


Region VII Youth Today
RISK BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CENTRAL VISAYAS
PART 3



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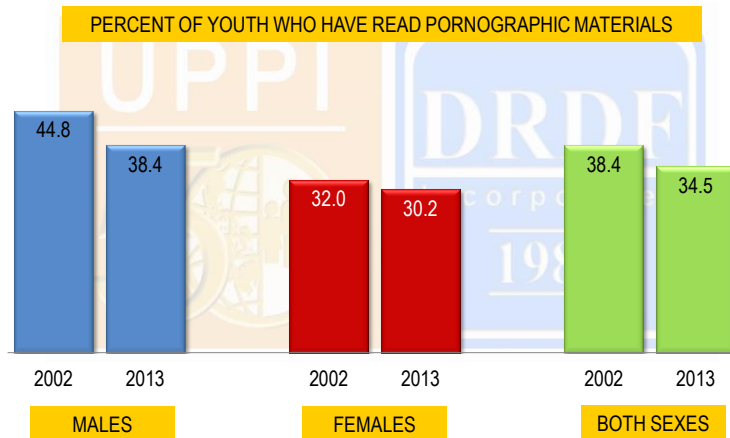
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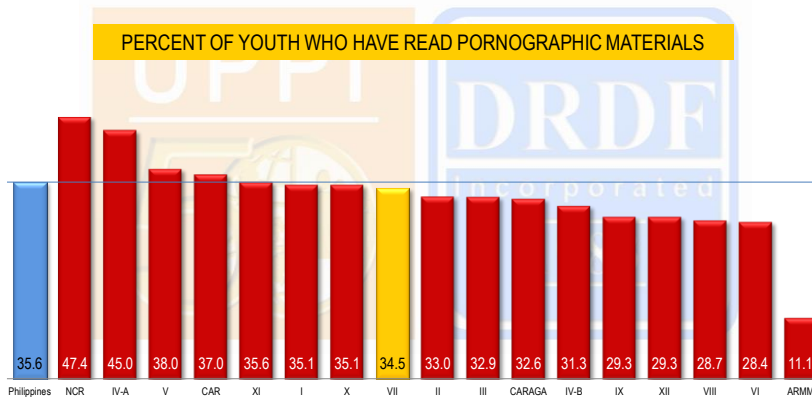
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Decline in the prevalence of reading of pornographic materials in the past decade



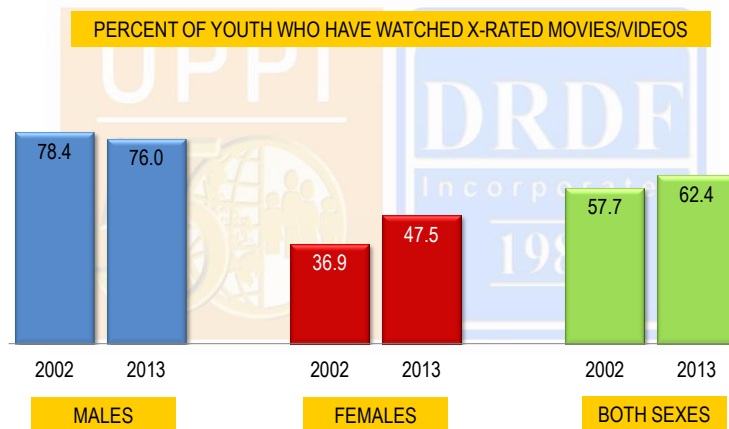
Proportion of Region VII youth who have read pornographic materials is below the national level



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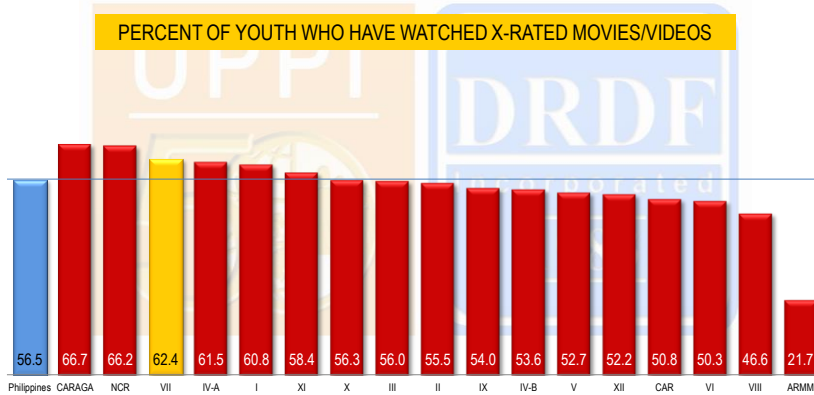
Increase in the proportion of females who watch x-rated movies/videos



