

# 2010 Minnesota Student Survey Data Adolescent Sexual Activity

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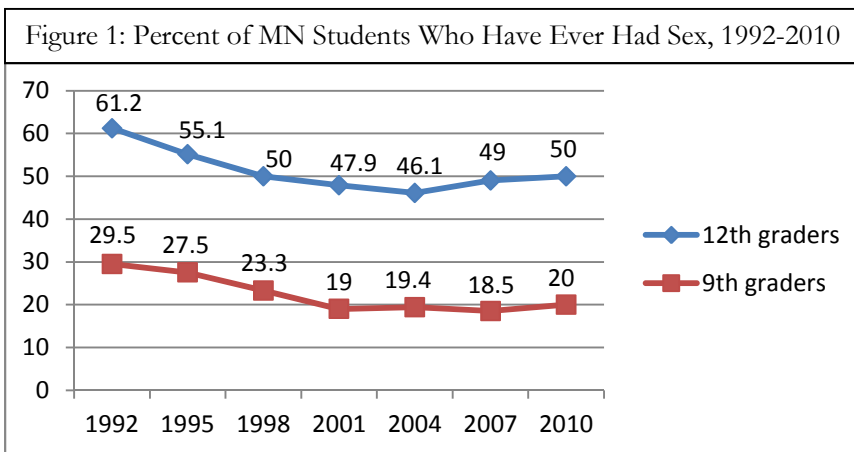
This report provides information about sexual activity and contraceptive trends among Minnesota adolescents. The data are taken from the Minnesota Student Survey, which is conducted every three years among students in Minnesota public schools. The survey is administered jointly by the Minnesota Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, and Public Safety.

## Increase in Sexual Activity

### Increase in Sexual Activity from 2007 to 2010

Twenty percent of Minnesota 9<sup>th</sup> graders report ever having had sex – an increase of 8% from 2007. Fifty percent of 12<sup>th</sup> graders report ever having had sex – an increase of 2% from 2007. These rates represent the highest percentage of young people who report ever having had sex in the past 12 years.<sup>i</sup>

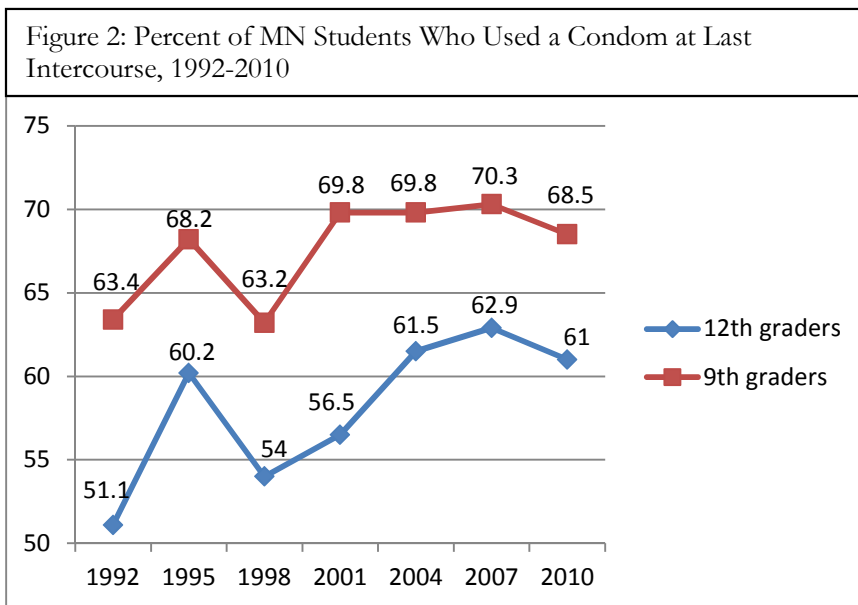
While these numbers indicate an increase in the percent of sexually active young people, Minnesota's rates of sexual activity are still significantly lower than national averages. National data for 2009 indicate that 31.6% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 62.3% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported ever having had sex.<sup>ii</sup>



## Decrease in Condom Use

### Decrease in Condom Use from 2007 to 2010

The overall percent of Minnesota students who used a condom at last intercourse decreased 3% from 2007 to 2010: down 2.6% among sexually active 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and down 3% among sexually active 12<sup>th</sup> students.



## Decrease in Fear of Pregnancy and STI

### Decrease in Fear of Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)

The Minnesota Student Survey asks students what factors influence their choice NOT to have sex. The percent of students who indicated that concern about pregnancy or of contracting a STI was a factor in their decision NOT to have sex decreased significantly from 2007 to 2010.

Figure 3: Reasons MN Male Students Give for NOT Having Sex, 2007-2010				
	9 <sup>th</sup> grade males	Change since 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> grade males	Change since 2007
Fear of pregnancy	36%	-2.7%	35%	-5.4%
Fear of STI	48%	-5.9%	35%	-5.4%

Figure 4: Reasons MN Female Students Give for NOT Having Sex, 2007-2010				
	9 <sup>th</sup> grade females	Change since 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> grade females	Change since 2007
Fear of pregnancy	69%	-1.4%	61%	-3.2%
Fear of STI	64%	-4.5%	49%	-7.5%

<sup>i</sup> Minnesota Center for Health Statistics, Minnesota Student Survey, Data for Regular Public Schools <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/mss/>

<sup>ii</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Surveillance Summaries, June 4, 2010. MMWR 2010;59(No. SS-5).