

# #RegionVIYouthToday

## RISK BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN WESTERN VISAYAS

**PART 2**



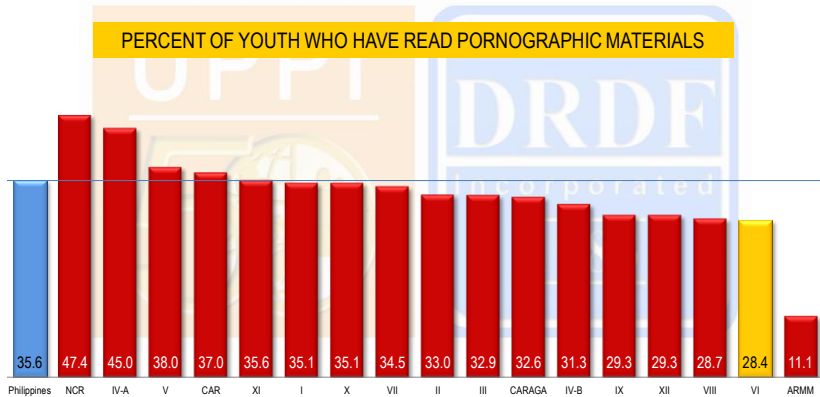
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### OUTLINE

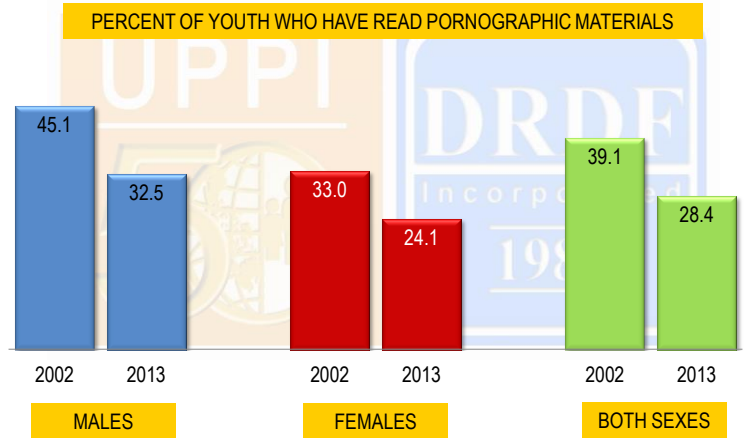
- Sex and media
- Sexual activities
- Teenage fertility
- HIV-AIDS
- Summary and conclusions



Level of reading of pornographic materials among Region VI youth is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in the country



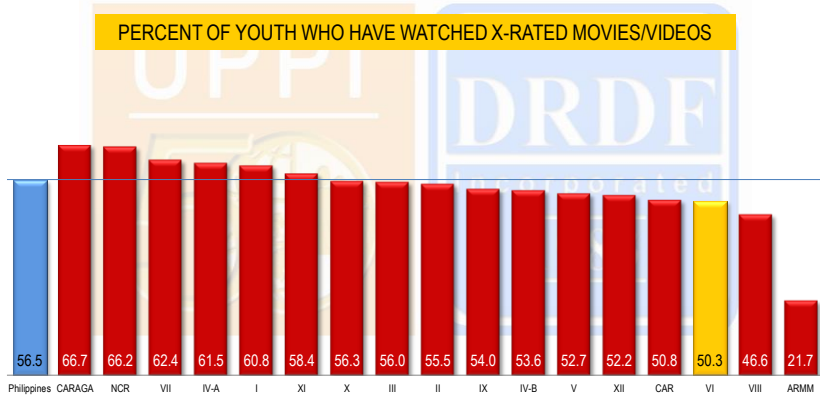
## Decline in the prevalence of reading of pornographic materials in the past decade



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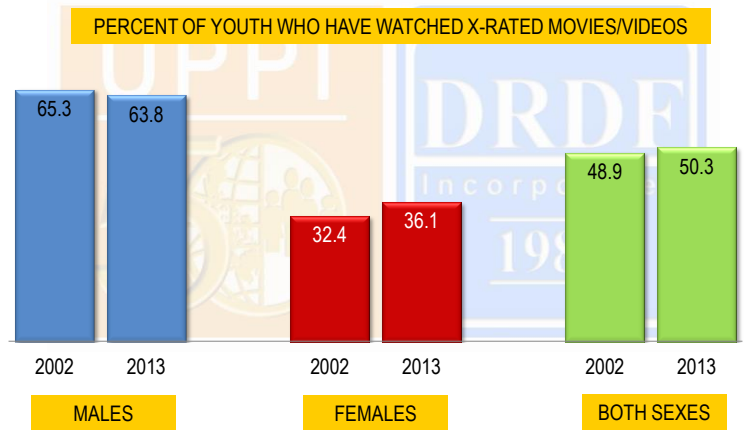
## Level of watching x-rated videos among Region VI youth is 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the country



