

MISSISSIPPI IN 2014

Of Mississippi high school students...

48%
say they have had
sex.¹

18%
did not use
any method
to prevent
pregnancy.¹

44%
did not use
condoms.¹

83%
were never
tested for
HIV.¹

**Ranks 3rd in the nation
in teen birth rate.²**

ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS

Adopt CHART Policy

**Sign Memorandum of
Understanding with MS State
Department of Health**

**Train Teachers on Sex
Education Curricula**

**Conduct Implementation
and Evaluation**

For more information, go to
teenhealthms.org or contact
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CHART,
an "abstinence-
plus" initiative, HAS
BEEN ADOPTED IN
22 COUNTIES
statewide.



WASHINGTON COUNTY IN 2014

128 teen pregnancies ages 10-19³

Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:

4th in teen pregnancy rates ages 10-19³

6th in Chlamydia infection rates⁴

7th in Gonorrhea infection rates⁵

15th in HIV rates⁶

36th in Syphilis rates⁷

REDUCING TEEN BIRTH AND STI/HIV in Washington County



THE LAW: HB494

Requires sex education in MS public schools. Each school district must adopt an "abstinence-only" or "abstinence-plus" policy as well as a curriculum approved by the MS Department of Education.

THE EVIDENCE:⁸

Evidence-based,
"abstinence-plus" curricula
meet the needs of **ALL**
students and are shown to:

- Delay sexual activity
- Reduce # of partners
- Reduce frequency of sex
- Increase proper use of contraceptives

WHAT IS CHART?

- Abstinence-plus sex education
- Evidence-based, age-appropriate, and medically accurate
- A partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health approved by Mississippi Department of Education provides free training and technical assistance
- **FREE** to school districts

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