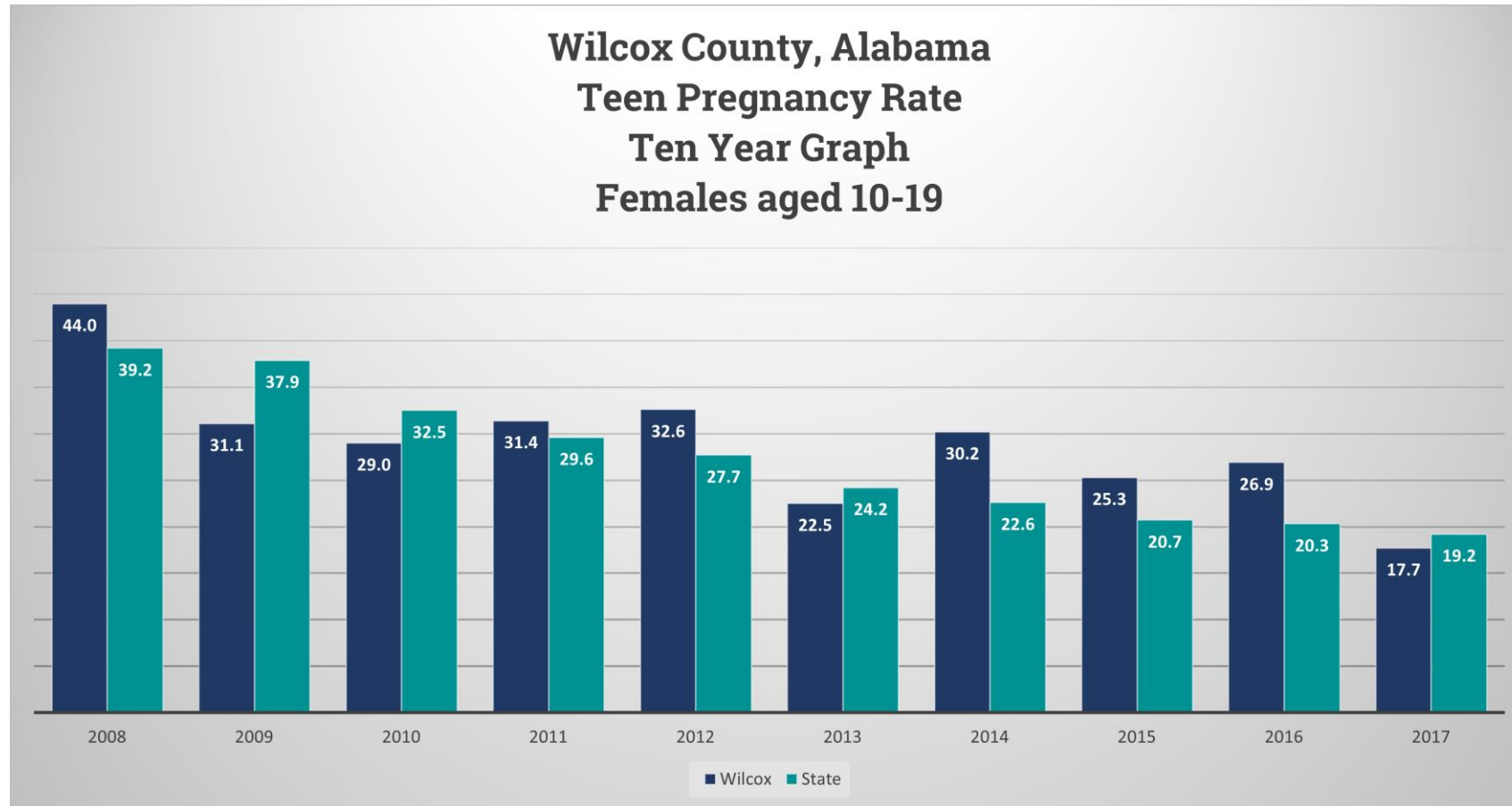


We envision sexually healthy people and communities throughout Alabama and advance our mission of leading Alabama in embracing evidence informed sexual health education as critical to healthy youth development.





2019 ALABAMA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (YRBSS) SURVEY - SEXUAL BEHAVIORS

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) survey is conducted by the CDC every two years in coordination with state agencies. The YRBSS surveys a representative sample of high school students in each state to gather information on youth risk behaviors in that state. Risk behavior topics include: unintentional injury and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, dietary behaviors, and weight control.



CURRENT SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Alabama high school students were less sexually active in 2019 than they were in 2015.

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| 30.6% | 34.9% |



CONDOM USE

More Alabama high school students used a condom at last sexual intercourse than in 2015.

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| 54.1% | 50.9% |



PREGNANCY PREVENTION

More Alabama high school students used any birth control method (IUD, implant, birth control pills, the shot, etc.) to prevent an unintended pregnancy during last sexual intercourse than in 2015.

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| 87.1% | 82.3% |



HIV TESTING

More Alabama high school students were tested for HIV in 2019 than in 2015, though this age group remains significantly undertested.

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2015</u> |
| 20.3% | 15.8% |



STI TESTING

For the first time, the YRBSS asked high school students whether they had been tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)/sexually transmitted infections (STIs). **80.6% indicated they had not been tested.**