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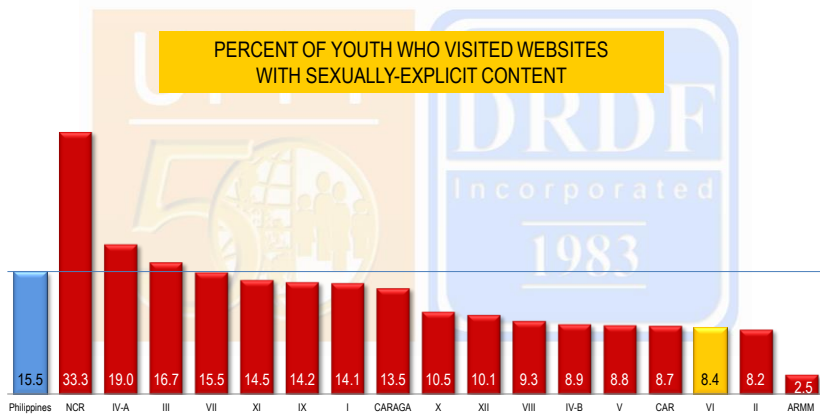
**Watching x-rated movies/videos is becoming less common among males but more common among females**



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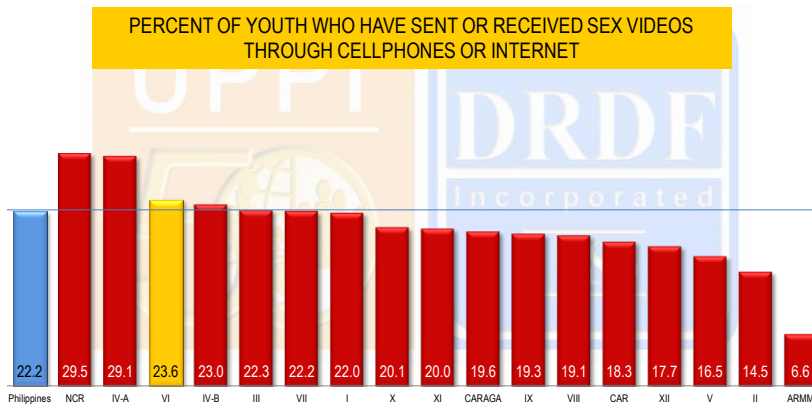
**Level of visiting websites with sexually-explicit content among Region VI is 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in the country**



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## Region VI youth ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in sharing of sex videos through cellphones or internet



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## Region VI youth have also engaged in other media-related sexual activities

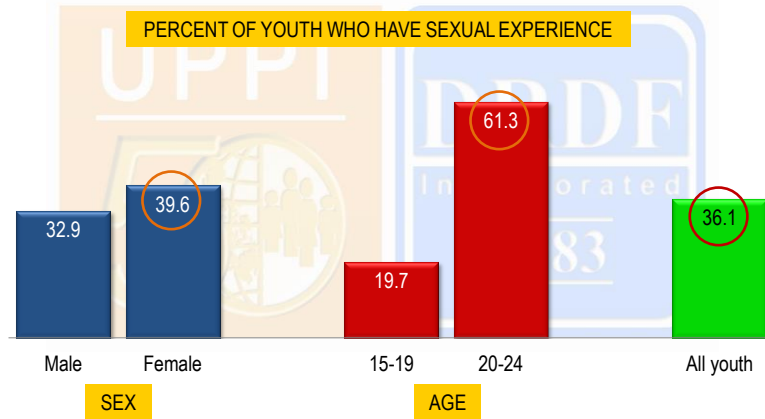
- 0.1% have recorded themselves having sex
    - Philippines: 0.8%
- 1.7% have engaged in sex with someone they met online or through text messages
    - Philippines: 3.7%
- 5.0% have engaged in phone sex
    - Philippines: 5.8%

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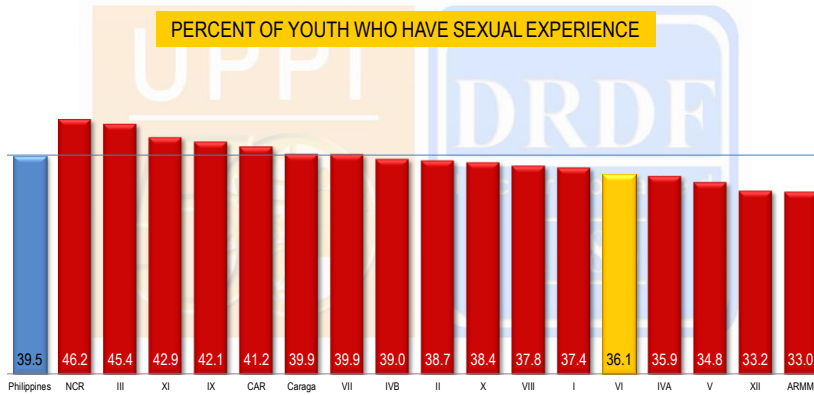
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More than 1 in 3 youth in Region VI have sexual experience