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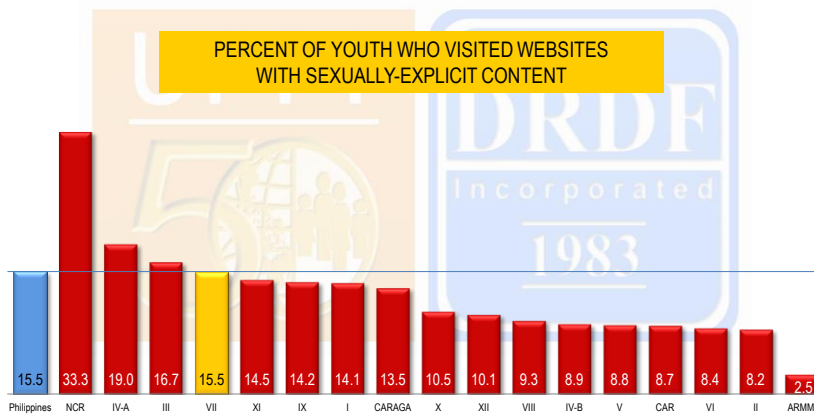
Region VII is among the highest in terms of exposure to x-rated videos...



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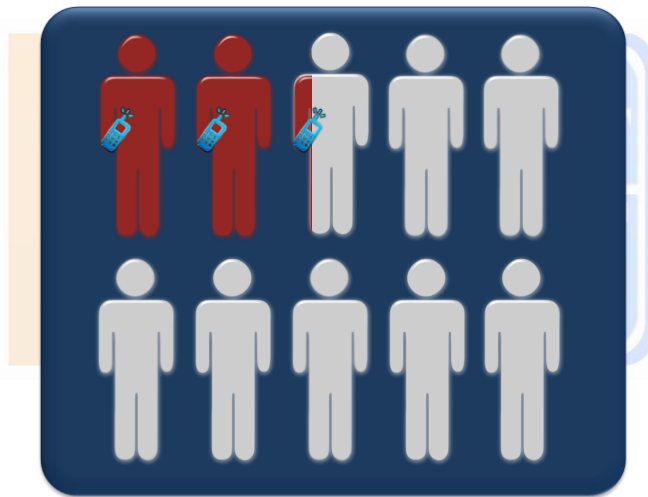
...as well as exposure to websites with sexually-explicit contents



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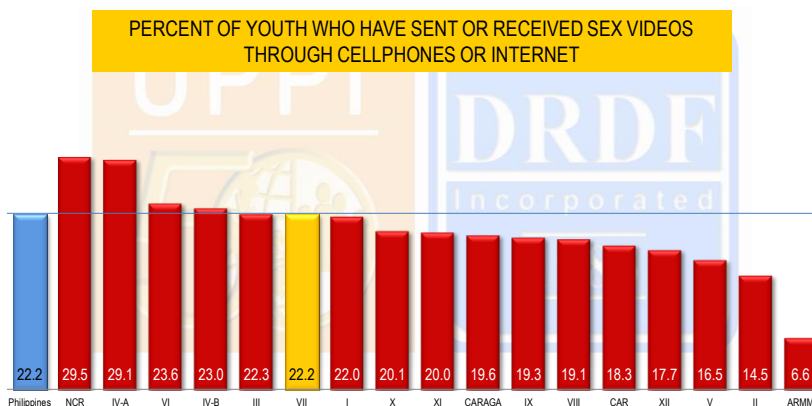
More than 2 out of 10 Region VII youth have sent or received sex videos through cell phones or the internet



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Over a fifth of Region VII youth have shared sex videos through cellphones or internet



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

- 1.3% have recorded himself/herself having sex
 - Philippines: 0.8%
- 3.5% have engaged in sex with someone they met online or through text messages
 - Philippines: 3.7%
- 9.6% have engaged in phone sex
 - Philippines: 5.8%

