

Youth Sexual Behavior and Teen Pregnancy Outcomes

Key Findings

In 2008, one-quarter (25%) of Auglaize County youth have had sexual intercourse, increasing to 50% of those ages 17 and over. Of those who were sexually active, 39% had one sexual partner. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), early sexual activity is associated with unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and negative effects on social and psychological development. In addition, activities that may contribute to early sexual activity include alcohol and drug abuse (Source: CDC, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) Question Rationale, Sexual Behaviors, 2005).

Youth Sexual Behavior

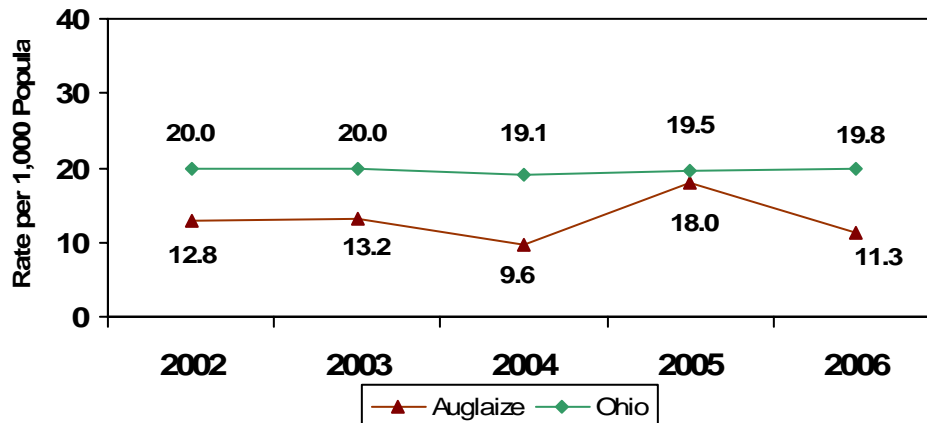
- ◆ One-quarter (25%) of Auglaize County youth have had sexual intercourse, increasing to 50% of those ages 17 and over. The 2007 YRBS shows that 45% of Ohio youth and 48% of U.S. youth have had sexual intercourse.
- ◆ 36% of youth had participated in oral sex or other sexual activities, increasing to 65% of those ages 17 and over.
- ◆ 57% of youth were planning to stay abstinent until marriage, increasing to 89% of those under the age of 13 and 68% of females. 29% of those ages 17 and over were planning to stay abstinent until marriage.
- ◆ Of those youth who were sexually active in their lifetime, 39% have had one sexual partner and 61% have had multiple partners. 5% of all Auglaize County youth had 4 or more partners (2007 YRBS reports 14% for Ohio and 15% for the U.S.).
- ◆ Of those youth who were sexually active, 21% had done so by the age of 13. Another 32% had done so by 15 years of age.
- ◆ Of all youth, 5% were sexually active by the age of 13 (2007 YRBS reports 6% for Ohio and 7% for the U.S.).
- ◆ Just over three-fifths (61%) of youth who were sexually active used condoms to prevent pregnancy, 33% used birth control pills, 3% used Depo-Provera and 19% used the withdrawal method. However, 17% were engaging in intercourse without a reliable method of protection. (Totals are greater than 100% because more than one answer could be chosen).

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- ❖ About 25% of sexually active teens acquire an STD.
- ❖ In one act of unprotected sex with an infected partner, a teen female increases her risk of acquiring HIV by 1%, genital herpes by 30%, and gonorrhea by 50%.
- ❖ 19% of all sexually active teen women will become pregnant.
- ❖ 25% of new teenage mothers will have a second child within two years.
- ❖ The babies of teen mothers are more likely to be low birth-weight and have childhood health issues that require hospitalization than babies born to older mothers.

(Source: Facts in Brief, The Alan Guttmacher Institute)

Teen Birth Rates for Auglaize County and Ohio*



*Teen birth rates include women ages 15-17
(Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse Updated 3-12-04)

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The following graph shows the percentage of Auglaize County youth who participated in sexual intercourse and oral sex or other sexual activities. Examples of how to interpret the information include: 25% of all Auglaize County youth had sexual intercourse, 26% of males, and 23% of females had sex.