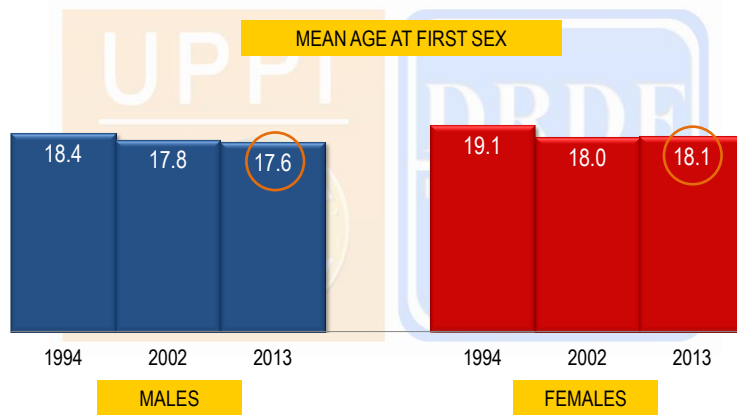
## Region VI has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest proportion of sexually experienced youth



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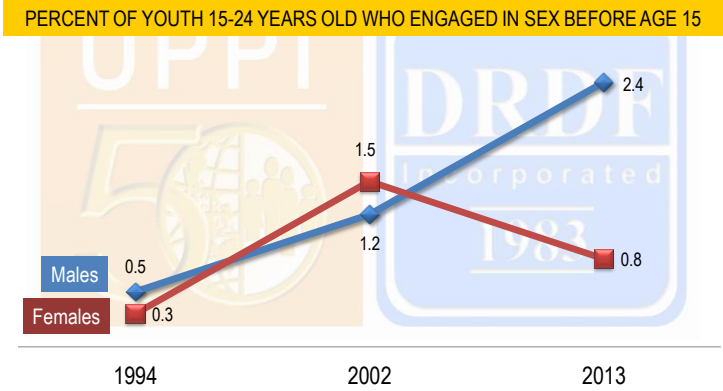
## Younging of sexual onset among both males and females



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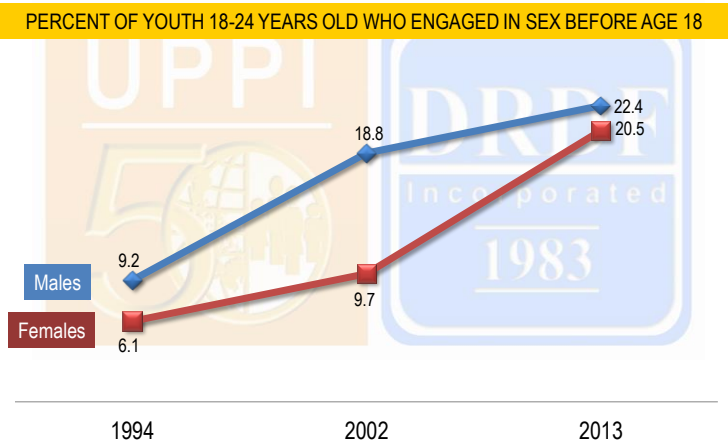
## Increasing prevalence of early sexual activity among males in the past 2 decades



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## Increasing proportions of youth who have engaged in sex before age 18 in the past 2 decades

