

# Sexual Behaviors Among Florida Public High School Students



Results from the 2013 Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey

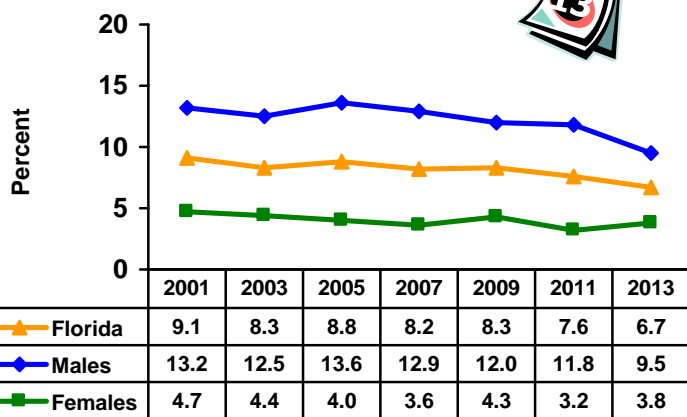
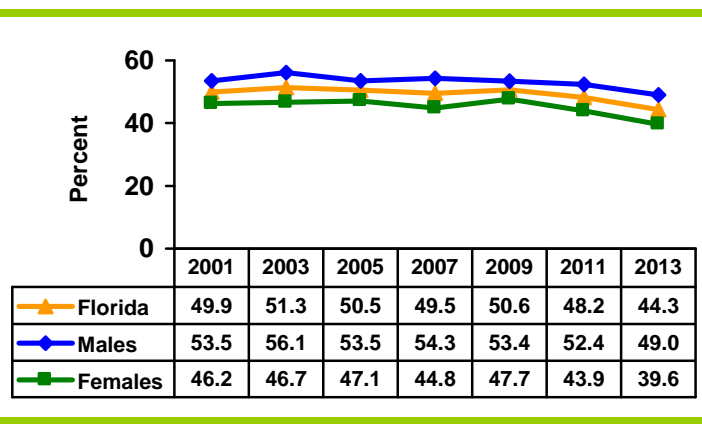
\*Fact Sheet 4\*

## 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 2013, a total of 6,089 students in 73 public high schools in Florida completed the YRBS. The overall response rate was 69%. Since 2001, the response rate has been high enough for the data to be weighted to represent all Florida public high school students. The prevalence estimates and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) were calculated using SAS 9.3. The difference in prevalence between two different populations or between two different years is statistically significant if the 95% confidence intervals of the two prevalence estimates do not overlap.

### Ever had sexual intercourse

In 2013, approximately 323,100 students (44.3%) had ever had sexual intercourse. This prevalence decreased significantly by 11.2% from 2001 to 2013. Males consistently were significantly more likely to have had sexual intercourse than females.

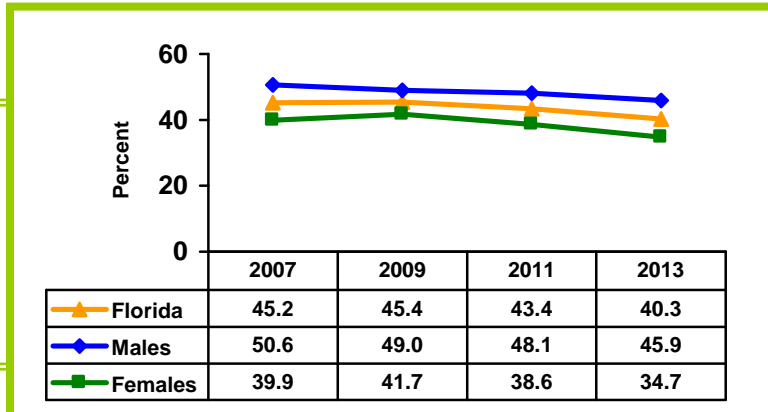


### Had sex before age 13

In 2013, approximately 48,300 students (6.7%) had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13. This prevalence decreased significantly by 26.4% from 2001 to 2013. Males consistently were significantly more likely to have had sex before age 13 than females.

