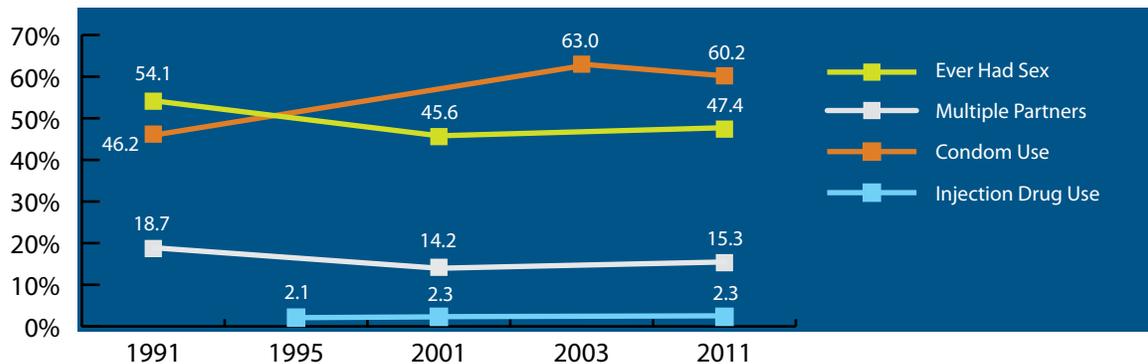




## Progress in Reducing HIV Risk Behaviors Among High School Students Levels Off Over Past Decade

Progress made during the 1990s in reducing HIV risk behaviors among high school students has been maintained, but did not further improve in the past decade, according to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Selected behaviors monitored in the survey include sexual intercourse, sex with multiple partners, sex without condom, and injection drug use. The portion of high school students who reported ever having sex decreased considerably between 1991 and 2011 (54.1% v. 47.4%) but did not change significantly after 2001 (45.6%). The percentage who reported having had 4 or more sex partners in their lifetime decreased between 1991 and 2011 (18.7% v. 15.3%) but did not change significantly after 2001 (14.2%). The portion reporting condom use during their most recent sexual intercourse<sup>1</sup> increased between 1991 and 2011 (46.2% v. 60.2%) but did not change significantly beginning in 2003 (63.0%). The prevalence of injection drug use among students overall did not change significantly from 1995 to 2011 (2.1% v. 2.3%). The report notes that people under the age of 30 make up approximately 4 of every 10 new HIV infections each year, and it calls for renewed efforts to provide youth education designed to delay the onset of sexual activity, increase condom use among sexually active students, and decrease injection drug use.

**Prevalence of HIV Risk Behaviors Among High School Students, 1991-2011**



**Source:**

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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Among students who reported current sexual intercourse.

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