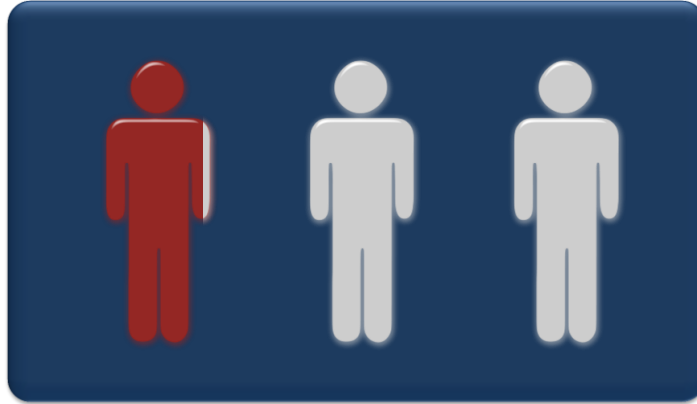


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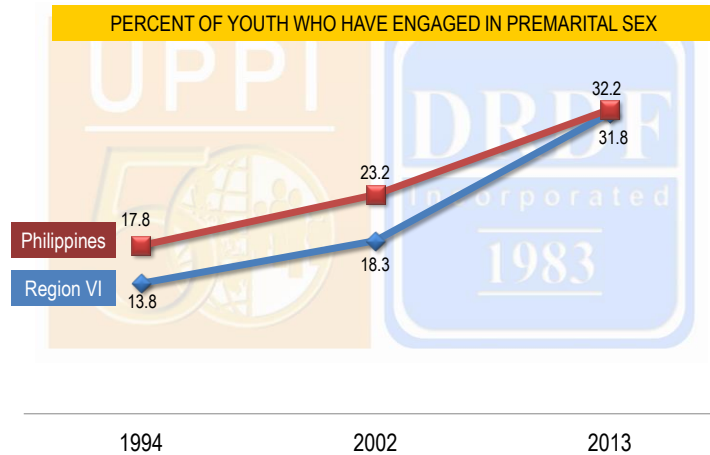
## Almost 1 in 3 Region VI youth has engaged in premarital sex



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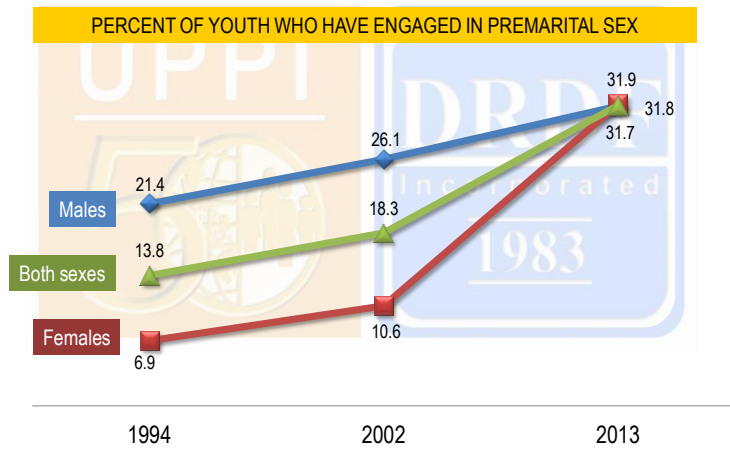
## Rising prevalence of premarital sex among the youth in the past 2 decades



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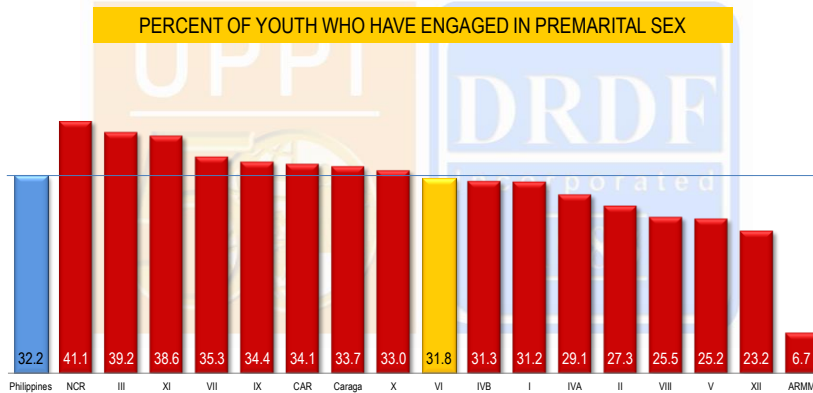
## Narrowing gap between male and female youth's premarital sex activity



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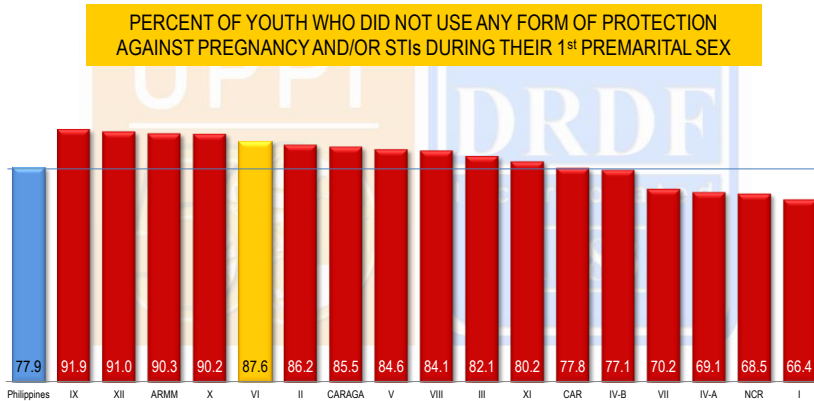
## Proportion of Region VI youth who have engaged in PMS is at par with the national level



