



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH

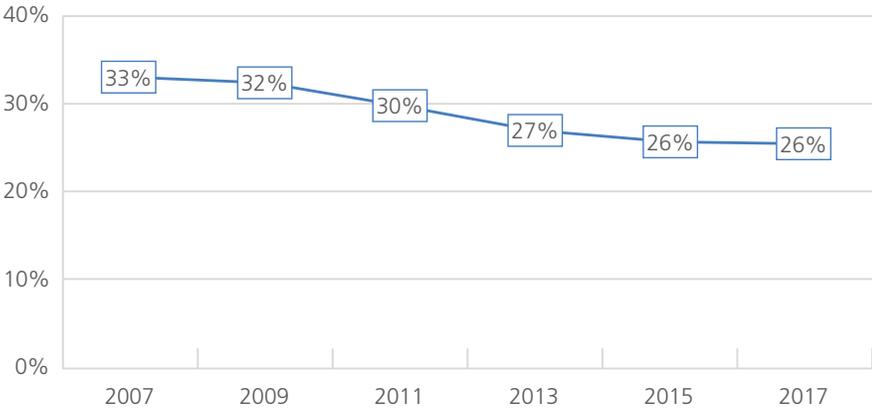
2019 DATA BRIEF

KEY RHODE ISLAND FACTS

- Sexual activity among youth begins as early as sixth grade and increases as young people age, as follows: 4% of 6th graders, 19% of 9th graders, and 50% of 12th graders have ever had sex.
- Rhode Island is the highest in New England for chlamydia rates (517.6 cases per 100,000).
- Among sexually active high school students, 12% used no method to prevent pregnancy.
- While sexual health disparities for lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) youth have decreased significantly since 2007, LGB youth continue to be more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors than heterosexual youth.
- 81% of high school students indicated that they had been taught about HIV/AIDS in school.

SEXUAL BEHAVIORS

Current Sexual Activity Among High School Students, Rhode Island, 2007 - 2017



The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (defined as sexual intercourse within the past three months) has decreased from 33% to 25% since 2007.

Source: 2017 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

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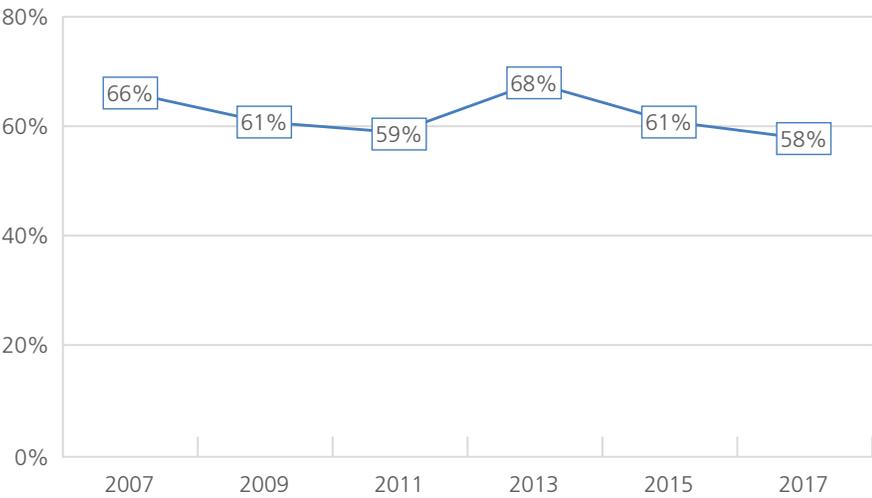
The percentage of sexually active high school students reporting condom use at last intercourse has decreased from:

66%
in 2007

to

58%
in 2017

Sexually Active High School Students Reporting Condom Use At Last Sexual Intercourse, Rhode Island, 2007 - 2017



Source: 2017 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey.



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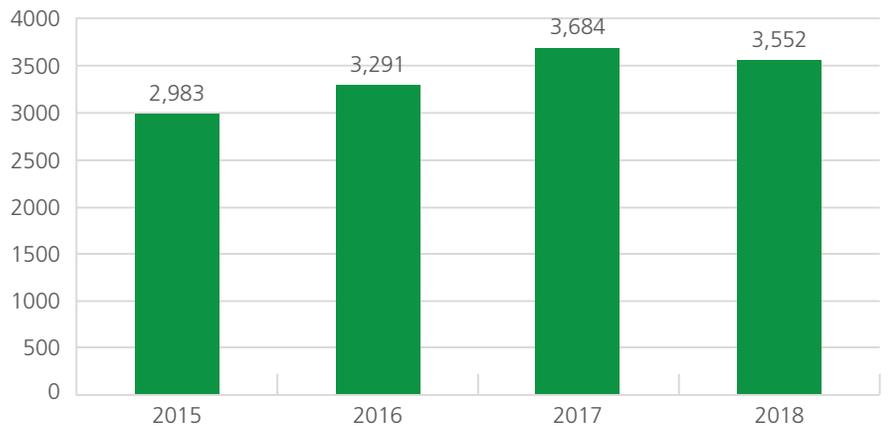


of chlamydia cases in 2018 were among individuals 24 and younger.

- Chlamydia cases have increased 19.1% among individuals 24 years and younger since 2015.
- Chlamydia is easy to cure with a prescription once an individual tests positive.

SEXUAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

Reported Cases of Chlamydia Among Individuals age 24 and younger, Rhode Island, 2015 - 2018



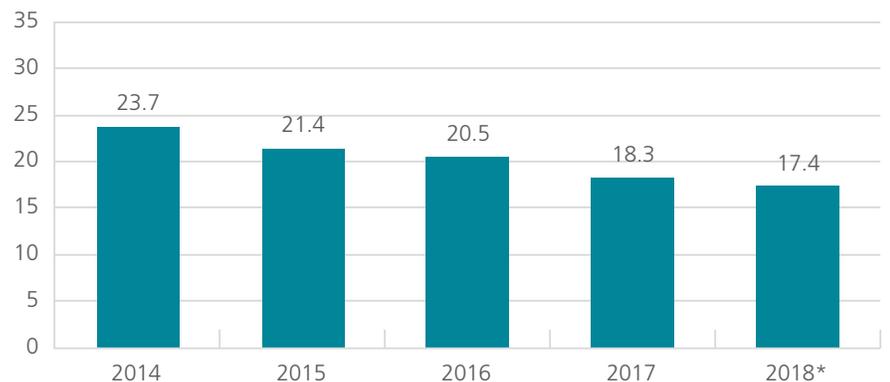
Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.

DID YOU KNOW?



Teen pregnancy rates have decreased 38.9% since 2012. Rhode Island's 2018 repeat teen birth rate of 15.3% has increased from 12.8% in 2016.

Pregnancy Rates per 1,000 Females, Age 15 - 19, Rhode Island, 2014 - 2018*



- Rhode Island is second in New England for unintended pregnancy rates (18.3 per 1,000 girls aged 15-19).

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.

*2018 data is provisional



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For sexual health information and resources, download RIDOH's RightTime app: righttimeapp.com



This data brief updates the RIDOH and Rhode Island Department of Education's Adolescent Sexual Health 2016-2020 Rhode Island Profile. To read the full profile, visit: health.ri.gov/publications/healthprofiles/AdolescentSexualHealth.pdf