



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH

2021 DATA BRIEF

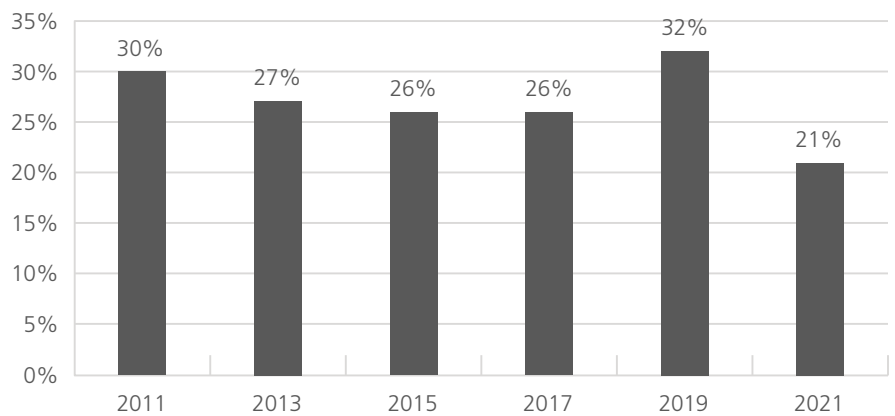
KEY RHODE ISLAND FACTS

- Sexual activity among youth begins as early as sixth grade and increases as young people age, as follows: 2% of 6th graders, 13% of 9th graders, and 46% of 12th graders have ever had sex.
- Among sexually active high school students, 10% used no method to prevent pregnancy during their last sexual intercourse with an opposite-sex partner.
- 56% 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, 2011 - 2021



The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (defined as sexual intercourse within the past three months) has decreased from 30% in 2011 to 20% in 2021.

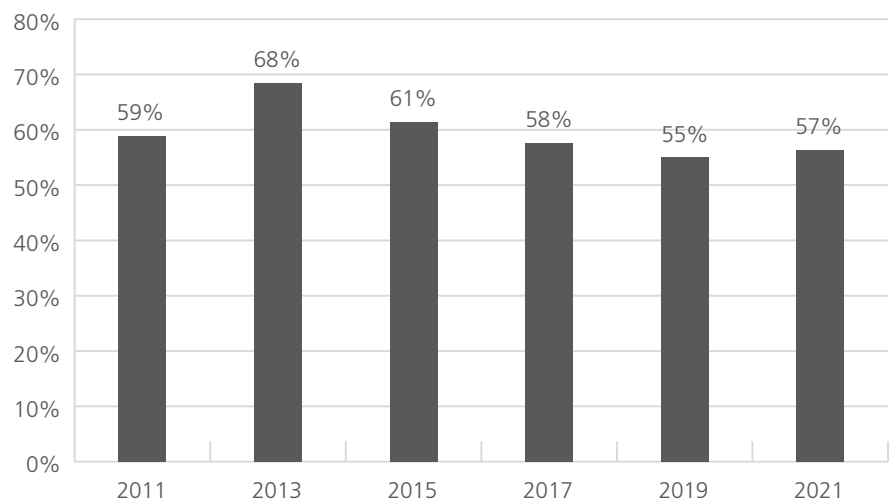
Source: 2021 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

DID YOU KNOW?

The percentage of sexually active high school students reporting condom use at last intercourse has ranged from a high of 68% in 2013 to a low of 55% in 2019. In 2021, 57% reported using a condom at last intercourse. Rhode Islanders can order free condoms by mail at health.ri.gov/findcondoms.



Sexually Active High School Students Reporting Condom Use At Last Sexual Intercourse, Rhode Island, 2011 - 2021



Source: 2021 Rhode Island Youth Risk Behavior Survey.



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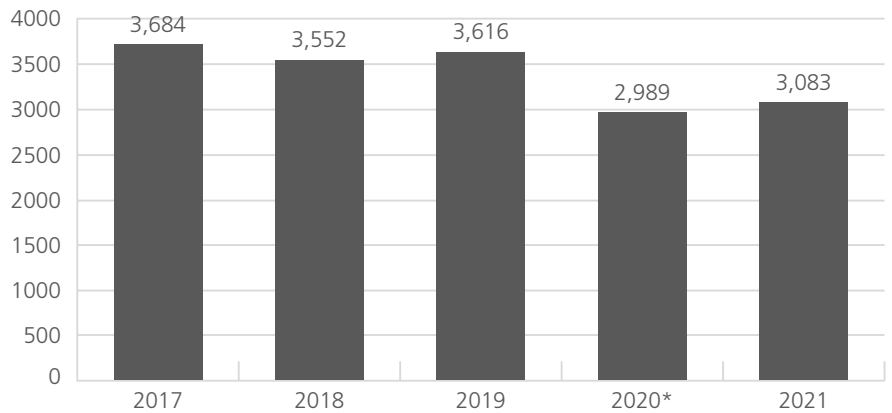


of chlamydia cases in 2021 were among individuals 24 and younger.

- Chlamydia cases have decreased 16% among individuals 24 years and younger since 2017.
- 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, 2017 - 2021



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.

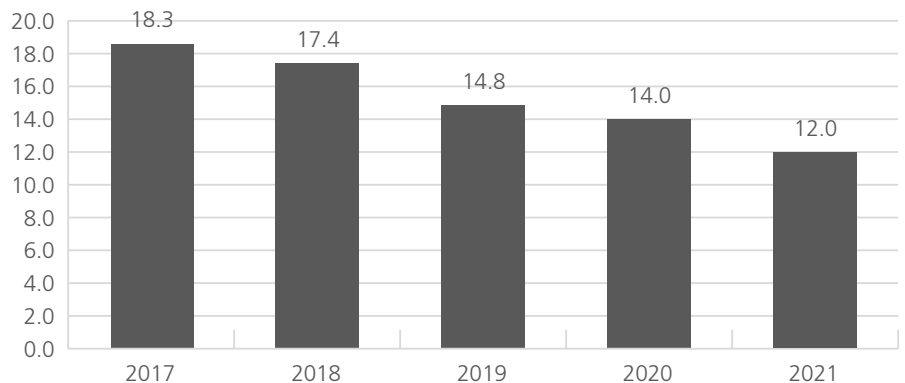
*A decrease in Chlamydia incidence in 2020 may be partially attributed to the decrease in testing imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DID YOU KNOW?



Teen pregnancy rates have decreased 19% from 2019 to 2021. Rhode Island's repeat teen birth rate of 9.8% in 2021 has decreased from 10.7% in 2019.

Pregnancy Rates per 1,000 Females, Age 15 - 19, Rhode Island, 2017 - 2021



Rhode Island's teen pregnancy rate (12.0 per 1,000 girls aged 15-19) is the highest among New England states.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health.



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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 2017-2021 Rhode Island Profile. To read the full profile, visit: health.ri.gov/publications/healthprofiles/AdolescentSexualHealth.pdf