrisonburg, Page, and Rockingham county schools with 14 community partners in 16 sites seeking to serve 5,050 middle- and high-school students. The Family Service of Roanoke Valley is targeting elementary-, middle-, and high-school students in school and after-school settings across Roanoke City. PPSEV serves ninth-grade students in the Newport News public schools as well as youth participating in local organizations in the Hampton/Newport News area.

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 Virginia State Profile at siecus.org/Virginia2013.



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