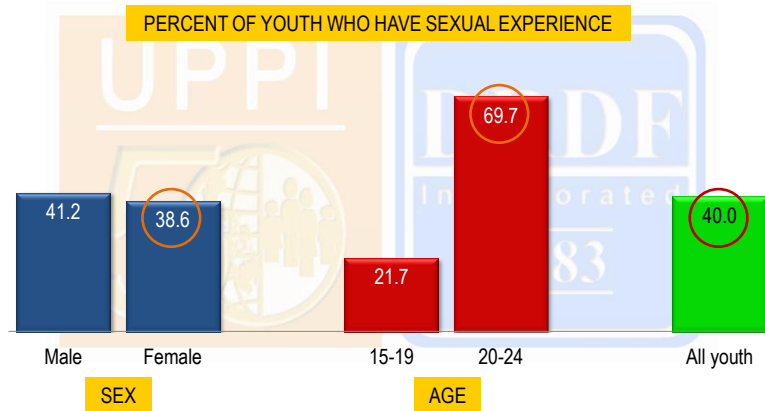
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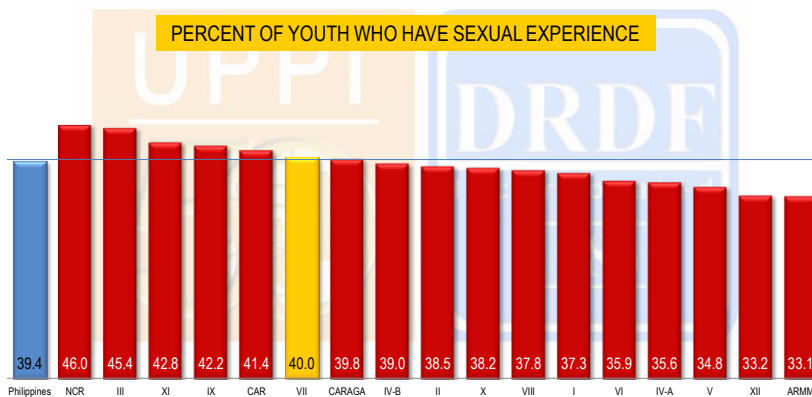
2 in 5 youth in Region VII have sexual experience



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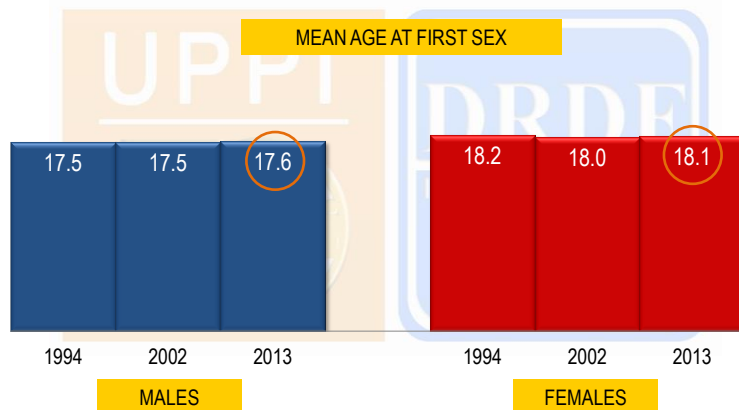
Region VII is among the regions with high level of sexual experience



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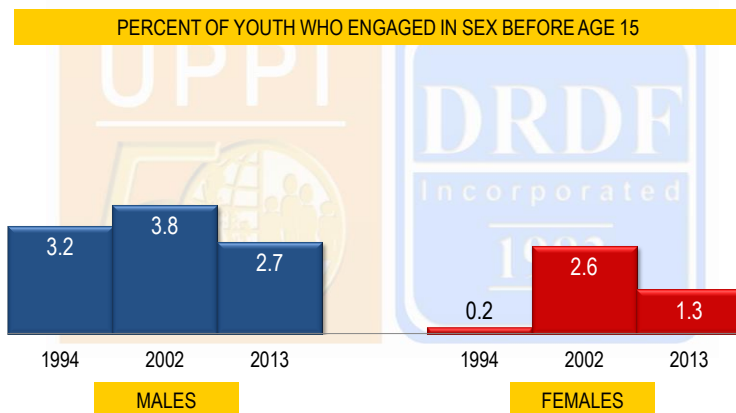
Age at sexual debut has remained more or less the same over the the last 2 decades for both sexes



