

## Youth Sexual Behavior and Teen Pregnancy Outcomes

### Key Findings

*Shawnee Middle School did not participate in the sexual health section of the health survey. In 2009, almost half (46%) of Allen County youth have had sexual intercourse, increasing to 63% of those ages 17 and over. Of those who were sexually active, 59% had more than one sexual partner. 11% of Allen County youth were sexually active by the age of 13.*

### Youth Sexual Behavior

- ◆ Almost half (46%) of Allen County youth have had sexual intercourse, increasing to 63% of those ages 17 and over. Over half (57%) of Allen County high school youth had sexual intercourse (2007 YRBS shows that 45% of Ohio youth and 48% of U.S. youth have had sexual intercourse).
- ◆ Of those Allen County youth who were sexually active in their lifetime, 41% have had one sexual partner and 59% have had multiple partners. 17% of all Allen County high school youth had 4 or more partners (2007 YRBS reports 14% for Ohio and 15% for the U.S.).
- ◆ Of those Allen County youth who were sexually active, 23% had done so by the age of 13. Another 34% had done so by 15 years of age.
- ◆ 11% of all Allen County youth were sexually active by the age of 13. Of all high school youth, 11% were sexually active by the age of 13 (2007 YRBS reports 6% for Ohio and 7% for the U.S.).
- ◆ Just over two-thirds (70%) of Allen County youth who were sexually active used condoms to prevent pregnancy, 35% used birth control pills, 7% used Depo-Provera and 14% used the withdrawal method. However, 14% were engaging in intercourse without a reliable method of protection. (Totals are greater than 100% because more than one answer could be chosen).
- ◆ Allen County youth were taught about the following: AIDS or HIV infection (92%), safe dating/healthy relationships (91%), sexually transmitted diseases (90%), reproductive health (70%), and contraception (49%).
- ◆ When asked where they were taught about these issues, youth answered the following: school (95%), at home (55%), friends (32%), my doctor (29%), internet (20%), or somewhere else (10%).

### Facts on American Teens' Sexual and Reproductive Health

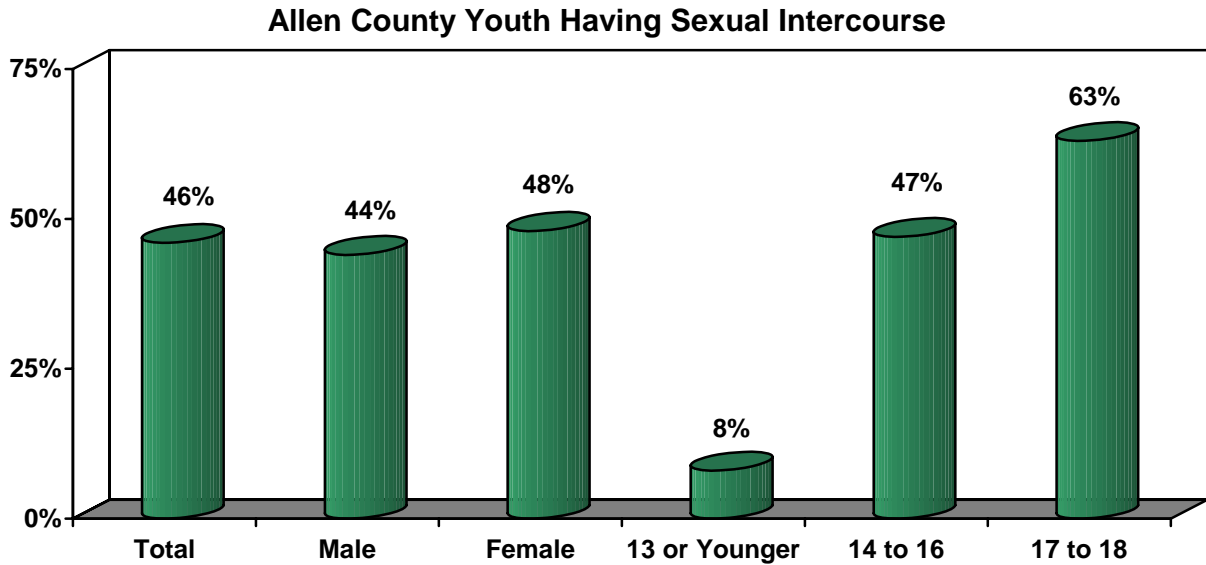
- ❖ Almost half (46%) of all 15-19 year olds in the U.S. have had sex at least once.
- ❖ By age 15, 13% of teens have had sex, increasing to 70% by age 19.
- ❖ About 25% of sexually active teens acquire an STD.
- ❖ A sexually active teen who does not use contraceptives has a 90% chance of becoming pregnant within a year.
- ❖ Eleven percent of all U.S. births are to teens.
- ❖ The majority of decline in teen pregnancy rates is due to more consistent contraceptive use; the rest is due to higher proportions of teens choosing to delay sexual activity.

*(Source: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, Facts on American Teens' Sexual and Reproductive Health)*

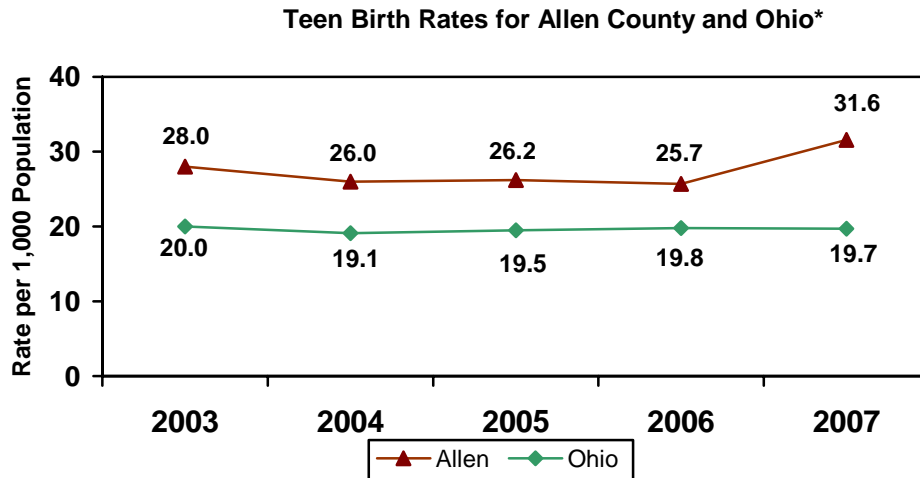
Youth Comparisons	Allen County 2009 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Allen County 2009 (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Allen County 2009 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Ohio 2007 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )	U.S. 2007 (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Ever had sexual intercourse	46%	19%	57%	45%	48%
Used a condom at last intercourse	70%	68%	70%	60%	62%
Used birth control pills at last intercourse	35%	16%	38%	17%	16%
Had four or more sexual partners	14%	5%	17%	14%	15%
Sexually active by age 13	11%	10%	11%	6%	7%

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The following graphs show the percentage of Allen County youth who participated in sexual intercourse and teen birth rates. Examples of how to interpret the information include: 46% of all Allen County youth had sexual intercourse, 44% of males, and 48% of females had sex.



Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment



\*Teen birth rates include women ages 15-17  
 (Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse Updated 1-14-09)