

Sexual Behaviors

In the 1990s, teen pregnancy and birth rates in the United States declined significantly. Researchers cite two main factors: fewer teens are having sex, and among those who are, more are using contraceptives.²⁴ While this is a positive trend, there are still risks for those teens that are entering into sexual relationships during their adolescent years.

- The teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females ages 15-17) decreased from 37 in 1990 to 27 in 2000.²⁴
- Each year, more than 3 million teens contract an STD, accounting for about one-fourth of the 12 million Americans infected annually.²⁴
- It is estimated that one-fourth of all new HIV cases each year occur in people aged 13 to 21, and that another one-half are among people younger than the age of 25. The majority of these infections are transmitted sexually.²⁴
- Higher numbers of sexual partners and early age at first intercourse are associated with increased risk for STD.²⁵

HP 2010 Objectives:

09-07: Reduce pregnancies among adolescent females to no more than 43 per 1,000.

13-05: Reduce the number of cases of HIV infection among adolescents and adults. (Developmental)

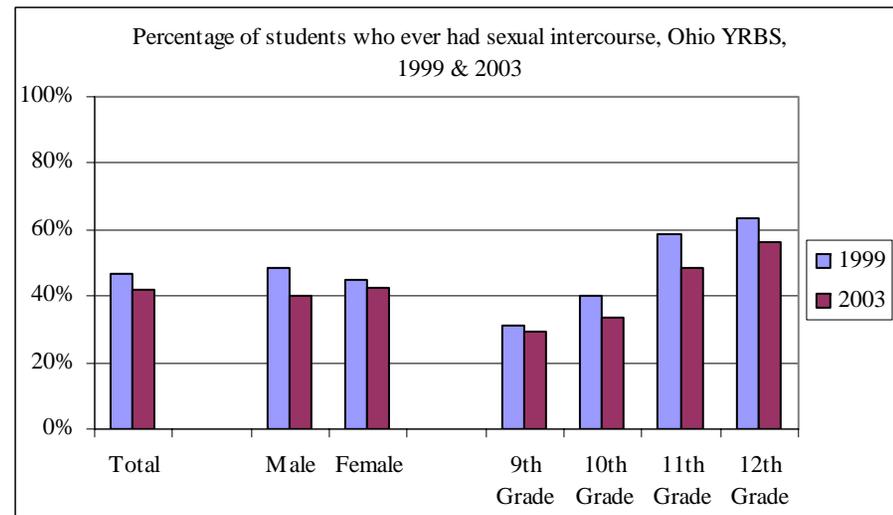
25-01: Reduce the proportion of adolescents and young adults with Chlamydia trachomatis infections to no more than 3 percent.

25-11: Increase the proportion of adolescents who abstain from sexual intercourse or use condoms if currently sexually active to 95 percent.

- **Sexual Behaviors: Ever Had Sexual Intercourse**

Q67 Have you ever had sexual intercourse?

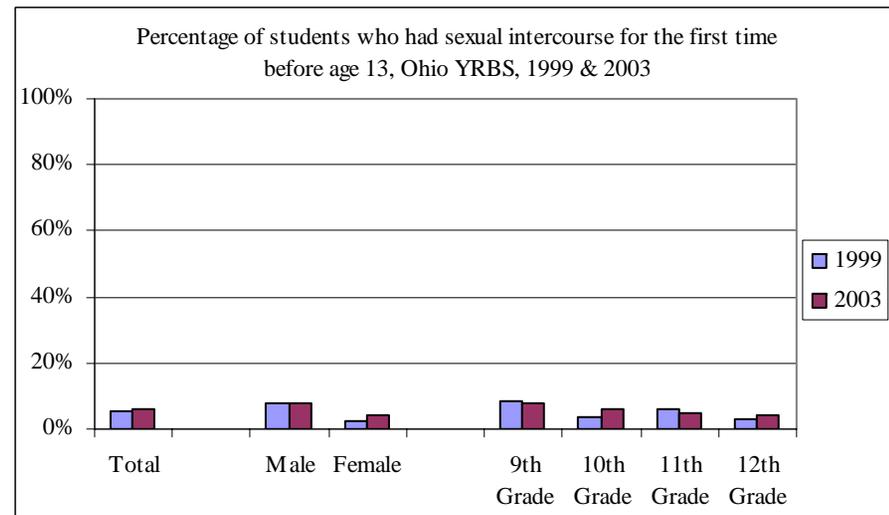
- **Almost one-half of students have had sexual intercourse.**
 - In 2003, 42 percent of students have had sexual intercourse.
 - There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse between males and females. Significantly more 12th graders (56 percent) than ninth (29 percent) and 10th (34 percent) graders report having had sexual intercourse.
- **There are no significant differences in having ever had sexual intercourse between 1999 and 2003.**