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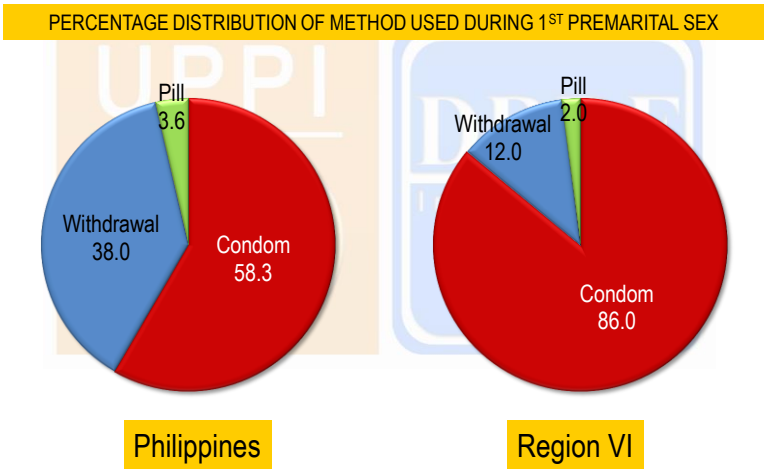
...But it has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of youth who had unprotected 1<sup>st</sup> PMS



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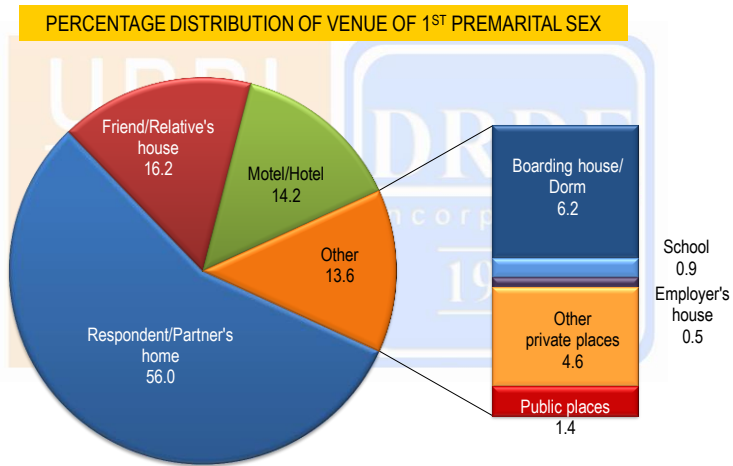
Condom is the most popular contraceptive method used during 1<sup>st</sup> premarital sex



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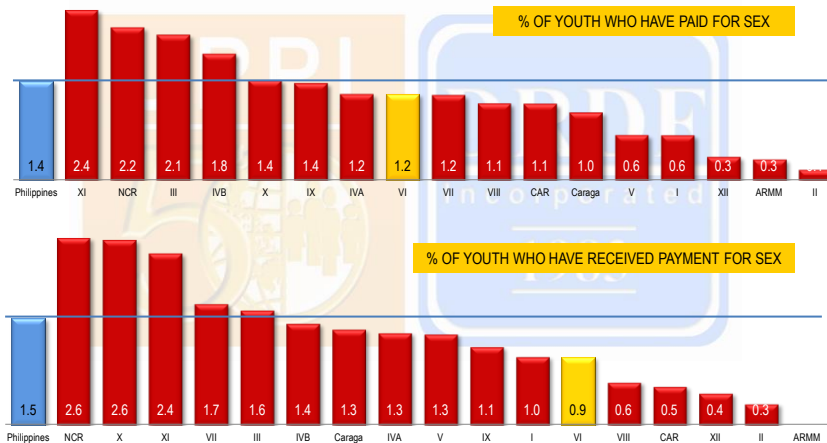
**More than half of Region VI youth had their sexual initiation in their own or their partner's home**



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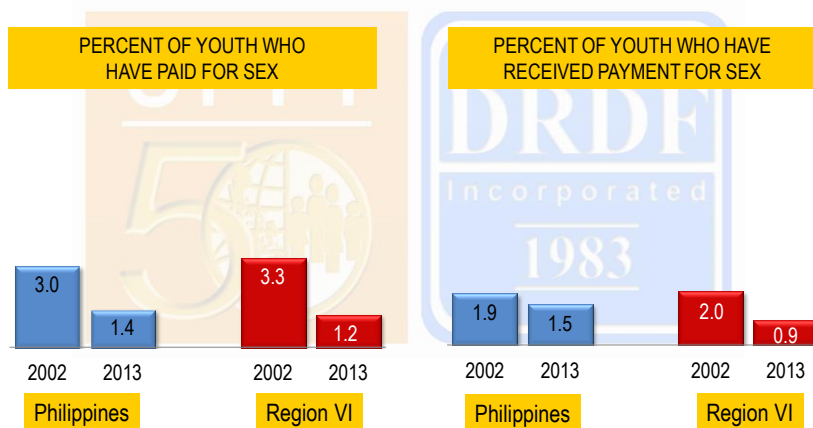
**Level of commercial sex among Region 6 youth is low**



