

sexual behaviors

OKLAHOMA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) - 2011 RESULTS

What is the problem?

The 2011 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.
- 17% had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life.
- 38% had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey.
- 17% were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection.¹
- 16% drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual intercourse.²

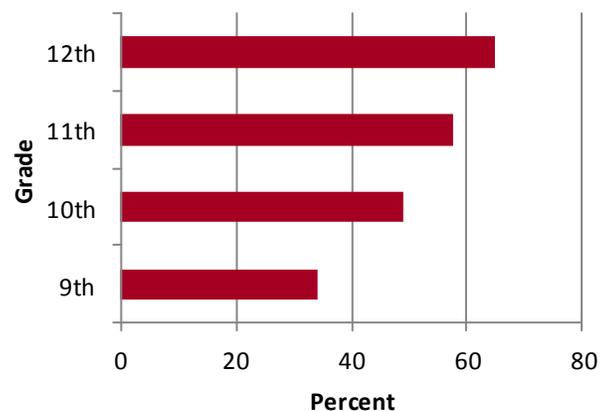
What are the solutions?

- Encourage parents to talk to their children about sex. Encourage parents to be honest, open, and non-judgmental when addressing questions.
- Incorporate an evidence-based, medically-accurate, age-appropriate comprehensive sex education curriculum in schools.
- Provide and support education opportunities for parents, youth, and community members pertaining to sexual issues and teen pregnancy.
- Encourage schools to participate in surveys, such as the YRBS, that assess risk-taking behaviors among youth.

1. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
2. Among students who reported sexual intercourse during the 3 months before the survey

Nearly half...
of sexually active students
did not use a condom at last
sexual intercourse²

Students Who Have Ever Had Sex:
Oklahoma YRBS 2011



Males...
were significantly more likely
than females to have had
sex before 13 years of age

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