

# Sexual Behaviors Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2009 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

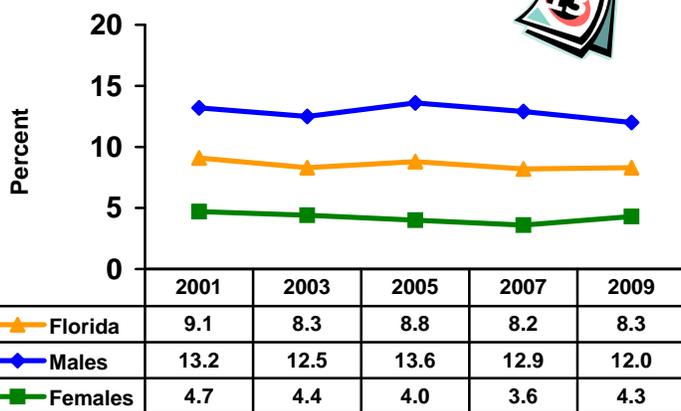
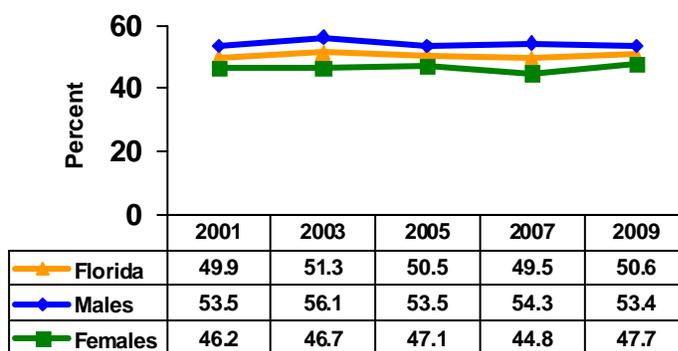
\*Fact Sheet 4\*

## 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 2009, 5,684 students in 80 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 71%. 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 2009, approximately 365,700 students (50.6%) had ever had sexual intercourse. This prevalence remained the same from 2001 to 2009. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2009.

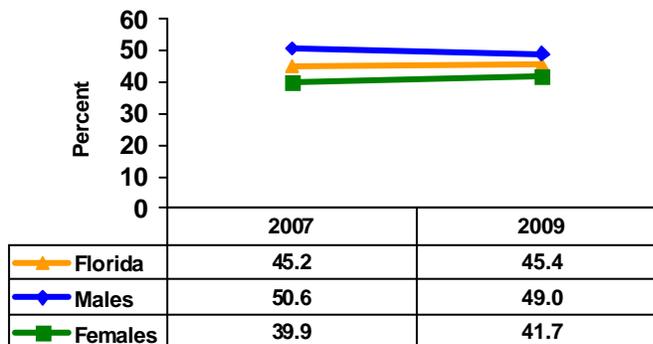


### Had sex before age 13

In 2009, approximately 59,500 students (8.3%) had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2009. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2009.

### Ever had oral sex\*

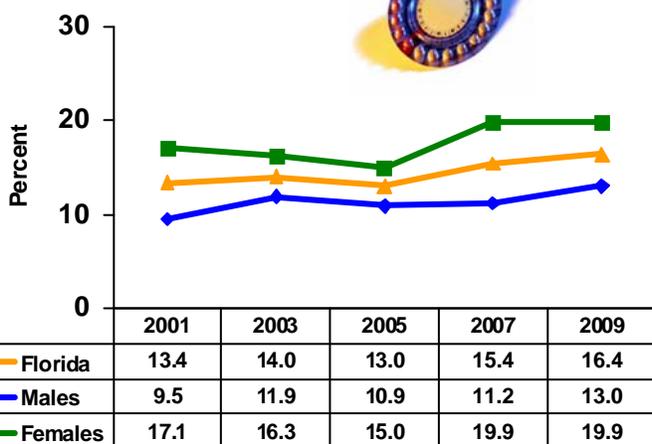
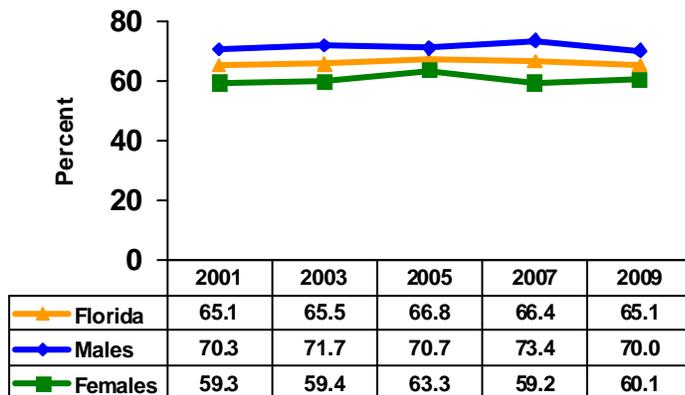
In 2009, approximately 338,900 students (45.4%) had ever had oral sex. Males (49.0%) had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females (41.7%). This prevalence increased with grade and was highest among high school seniors (55.3%).



\*Question first asked in 2007

**Used a condom**

In 2009, among the approximate 266,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 170,000 of these students or their partners (65.1%) used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2009. Males have had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2009.

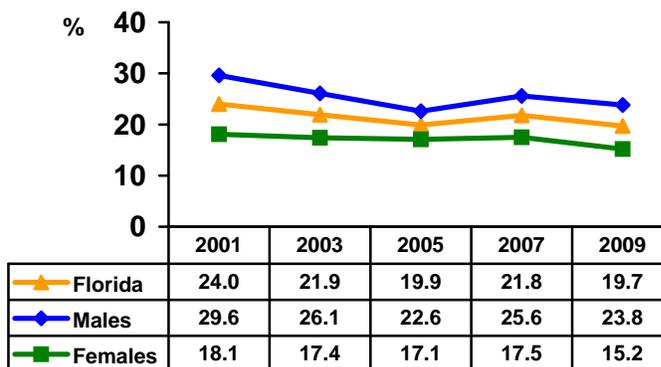


**Used birth control pill**

In 2009, among the approximate 266,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 42,000 students (16.4%) 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 2009. Females had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than males from 2001 to 2009.

**Used alcohol or drugs before last sexual intercourse**

In 2009, among the approximate 266,400 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 52,300 students (19.7%) drank alcohol or used drugs before having sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2009. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females from 2001 to 2009.



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