• Sexual Behaviors: Age at First Intercourse

Q68 How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

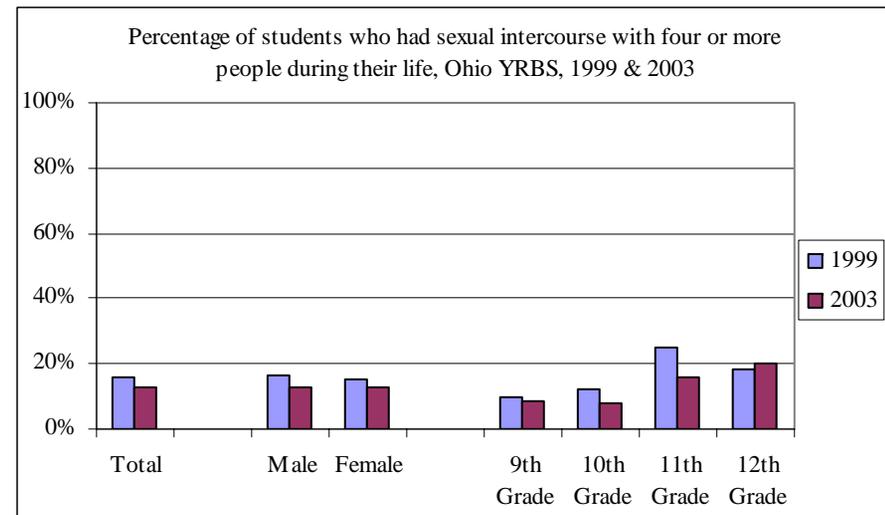
- **Most students have not had sexual intercourse before age 13.**
 - In 2003, 6 percent of students report having had sexual intercourse before age 13.
 - There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse before age 13 between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse before age 13 between 1999 and 2003.**



• Sexual Behaviors: Number of Lifetime Partners

Q69 During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?

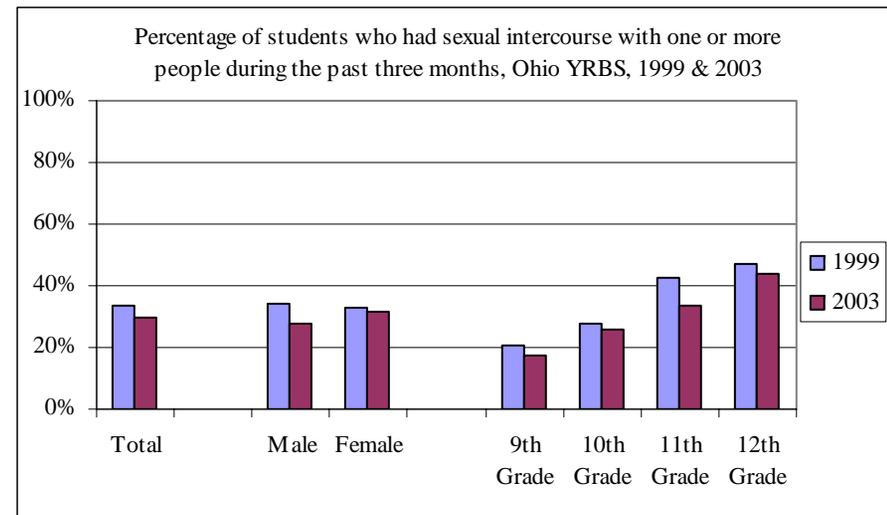
- **Most students have not had sexual intercourse with four or more people.**
 - In 2003, 13 percent of students report having had sexual intercourse with four or more people during their life.
 - There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse with four or more people between males and females. Significantly more 12th graders (21 percent) than ninth (8.3 percent) and 10th (7.9 percent) graders report having had sexual intercourse with four or more people.
- **There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse with four or more people between 1999 and 2003.**



