



YRBSS

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: 1991-2003

Trends in the Prevalence of Sexual Behaviors

What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national YRBS monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	Changes from 1991 – 2003 ¹	Change from 2001 – 2003 ²
Ever had sexual intercourse								
54.1 (±3.5) ³	53.0 (±2.7)	53.1 (±4.5)	48.4 (±3.1)	49.9 (±3.7)	45.6 (±2.3)	46.7 (±2.6)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change
Had 4 or more sex partners during lifetime								
18.7 (±2.1)	18.7 (±2.0)	17.8 (±2.7)	16.0 (±1.4)	16.2 (±2.6)	14.2 (±1.2)	14.4 (±1.6)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change
Currently sexually active (Had sexual intercourse during the 3 months preceding the survey.)								
37.5 (±3.1)	37.5 (±2.1)	37.9 (±3.5)	34.8 (±2.2)	36.3 (±3.5)	33.4 (±2.0)	34.3 (±2.1)	No change, 1991 – 2003	No change
Condom use during last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)								
46.2 (±3.3)	52.8 (±2.7)	54.4 (±3.5)	56.8 (±1.6)	58.0 (±4.2)	57.9 (±2.2)	63.0 (±2.5)	Increased, 1991 – 2003	Increased
Birth control pill use before last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)								
20.8 (±2.3)	18.4 (±2.1)	17.4 (±2.2)	16.6 (±2.0)	16.2 (±2.6)	18.2 (±1.7)	17.0 (±2.3)	Decreased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2003	No change
Alcohol or drug use before last sexual intercourse (Among currently sexually active students.)								
21.6 (±2.9)	21.3 (±2.0)	24.8 (±2.8)	24.7 (±1.8)	24.8 (±3.0)	25.6 (±1.7)	25.4 (±2.3)	Increased, 1991 – 2003	No change
Taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school								
83.3 (±2.8)	86.1 (±2.4)	86.3 (±5.9)	91.5 (±1.1)	90.6 (±1.4)	89.0 (±1.3)	87.9 (±1.9)	Increased, 1991 – 1997 Decreased, 1997 – 2003	No change

¹ Based on linear and quadratic trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

² Based on T-test analyses.

³ 95% confidence interval.

Where can I find more information?

More information about the YRBSS is available at www.cdc.gov/yrbss or call (888)231-6405.



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