

Sexual Behaviors Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2011 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

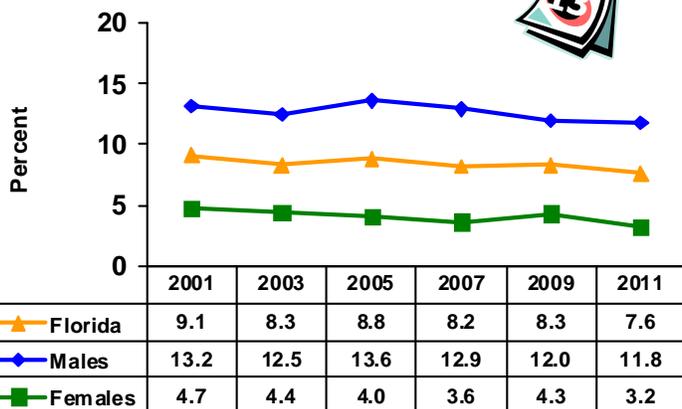
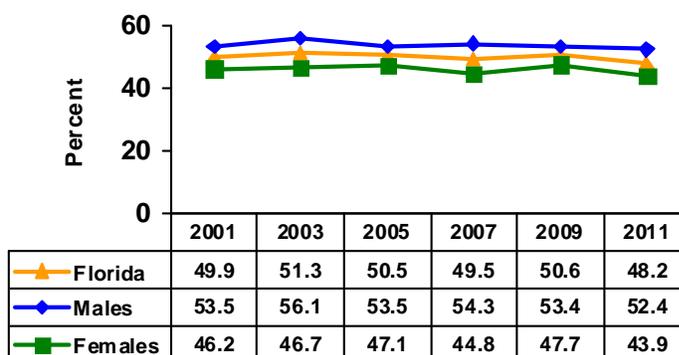
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Introduction

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 2011, 6,212 students in 78 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 75%. 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 2011, approximately 350,000 students (48.2%) had ever had sexual intercourse. This prevalence decreased significantly by 3.4% from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.

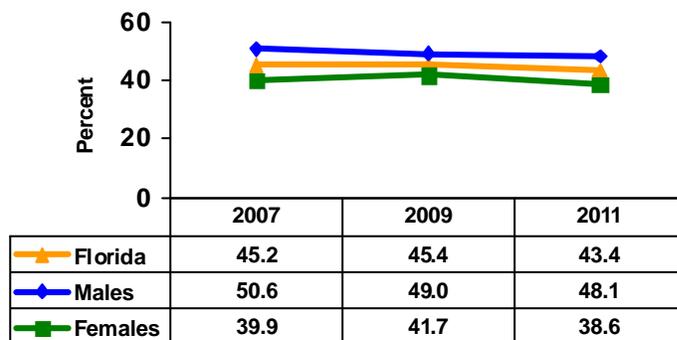


Had sex before age 13

In 2011, approximately 54,800 students (7.6%) had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13. This prevalence decreased significantly by 16.5% from 2001 to 2011. Males consistently had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females.

Ever had oral sex*

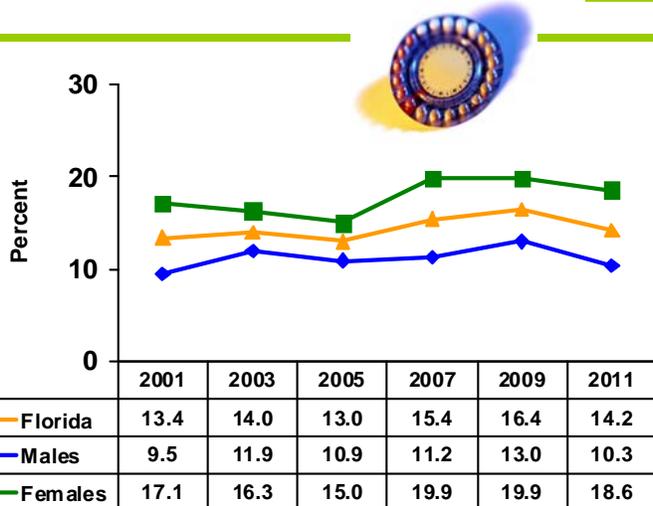
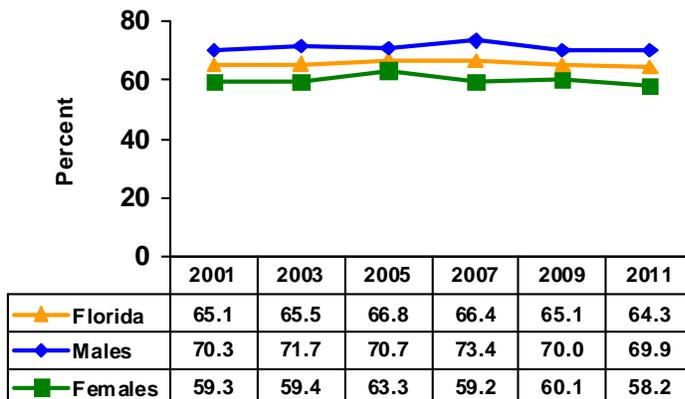
In 2011, approximately 322,100 students (43.4%) had ever had oral sex. This prevalence decreased significantly by 4.0% from 2007 to 2011. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2007 to 2011.



*Question first asked in 2007

Used a condom

In 2011, among the approximate 245,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 154,700 of these students or their partners (64.3%) used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2011. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females in all years except 2005.

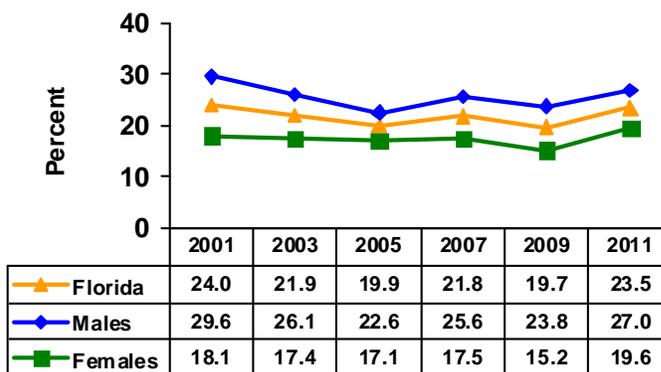


Used birth control pill

In 2011, among the approximate 245,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 33,000 students (14.2%) 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 2011. Females had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than males in all years except 2003 and 2005.

Used alcohol or drugs before last sexual intercourse

In 2011, among the approximate 245,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 57,700 students (23.5%) drank alcohol or used drugs before having sexual intercourse. This prevalence has fluctuated from 2001 to 2011. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females in all years except 2005.



For more information about the YRBS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Surveillance and Evaluation Section at (850) 245-4401, by e-mail at ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us, or visit our website at: <http://www.FloridaChronicDisease.org/YRBS/Intro.htm>. For an interactive database of YRBS data, visit the CDC's YRBS web site at: www.cdc.gov/yrbs. This document was developed by the Bureau of Epidemiology for the Florida Department of Education's Office of Healthy Schools in Cooperation with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health Project Number U87/CCU001239-02.