• Sexual Behaviors: Number of Recent Partners

Q70 During the past three months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?

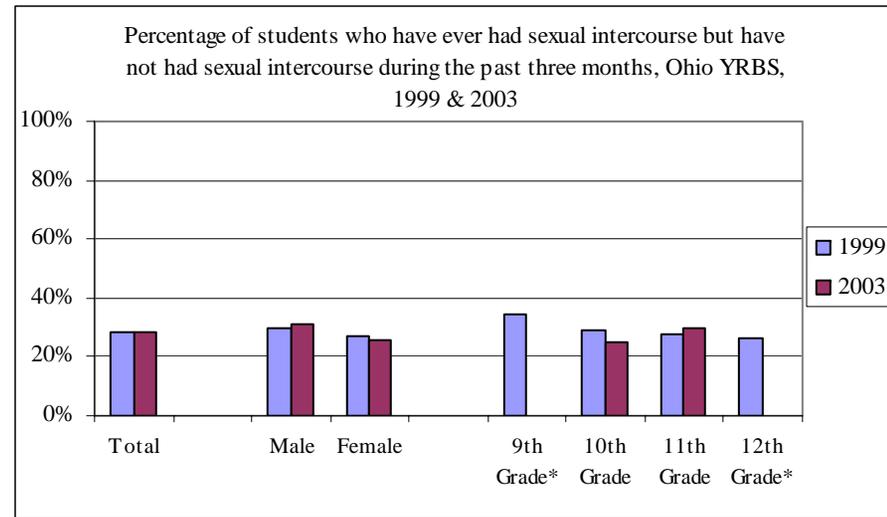
- **Approximately one-third of students have had sexual intercourse in the past three months.**
 - In 2003, 30 percent of students report having had sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months.
 - There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse in the past three months between males and females. Significantly more 12th graders (44 percent) than ninth (17 percent), 10th (26 percent) and 11th (34 percent) graders report having had sexual intercourse with one or more people during the past three months.
- **There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse in the past three months between 1999 and 2003.**



● **Sexual Behaviors: No Recent Sexual Intercourse**

Percentage of students who have ever had sexual intercourse but have not had sexual intercourse during the past three months.

- **Almost one-third of students have abstained from sexual intercourse during the past three months.**
 - In 2003, 28 percent of students report having had sexual intercourse but not during the past three months.
 - There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse but not during the past three months between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in having had sexual intercourse but not in the past three months between 1999 and 2003.**

