

## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH



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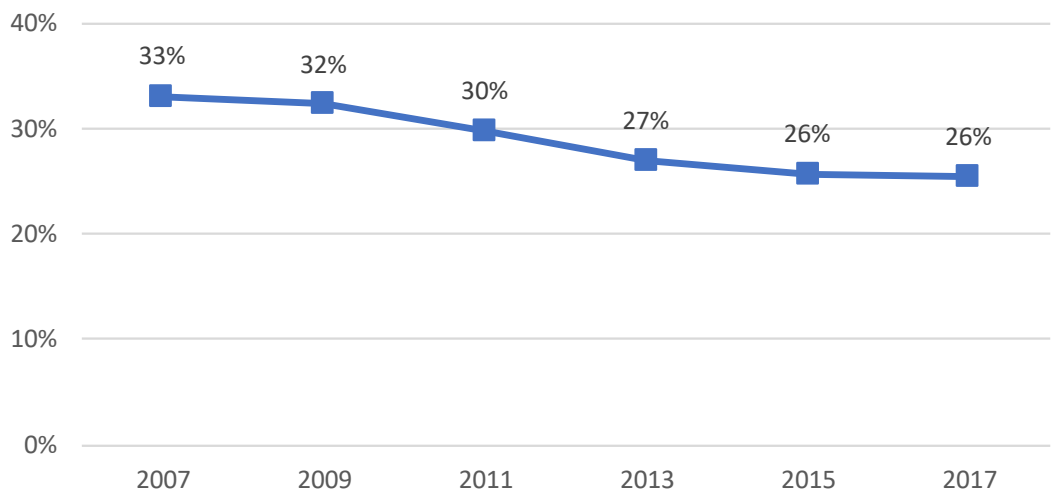
### KEY RHODE ISLAND FACTS

- Sexual activity among youth begins as early as sixth grade and increases as young people age, as follows: 4% of 6th graders, 19% of 9th graders, and 50% of 12th graders have ever had sex.
- Rhode Island is the highest in New England for chlamydia rates (1,825 per 100,000 youth and young adults age 15-24).
- Among sexually active high school students, 12% used no method to prevent pregnancy.
- While sexual health disparities for lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) youth have decreased significantly since 2007, LGB youth continue to be more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviors than heterosexual youth.
- 81% of high school students indicated that they had been taught about HIV/AIDS in school.

## SEXUAL BEHAVIORS



Current Sexual Activity Among High School Students, Rhode Island, 2007 - 2017

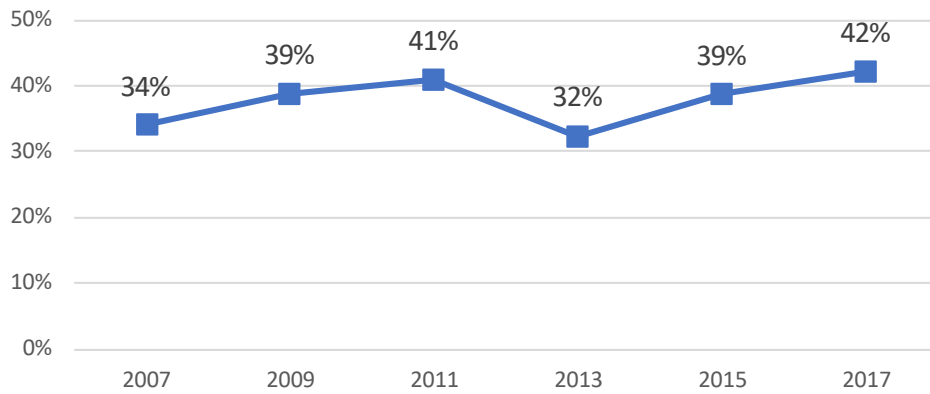


The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (defined as sexual intercourse within the past three months) has decreased from 33% to 25% since 2007.