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... and has declined in the past decade



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## Region VI youth have also engaged in other risky sexual activities

- 3.8% have engaged in casual sex (Philippines: 5%)
- 3.1% have FUBU experience (Philippines: 4%)
- 3.9% of male youth have MSM experience (Philippines: 5%)
- 1.1% of ever-married youth (including those living-in) have extramarital sex experience (Philippines: 3%)
- Most of these risky sexual activities are unprotected against the risk of pregnancy and/or STIs

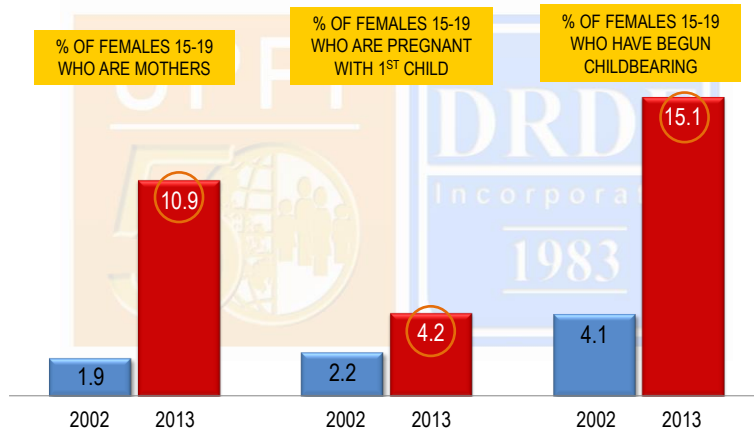
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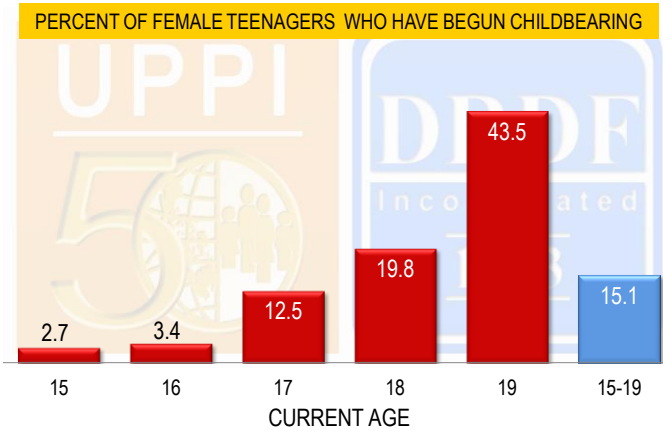
# #Batangina TEENAGE FERTILITY



Teenage fertility in Region VI nearly quadrupled in the past decade



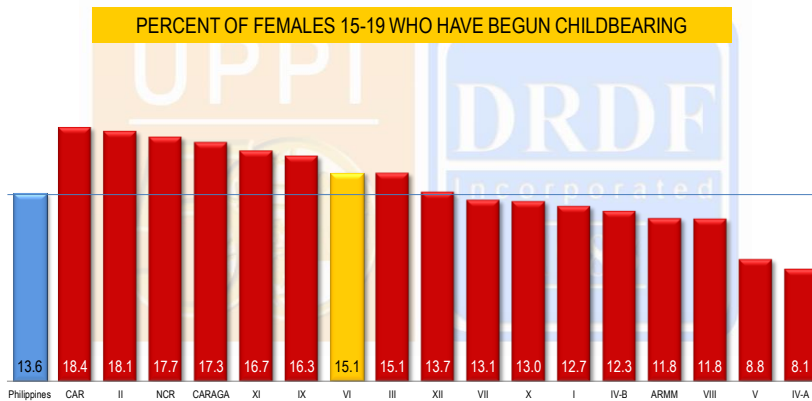
## Teenage fertility increases with age



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## Teenage fertility in Region VI is above the national level