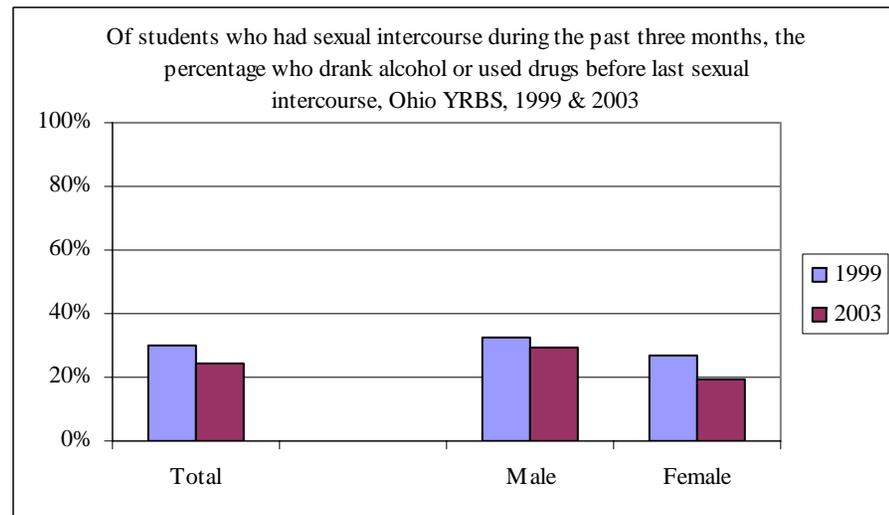


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• Sexual Behaviors: Alcohol or Drug Use Before Sexual Intercourse

Q71 Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?

- **Approximately one-fourth of students drank alcohol or used drugs before the last sexual intercourse.**
 - In 2003, 24 percent of students who report having had sexual intercourse during the past three months drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse.
 - There are no significant differences in drinking alcohol or using drugs before last sexual intercourse between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in drinking alcohol or using drugs before last sexual intercourse between 1999 and 2003.**

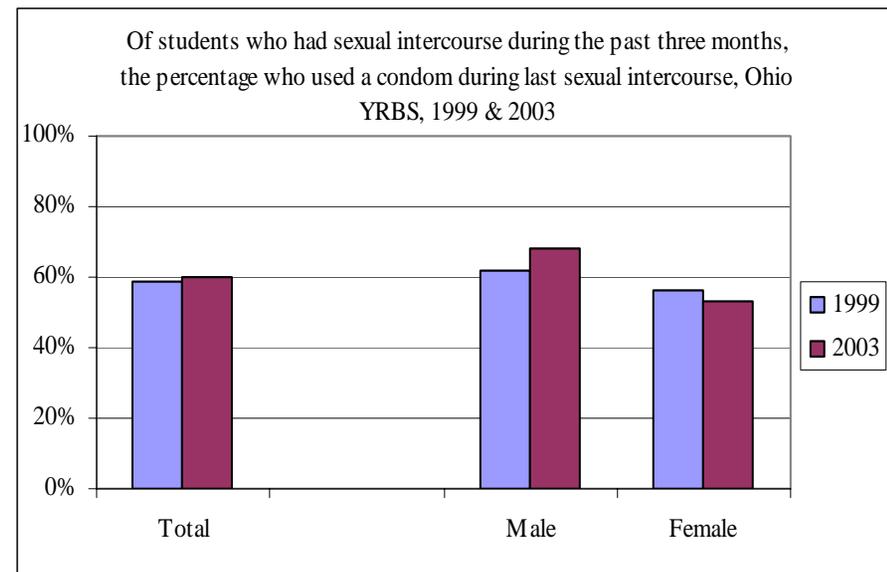


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• Sexual Behaviors: Condom Use

Q72 The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

- **Most students use condoms.**
 - In 2003, 60 percent of students who report having had sexual intercourse during the past three months used a condom during last sexual intercourse.
 - Significantly more males (68 percent) than females (53 percent) report they/their partner having used a condom during last sexual intercourse. There are no significant differences in condom use by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in using a condom between 1999 and 2003.**