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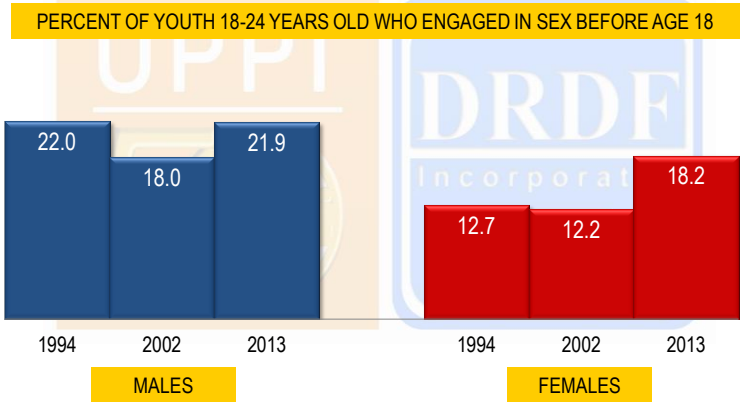
Decline in the proportion who have engaged in sex before age 15 for both sexes



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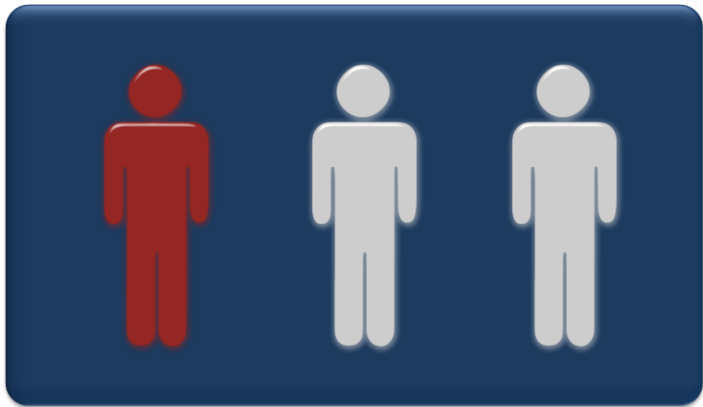
But there is an increase in the proportion of youth who have engaged in sex before age 18 for both sexes



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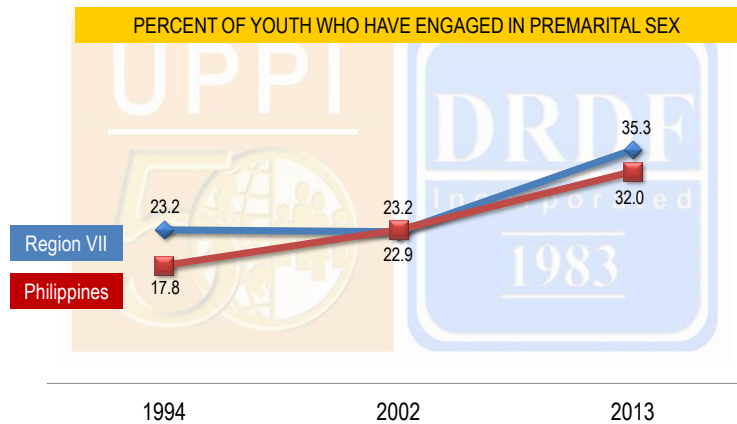
1 in 3 Region VII youth has engaged in premarital sex



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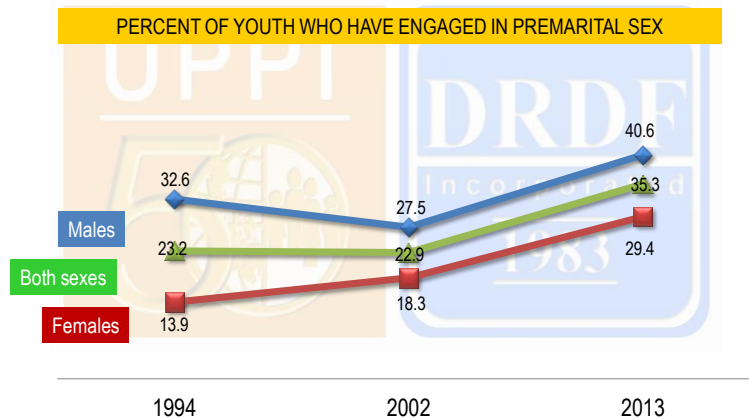
Rise in the prevalence of premarital sex among Region VII youth



