

Sexual Behaviors

OKLAHOMA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) - 2013 RESULTS

What is the problem?

The 2013 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among high school students:

- 50% had ever had sexual intercourse
- 5% had sexual intercourse for the first time before 13 years of age
- 18% had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life
- 36% had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey
- 19% were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection¹
- 17% drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual intercourse²

What are the solutions?

Better Health Education • Evidence based programs • More family and community involvement

What is the status?

The 2012 Oklahoma School Health Profiles indicate that among high schools:

Health Education

- 36% of schools in which health education instruction is required in any of grades 6 through 12
- 59% of schools in which teachers taught goal-setting and decision-making skills related to eliminating or reducing risk of HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy in a required course³
- 62% of schools in which teachers taught the relationship between alcohol and other drug use and risk for HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy in a required course³
- 69% of schools in which teachers taught the benefits of being sexually abstinent in a required course³

Family and Community Involvement

- 16% of schools in which community members helped develop or implement policies and programs related to HIV, STD, or teen pregnancy prevention
- 27% of schools that provided parents and families with health information designed to increase parent and family knowledge of STD prevention, HIV prevention, or teen pregnancy prevention topics

Professional Development

- 28% of schools in which the lead health education teacher received professional development on STD prevention⁴
- 20% of schools in which the lead health education teacher received professional development on pregnancy prevention⁴
- 47% of schools in which the lead health education teacher received professional development on HIV prevention⁴

1. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
2. Among students who reported sexual intercourse during the 3 months before the survey
3. Students in any grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 during the current school year
4. During the two years before the survey

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