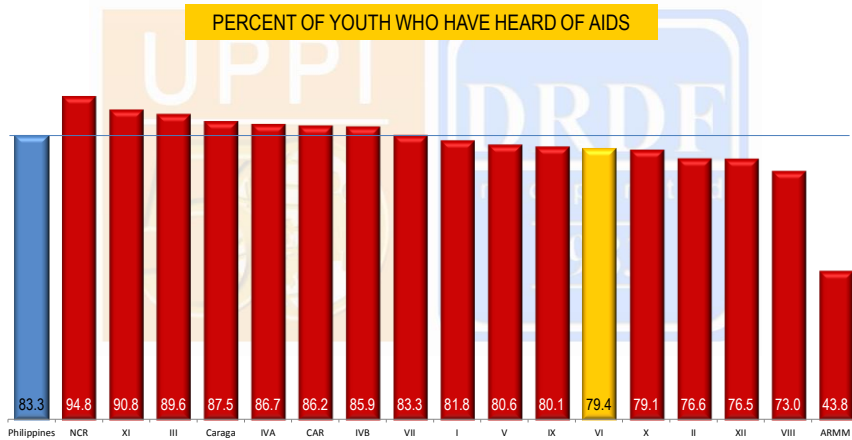


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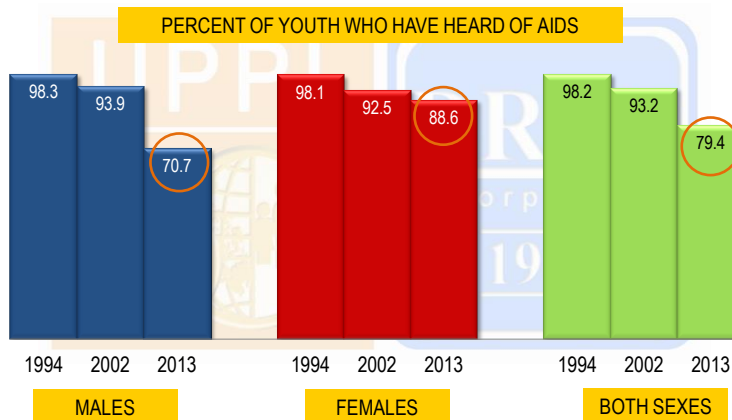


8 in 10 Region VI youth are aware of AIDS





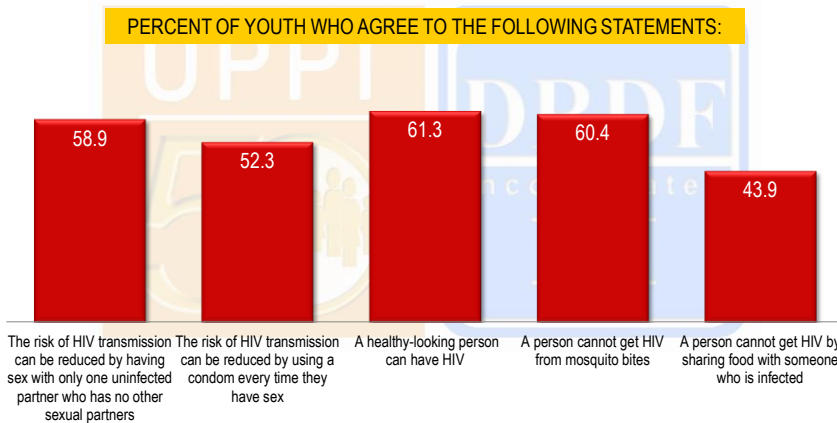
## Awareness of AIDS among Region VI youth has declined sharply in the past decade



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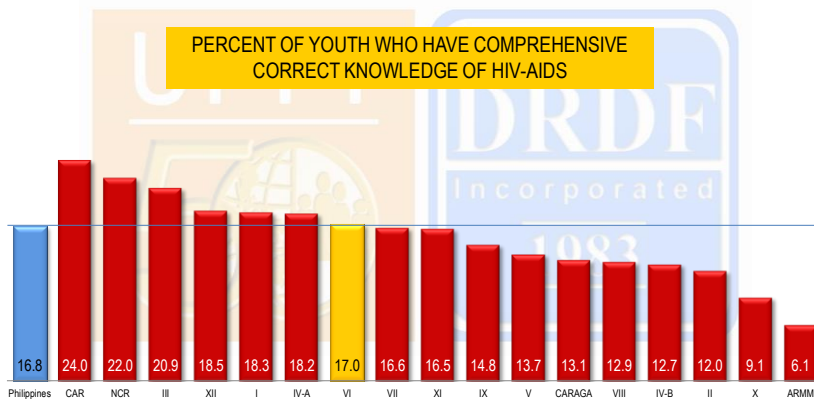
## Misconceptions about HIV transmission are common among Region VI youth



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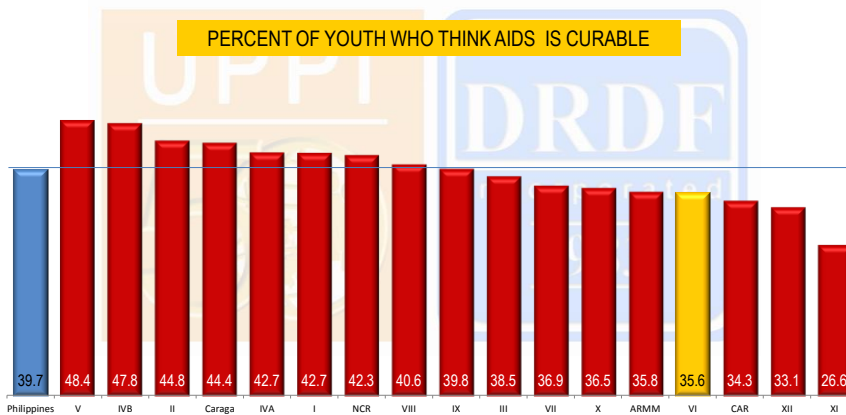
## Low level of knowledge about HIV among Region VI youth



