



RELATIONSHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Statistics on Abstinence

54% of high school students are virgins. (1)

58% on teens surveyed recently said sexual activity for high school-age teens is not acceptable, even if precautions are taken against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. (2)

82% of teens desire to have one marriage partner for life. (3)

63% of teens who have had sexual intercourse said they wish they had waited. (4)

87% of teens do not think it is embarrassing for teens to say that they are virgins. (5)

Behavioral Risks Associated with Virginitiy/Nonvirginitiy Males 12-16

Results: the risk for nonvirginal boys was...

- 6 times higher for ever having used alcohol
- Nearly 5 times higher for smoking marijuana
- Nearly 7 times higher for dropping out
- Nearly 4 times higher for getting arrested

Behavioral Risks Associated with Virginitiy/Nonvirginitiy Girls 12-16

Results: the risk for nonvirginal girls was...

- 6 times higher for ever having used alcohol
- More than 10 times higher for smoking marijuana
- Nearly 4 times higher for dropping out
- 9 times higher for getting arrested
- 6 times higher for having thoughts of suicide (6)

If you have sex before you marry your are more likely to:

1. Breakup before you marry
2. Scare off someone who wants to marry a virgin
3. Be less happy in your marriage
4. Get a divorce
5. Commit adultery after you marry
6. Be fooled into marrying for the wrong reason
7. Be less satisfied with your married sex life
8. Have guilt feelings that may nudge you into a poor marriage
9. Be deprived of the important bonding that sexual intimacy can give a marriage (7)

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Statistics on Teen Pregnancy

Nearly **1 million** teen girls get pregnant every year. (1)

Approximately **4 in 10 girls** will become pregnant in the United States at least once before the age of **20** (2)

7 out of 10 adolescent mothers drop out of high school (3)

The **U.S. has the highest rates** of teen pregnancy, birth, and abortion in the industrialized world. (4)

Nearly **40%** of the fathers of children born to teen mothers are age 20 or older. (5)

Children of teens are **more likely** to do poorly in school, more likely to drop out of school, and less likely to attend college. (6)

Nearly **80%** of teen boys who father children do not marry the mother of their child and pay less than \$800 annually in child support. (7)

Sources for Teen Pregnancy

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Statistics on STDs

Every year, there are approximately **18.9** million new cases of STDs (**51,780** per day)(**10,000** teens per day)

48-percent of all STDs occur in people **25** years of age or younger.

It is estimated that as many as **one in four** Americans have genital herpes, yet at least **80%** of those with herpes are unaware they have it.

At least **15%** of all infertile American women are infertile because of tubal damage caused by pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), the result of an untreated STD.

Less than half of adults ages **18 to 44** have ever been tested for an STD other than HIV / AIDS. *(1)*

In the 60s only syphilis and gonorrhea were common. Today there are at least **30** STDs, and at least eight new pathogens have been identified since 1980, including HIV.

Of sexually active teens, **50 percent** have HPV, **20-percent**, and **10-percent** have Chlamydia.

Nearly all cases of cervical cancer in women are caused by the Human Papilloma Virus and Condoms provide little to no protection against this disease. *(2)*

Sources for STDs

(1) American Social Health Association

(2) Medical Institute for Sexual Health



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Statistics on Drugs, Sex, and Alcohol

About **75%** of the men and at least **55%** of the women involved in acquaintance rapes had been drinking or taking drugs just before the attack. (1)

Teens **14 and younger** who use alcohol are twice as likely to have sex than those who don't.

Teens **14 and younger** who use drugs are four times likelier to have sex than those who don't.

Teens **15 and older** who drink are seven times likelier to have sexual intercourse and twice as likely to have it with four or more partners than non-drinking teens.

Teens **15 and older** who use drugs are five times likelier to have sexual intercourse and three times likelier to have it with four or more partners than those who don't.

63% of teens who use alcohol and **70%** of teens who are frequent drinkers have had sex, compared to **26%** of those who never drank.

72% of teens who use drugs and **81%** of those who use them heavily have had sex, compared to **36%** who never used drugs. (2)

Sources for Drugs, Sex and Alcohol

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Statistics on Rape

A woman is sexually assaulted **every 2 minutes** in America

86% of rapes are committed by someone the survivor knows.

38% of date rape survivors are females between the ages of 14 to 17.

42.5% of assaults happen in the victim's own home.

78% of teens do not tell their parents that they have been raped.

71% of rape survivors tell a friend.

Only **3%** of rapes result in pregnancy.

Rape rates are highest in states which have high pornography sales and lax enforcement of pornography laws. (1)

In a Rhode Island study with high school students, over **50%** of males and **42%** of females agreed that there were times when it was "acceptable for a male to hold a female down and physically force her to engage in intercourse".(2)

75% of women raped are between the ages of 15 and 21. The average age is 18. (3)

1 in 4 sexual assaults takes place in the victim's home, making it the most common place for an assault to take place. **3 out of 5** sexual assaults occur at night, with the largest proportion occurring between 6:00pm and midnight.(4)

About **75%** of the men and at least **55%** of the women involved in acquaintance rapes had been drinking or taking drugs just before the attack. (5)

1 out of 4 girls and **1 out of 6** boys are sexually abused before age 18. (6)

Girls who are sexually abused often suffer from a traumatic and profound lack of self-esteem. These girls engage in disempowering and self-defeating behaviors, which can propel them into a cycle of prostitution, addiction, drug dealing and violence. (7)

More than **70%** of girls in the juvenile justice system or in shelters have histories of sexual abuse and assault.(8)

Child sexual abuse is more frequent within families than outside families: disabled children are especially at risk of sexual abuse, especially from people they already know. (9)

The average age for the onset of a sexually abusive relationship is 6-8 yrs old.

Reports of molestation of very young children are increasing: more than one-third of all child victims may be 5 years old or younger: children as young as one week old have been molested.(10)

2 percent of completed rapes occur by classmates or friends. (11)

57 percent of rapes occur while out on a date. (12)



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Statistics on Rape (continued)

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