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### Sexually Active High School Students Reporting No Condom Use At Last Sexual Intercourse, Rhode Island, 2007 - 2017



### DID YOU KNOW?

The percentage of sexually active high school students reporting no condom use at last intercourse has increased from 34% in 2007 to 42% in 2017.

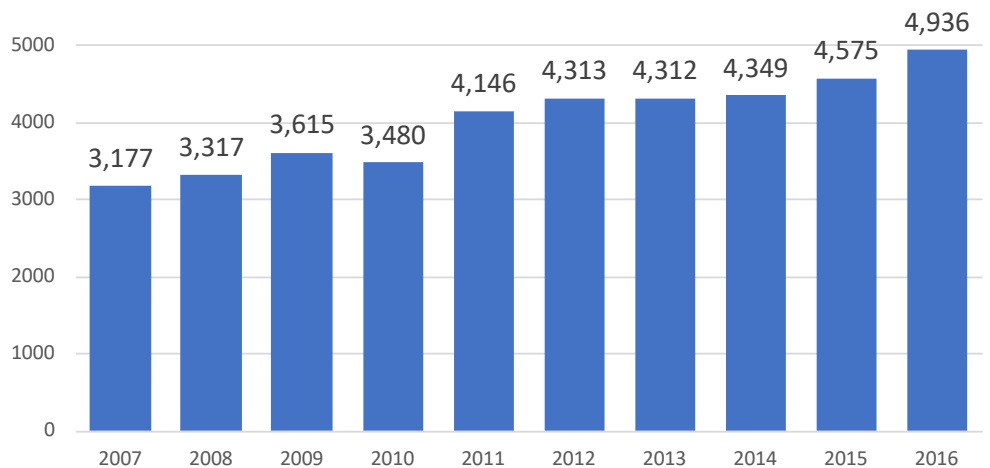
### DID YOU KNOW?

**66%** of chlamydia cases in 2016 were among individuals 24 and younger.

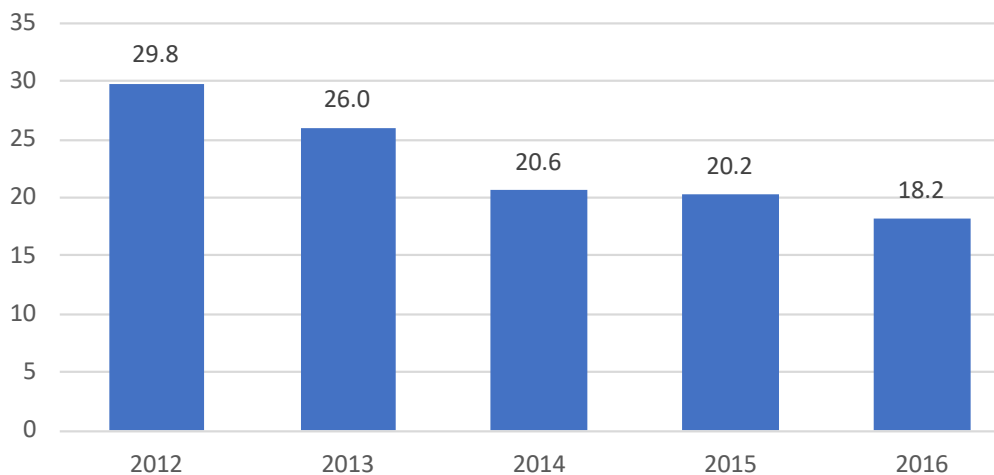
- Chlamydia cases have increased 55% since 2007.
- Chlamydia is easy to cure with a prescription once an individual tests positive.

### SEXUAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

#### Reported Cases of Chlamydia, Rhode Island, 2007 - 2016



#### Pregnancy Rates per 1,000 Females, Age 15-19, Rhode Island, 2012-2016



### DID YOU KNOW?

Teen pregnancy rates have decreased 38.9% since 2012. These trends have been consistent with national trends.

- Rhode Island is second in New England for teen pregnancy rates (18.2 per 1,000 girls aged 15-19).