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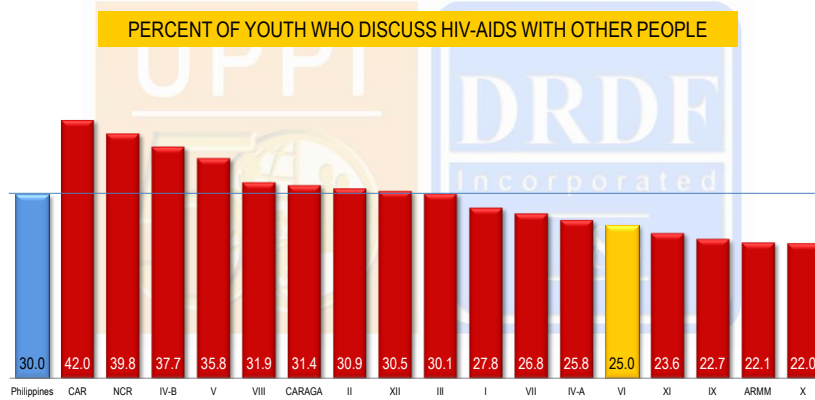
## More than 1 in 3 youth in Region VI erroneously believe that AIDS is curable



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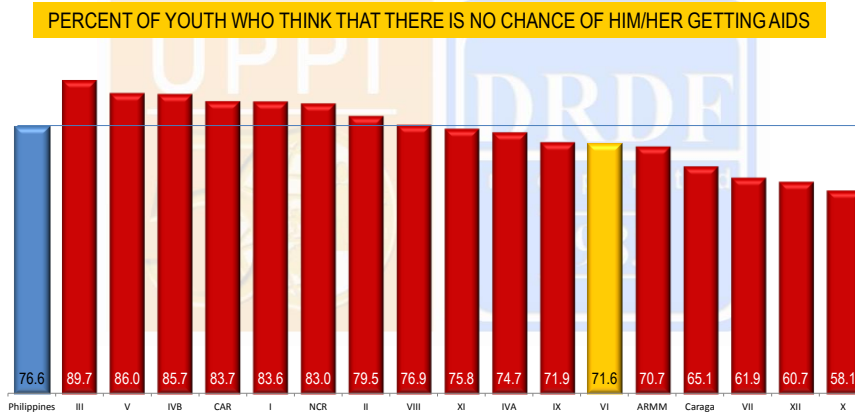
## Only 1 in 4 Region VI youth discusses HIV-AIDS with other people



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## 7 in 10 Region VI youth feel invincible to AIDS



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## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- There is a heightened, bolder, and wider range of sexual behaviors among Filipino youth including those that use new forms of information and communication technology (ICT).
  - However, risky sexual activities are not as pervasive among Region VI youth compared to their counterparts in other regions.
  - Although Region VI youth are among the top sharers of sex videos, relatively few youth in the region access traditional media and the internet for sexually explicit content.

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## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- The sexual behavior of Region VI youth can be characterized as follows:
  - Younging age at sexual initiation particularly for males and increasing proportions who have engaged in early sex over the years
  - Increasing prevalence of premarital sex (PMS)
  - Narrowing of the gap in the prevalence of premarital sexual activity between young men and women
    - In 2013, the PMS level of females overtook that of their male counterparts
  - Most young people are not cautious about their sexual practices and are ambivalent to safe sex

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- The low prevalence of the use of protection amidst the increasing prevalence of early sexual activities put young people at higher risk of contracting STIs and unplanned pregnancy, and are likely a major contributor to the sharp rise in teenage fertility in the region.
- The increased prevalence of sexual activity in various forms may indicate new normative standards regarding sex
  - Norms around marriage may also be changing as indicated by a higher proportion of the living-in than the formally married not only in Region VI but in the rest of the country as well

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- Awareness of AIDS among Region VI youth is low and declining
- There is poor knowledge of HIV-AIDS as misconceptions about HIV transmission still abound among the youth
- Majority of the youth think they have immunity from HIV

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- Of the estimated 1.5M youth in Region VI in 2013,
  - Around 470,000 youth have engaged in premarital sex
    - Of these, nearly 412,000 did not use any form of protection during their 1<sup>st</sup> premarital sex
  - Around 15,000 have engaged in commercial sex activities
  - Around 57,000 youth have casual sex experience
  - Around 46,000 youth have FUBU experience.
- Of the 775,000 male youth, about 30,000 have MSM experience.
- Of the 392,000 females age 15-19, more than 59,000 have begun childbearing.

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