

Sexual Behaviors Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2007 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

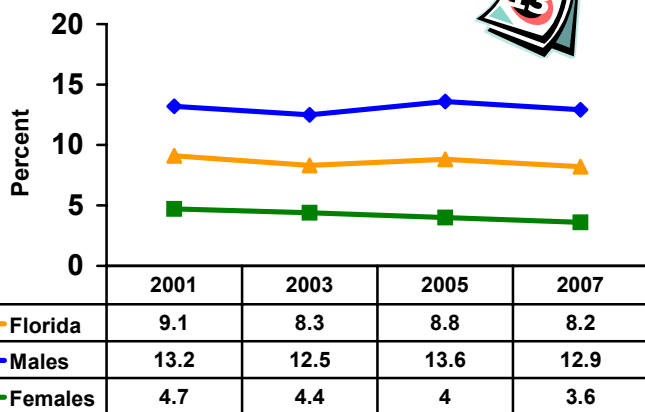
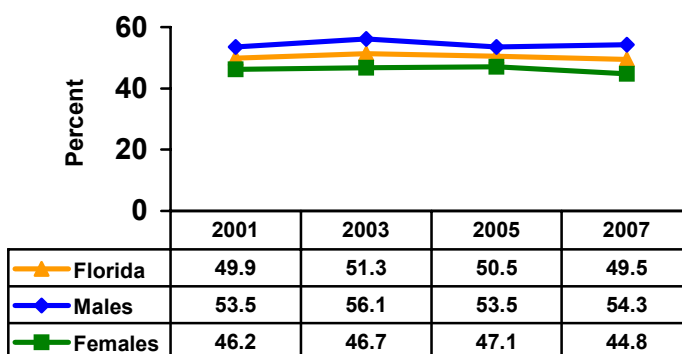
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Introduction

The Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a self-administered, school-based anonymous survey that has been conducted in Florida public high schools every two years since 1991. It is part of a national survey effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States. In 2007, 4,523 students in 69 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 61 percent. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students.

Ever had sexual intercourse

In 2007, approximately 372,700 students (49.5%) had ever had sexual intercourse. This prevalence remained the same from 2001 to 2007. Males have had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2007.

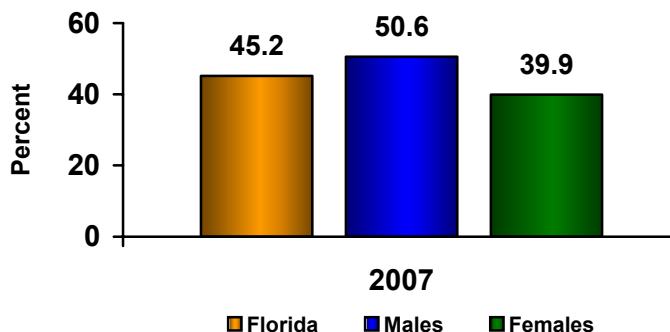


Had sex before age 13

In 2007, approximately 62,000 students (8.2%) had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Males have had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2007.

Ever had oral sex*

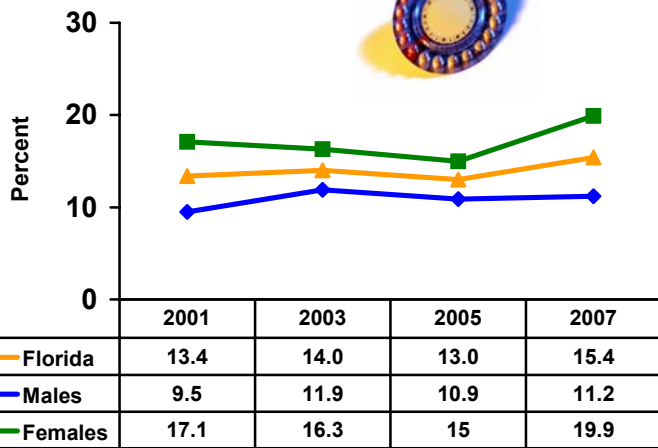
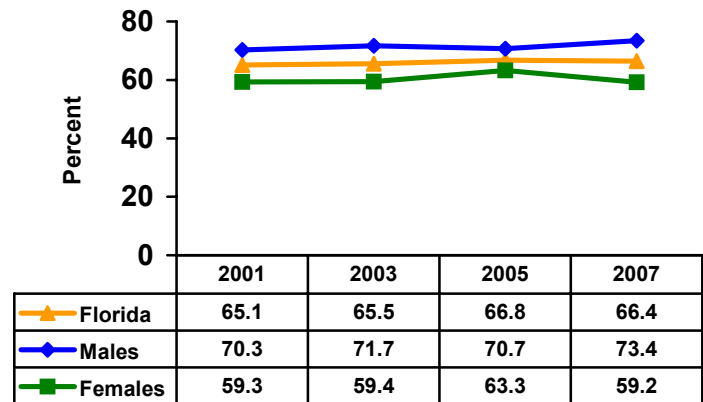
In 2007, approximately 309,000 students (45.2%) had ever had oral sex. Males (50.6%) had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females (39.9%). This prevalence increased with grade and was highest among high school seniors (60.1%) and among non-Hispanic White students (49.1%).



*Question first asked in 2007

Used a condom

In 2007, among the approximate 273,900 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 177,800 of these students or their partners (66.4%) used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Males have had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2007.

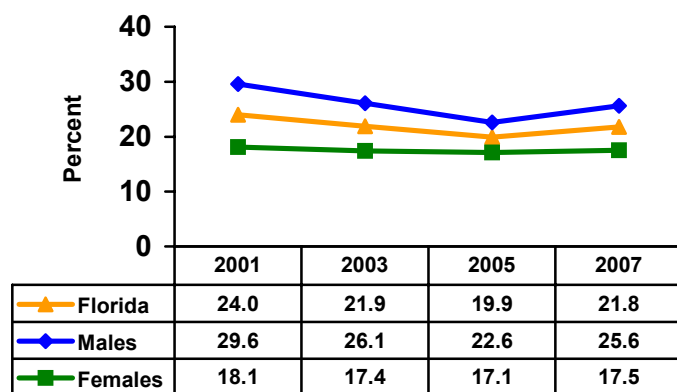


Used birth control pill

In 2007, among Florida students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 40,600 students (15.4%) used birth control pills (or their partner used birth control pills) to prevent pregnancy the last time they had sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Females have had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than males from 2001 to 2007.

Used alcohol or drugs before last sexual intercourse

In 2007, among students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 59,500 students (21.8%) drank alcohol or used drugs before having sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2007. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2007.



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