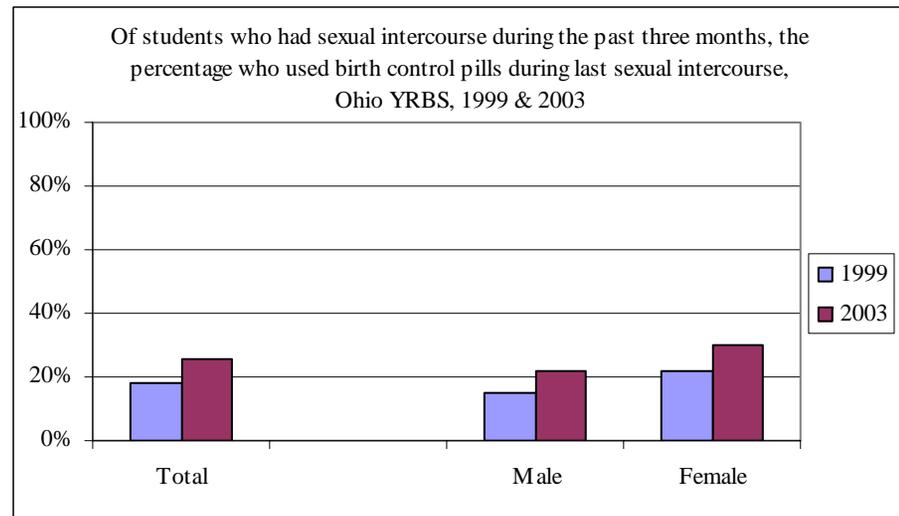


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- **Sexual Behaviors: Use of Birth Control Pills**

Q73 The last time you had sexual intercourse, what one method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? (birth control pills)

- **Approximately one-fourth of students use birth control pills.**
 - In 2003, 26 percent of students who report having had sexual intercourse during the past three months report they/their partner used birth control pills during last sexual intercourse.
 - There are no significant differences in the use of birth control pills by themselves/their partner between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in birth control pill use between 1999 and 2003.**

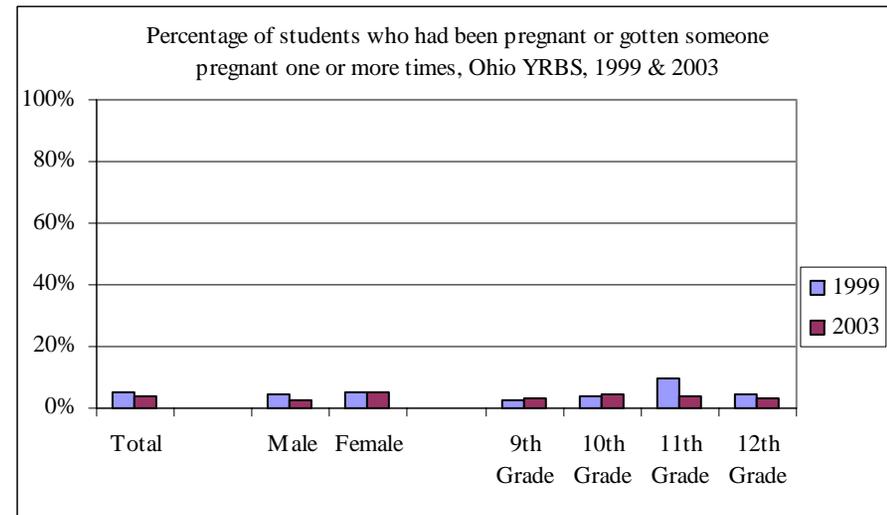


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• Sexual Behaviors: Pregnancy

Q74 How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?

- **Few students have been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant.**
 - In 2003, 4 percent of students report having been pregnant or haven gotten someone pregnant one or more times.
 - There are no significant differences in having been pregnant or haven gotten someone pregnant between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in having been pregnant or having gotten someone pregnant between 1999 and 2003.**



● **Sexual Behaviors--HIV/AIDS Prevention Education**

Q99 Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?

- **Most students have been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school.**
 - In 2003, 89 percent of students report being taught about HIV/AIDS infection in school.
 - There are no significant differences in being taught about HIV/AIDS infection between males and females or by grade level.
- **There are no significant differences in being taught about HIV/AIDS infection in school between 1999 and 2003.**

