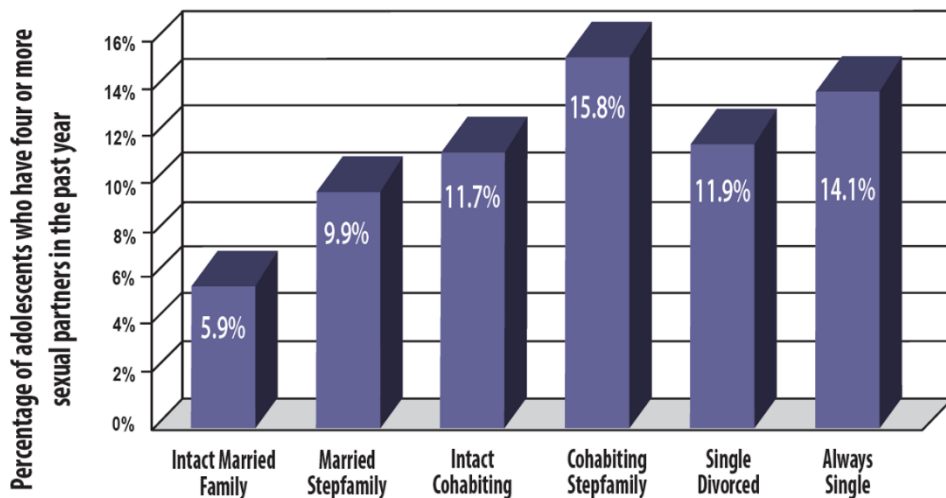


Adolescents Who Have Had Four or More Sexual Partners by Family Structure

The probability of adolescents (aged 13 to 19) having had four or more sexual partners in the past year is least likely among those who were raised in intact families that attended religious services weekly or more.¹ The data come from Wave 1 of the *National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health)*.²

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Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health Wave 1, ages 13 to 19



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Family Structure

Adolescents were least likely to have had four or more sexual partners in the past year when raised in intact married families (5.9%). Teens raised in married stepfamilies were more likely to have had four or more sexual partners (9.9%), as were those in intact cohabiting families (11.7%), single-divorced-parent families (11.9%), and cohabiting

stepfamilies (15.8%). Comparatively, adolescents raised in cohabiting stepfamilies were more than twice as likely as those raised in intact married families to have had four or more sexual partners (15.8% versus 5.9%, respectively).

¹ Respondents were asked to respond to the question "Since January 1, with how many people in total have you had a sexual relationship?" Their answers choices were to give a specific number or to answer "refused," "legitimate skip," "don't know," or "not applicable."

² The National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a congressionally-mandated longitudinal survey of American adolescents. Add Health drew a random sample of adolescents aged 13-19 in 1995 from junior high and high schools (Wave I) and has followed them in successive waves in 2001 (Wave III) and 2009 (Wave IV).