



# ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH

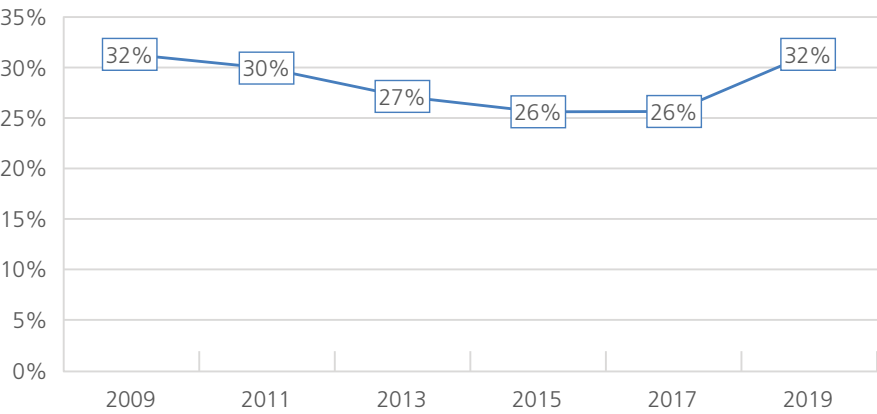
## 2020 DATA BRIEF

### 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, 16% of 9th graders, and 68% of 12th graders have ever had sex.
- Among sexually active high school students, 13% used no method to prevent pregnancy.
- 77% of high school students indicated that they had been taught about HIV/AIDS in school.
- STD rates in RI increased 41% from 2015-2019 among all ages.

### SEXUAL BEHAVIORS

Current Sexual Activity Among High School Students, Rhode Island, 2009 - 2019



The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (defined as sexual intercourse within the past three months) has remained unchanged since 2009.

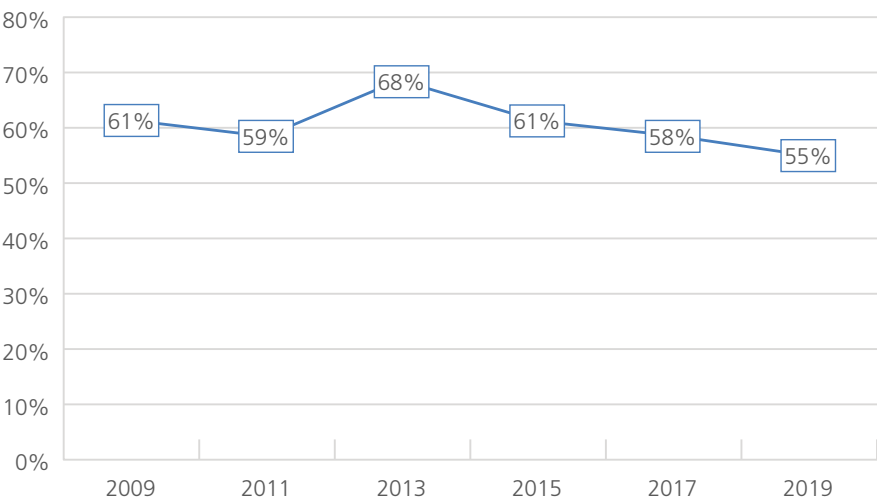
Source: 2019 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

61% in 2009 to 55% in 2019

Sexually Active High School Students Reporting Condom Use At Last Sexual Intercourse, Rhode Island, 2009 - 2019



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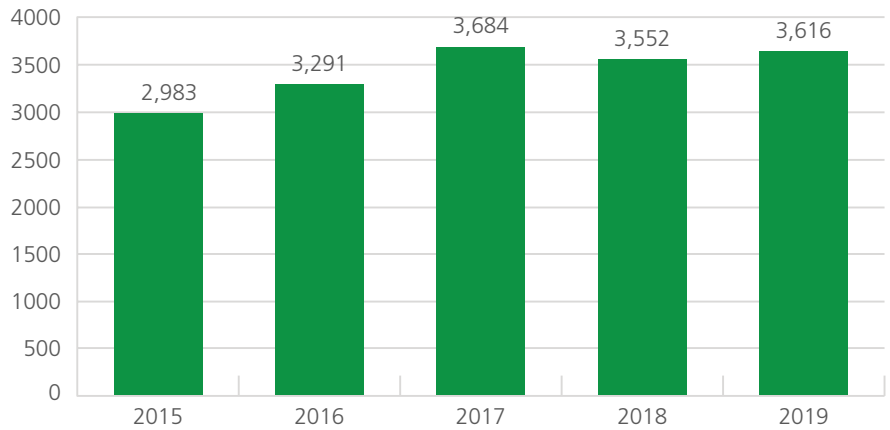


63% of chlamydia cases in 2019 were among individuals 24 and younger.

- Chlamydia cases have increased 21% among individuals 24 years and younger since 2015.
- Chlamydia is easy to cure with a prescription once an individual tests positive.
- Left untreated, chlamydia can cause infertility and pain in both women and men. Once diagnosed, it is easily cured with antibiotics.

## SEXUAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

Reported Cases of Chlamydia Among Individuals age 24 and younger, Rhode Island, 2015 - 2019



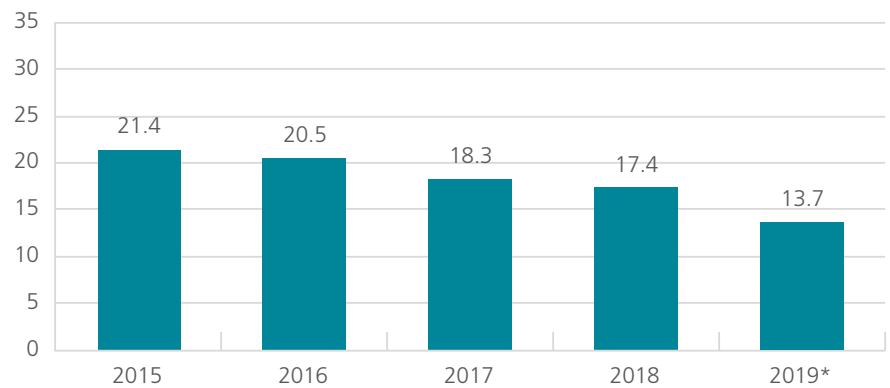
Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.

## 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, 2015 - 2019\*



- Rhode Island is first in New England for unintended pregnancy rates (17.4 per 1,000 girls aged 15-19).

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.

\*2019 data is provisional



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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](http://health.ri.gov/publications/healthprofiles/AdolescentSexualHealth.pdf)