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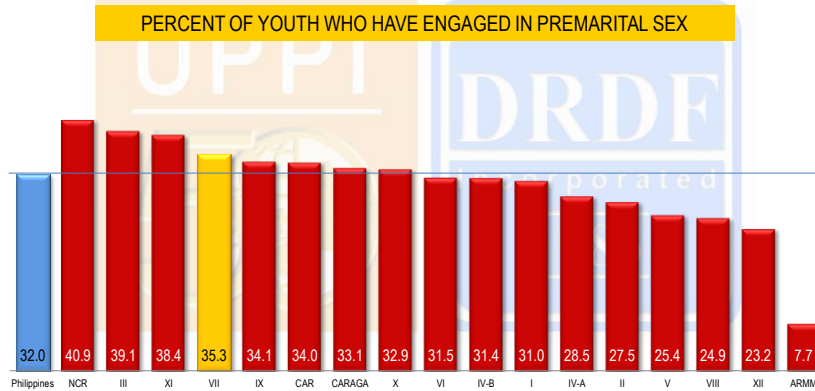
Narrowing gap between male and female youth's premarital sex activity



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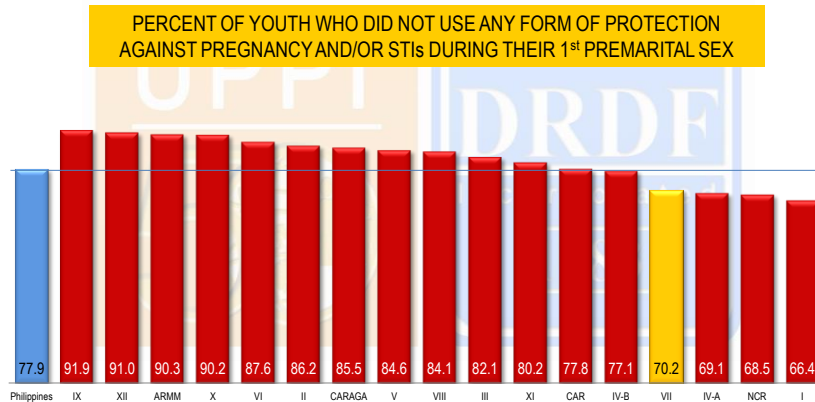
Region VII ranks the 4th highest in terms of premarital sex exposure



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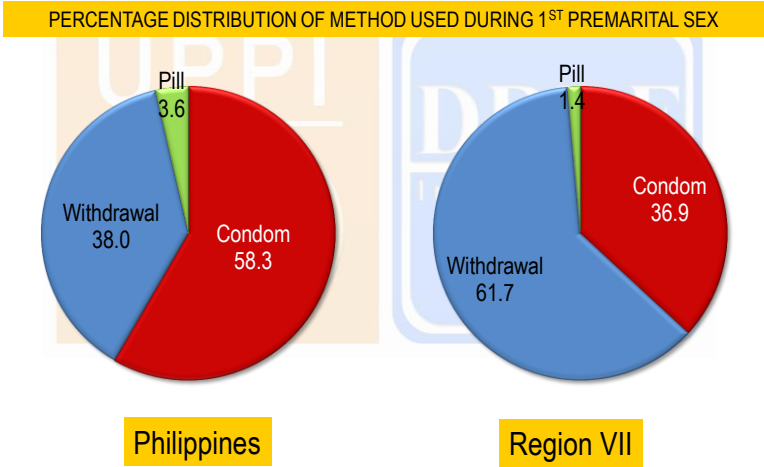
7 in 10 of the 1st premarital sex were unprotected against pregnancy and/or STIs



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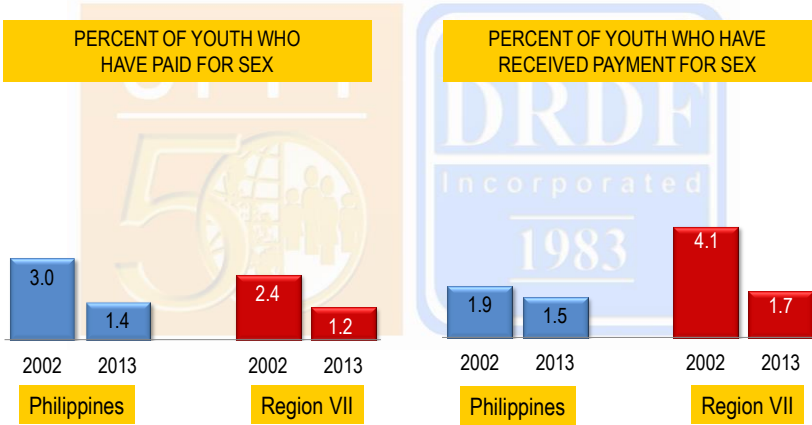
Withdrawal is the most popular contraceptive method used during first PMS among Region VII youth



