

2023 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Sexual Behaviors



The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), conducted every two years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oklahoma State Department of Health, monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability and social problems among youth. Data for 2023 was collected from 1,748 Oklahoma public school students in grades 9- 12 during the spring semester. (NA = not asked)

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Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey Student Response Comparison, 2009-2023								
YRBS Sexual Behavior Questions	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Ever had sexual intercourse	51%	51%	50%	44%	43%	43%	33%	40%
Currently sexually active (had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the three months before the survey)	40%	38%	36%	31%	28%	30%	22%	29%
Had sexual intercourse with 4 or more persons during their life	18%	17%	18%	13%	11%	12%	6%	11%
Had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13.	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%
Used birth control (pills, IUD implant, shot, patch, ring) before last intercourse, if sexually active.	NA	NA	22%	25%	33%	38%	35%	30%
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse (among students who were sexually active)	57%	57%	58%	60%	50%	51%	54%	53%
Among sexually active students, the percentage who used NO method to prevent pregnancy before last sexual intercourse	13%	10%	14%	13%	15%	12%	11%	18%
Drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse	20%	16%	17%	14%	18%	17%	17%	19%