

# Sexual Health Snapshots

Howard County Teens



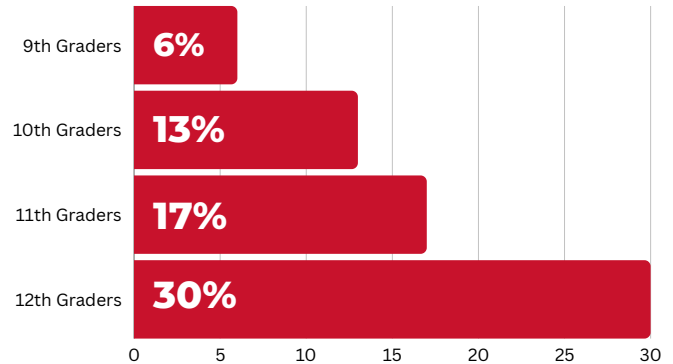
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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26%

of all **chlamydia and gonorrhea infections** reported in Howard County are among teens ages 15-19

Maryland Department of Health,  
Center for STI Prevention, 2022

Howard County high school students who reported ever **having sex**



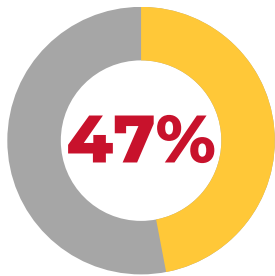
Maryland Department of Health,  
Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021-2022



51

**Births** to Howard County teens 19 and under

Maryland Department of Health,  
Vital Statistics Administration, 2021



of Howard County high school students reported **using a condom** the last time they had sex

Maryland Department of Health,  
Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2021-2022

## DID YOU KNOW?



- You can't tell if someone has a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) just by looking at them. Most STIs don't cause any symptoms, so the only way to know for sure is to **get tested**.
- You can prevent pregnancy and STIs by not having sex. If you do have sex (oral, anal or vaginal), use a condom every time to reduce the risk for STIs, including HIV, and to prevent pregnancy.

## It's your health, you can **protect it!**

Talk to a health care provider or your local health department about confidential STI testing and treatment. Scan the QR code to find your local health department.



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