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Decline in the proportions of youth who have paid and have been paid for sex



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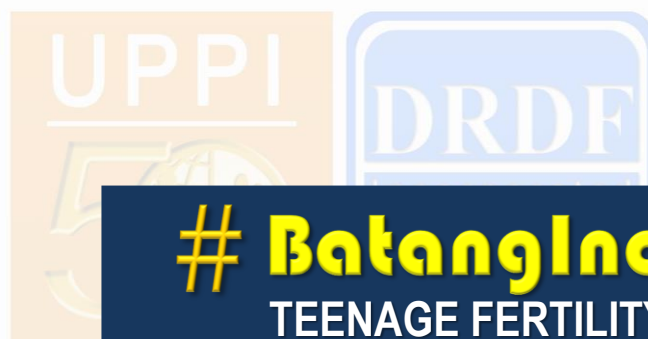
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Region VII youth have also engaged in other risky sexual activities

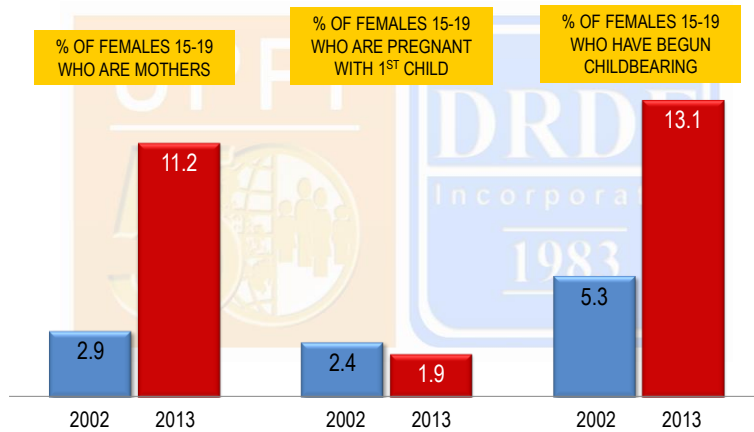
- 5.1% have engaged in casual sex (Philippines: 5%)
- 3.2% have FUBU experience (Philippines: 4%)
- 4.0% of male youth have MSM experience (Philippines: 5%)
- 2.1% of ever-married youth (including those living-in) have extramarital sex experience (Philippines: 3%)
- Most of these risky sexual activities are unprotected against the risk of pregnancy and/or STIs

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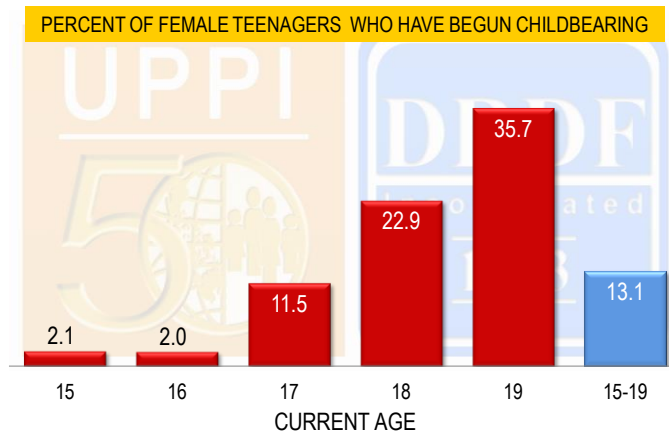
Sharp rise in teenage fertility in the past decade



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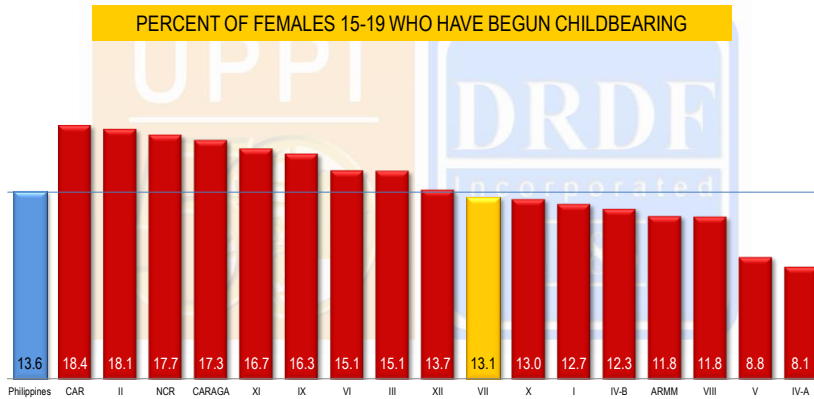
The proportion of teenagers who have begun childbearing dramatically increases starting at age 17



