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## **Sex, Teen Pregnancy, STDs, HIV/AIDS**

### **Teen Pregnancy**

- **The United States has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the western industrialized world. Teen pregnancy costs the United States at least \$7 billion annually.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **Nearly four in 10 young women become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20 - nearly one million a year. Eight in ten of these pregnancies are unintended and 79 percent are to unmarried teens.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **The teen birth rate has declined slowly but steadily from 1991 to 2001, with an overall decline of 26 percent for those aged 15 to 19.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **The younger a teenage girl is when she has sex for the first time, the more likely she is to have had unwanted or non-voluntary sex. Close to four in ten girls who had first intercourse at 13 or 14 report it was either non-voluntary or unwanted.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **Teen mothers are less likely to complete high school (only 33% receive a high school diploma) and more likely to end up on welfare (nearly 80% of unmarried teen mothers end up on welfare).**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **One of every 3 girls has had sex by age 16 and 2 out of 3 by age 18. Two of 3 boys have had sex by age 18.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **A majority of both girls and boys who are sexually active wish they had waited. Eight in ten girls and six in ten boys say they wish they had waited until they were older to have sex.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- **Fewer than half of high school students have had sex.**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

### **STDs**

- **Every year 3 million teens--about 1 in 4 sexually active teens -- get a sexually transmitted disease (STD).**  
American Social Health Association
- **Chlamydia is more common among teens than among older men and women.**  
American Social Health Association
- **Teens have higher rates of gonorrhea than do sexually active men and women aged 20-44.**  
American Social Health Association
- **Some studies show that up to 15% of sexually active teenage women are infected with the human papilloma virus (HPV), many with the type of HPV that is linked to**

**cervical cancer.**  
American Social Health Association

## **HIV/AIDS**

- **Young Americans between the ages of 13 and 24 are still contracting HIV at the rate of 2 per hour.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy
- **Half of all new infections are thought to occur in people under 25.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy
- **Each year 3,000 adolescents contract sexually transmitted diseases, which is about one in four sexually experienced teens.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy
- **Almost 50% of teachers who teach about HIV/AIDS reported spending only one or two class periods on the topic.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy
- **Twenty-five percent of U.S. high school students said that they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they last engaged in sexual activity.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy
- **In a recent survey, 87% of young Americans said they do not believe they are at risk for HIV infection.**  
Office of National AIDS Policy

**Abstinence is saying yes to the rest of your life.**