### Ever had oral sex\*

In 2013, approximately 298,800 students (40.3%) had ever had oral sex. This prevalence decreased significantly by 10.8% from 2007 to 2013. Males were significantly more likely to have had oral sex than females from 2007 to 2013.

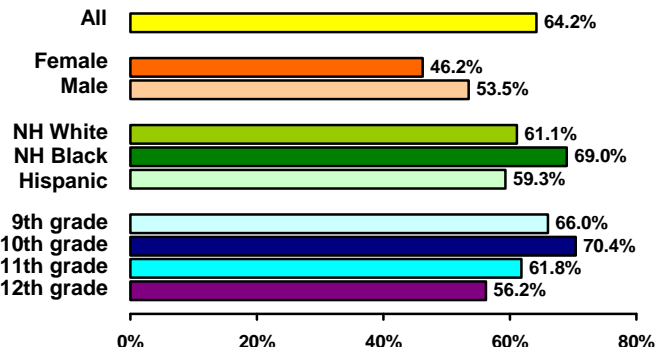


\*Question first asked in 2007

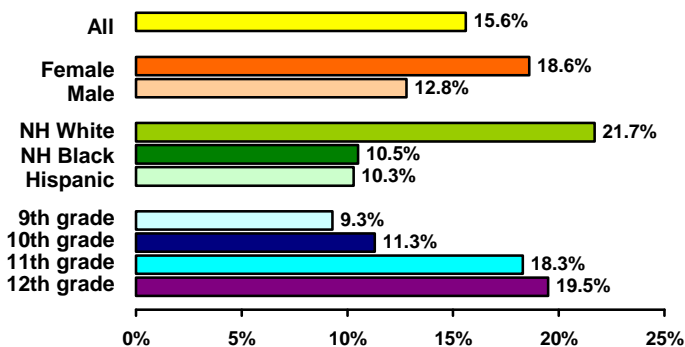
**Used a condom**

In 2013, among the approximate 222,300 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 135,100 of these students or their partners (62.4%) used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse. Non-Hispanic black students had a higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students. Condom use was higher among 9th and 10th graders than among 11th and 12th graders.

Used a Condom During Last Sexual Intercourse  
Florida, 2013



Used Birth Control Pills Last Sexual Intercourse  
Florida, 2013

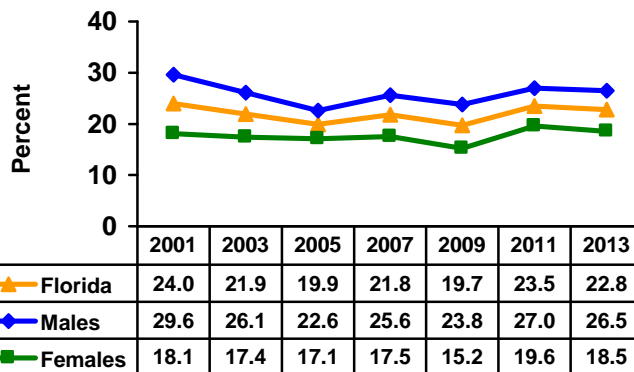


**Used birth control pill**

In 2013, among the approximate 222,300 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 32,700 students (15.6%) used birth control pills (or their partner used birth control pills) to prevent pregnancy the last time they had sexual intercourse. Non-Hispanic white students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than non-Hispanic black and Hispanic students. 11th and 12th graders were more likely to use birth control pills than 9th and 10th graders.

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

In 2013, among the approximate 222,300 students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months, approximately 50,500 students (22.8%) drank alcohol or used drugs before having sexual intercourse. This prevalence did not change significantly from 2001 to 2013. Males were significantly more likely to use alcohol or drugs before the last sexual intercourse than females in all years except 2005.



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