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**While teen fertility is increasing in Region VII,
it is below the national level**

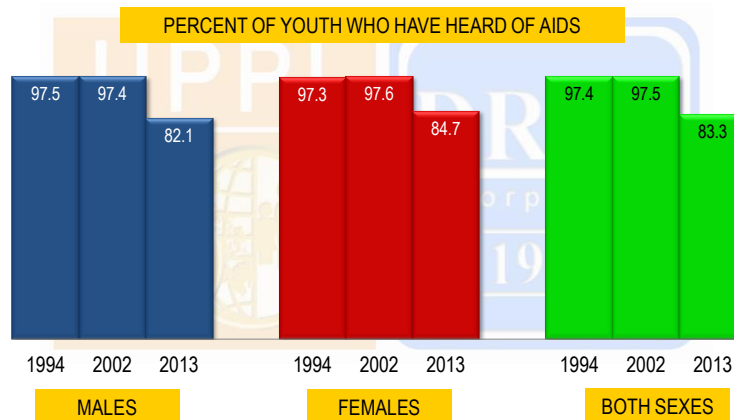


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KNOWLEDGE OF HIVs/STDs

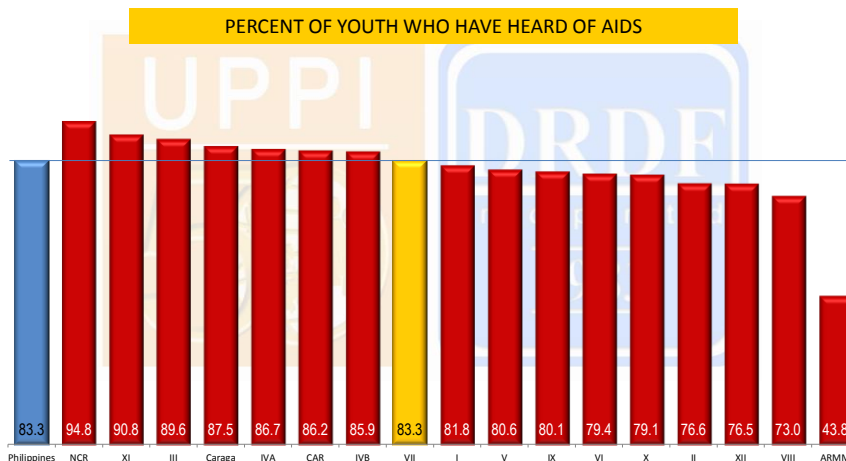
Awareness of AIDS among Region VII youth has sharply declined



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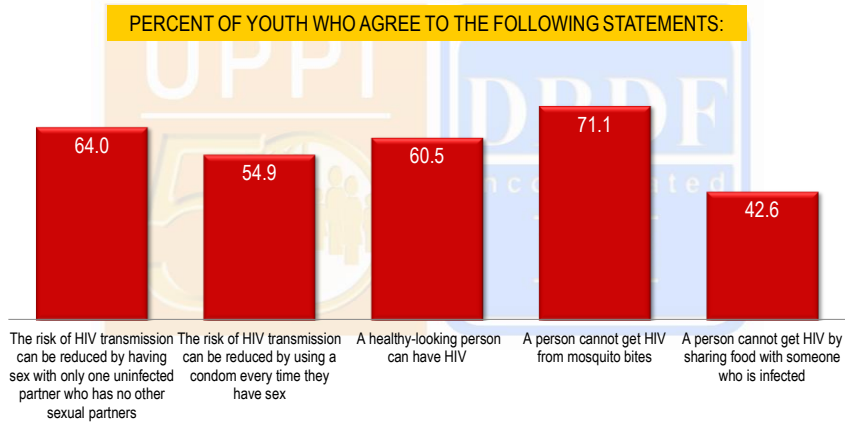
Level of AIDS awareness among Region VII youth is at par with the national average



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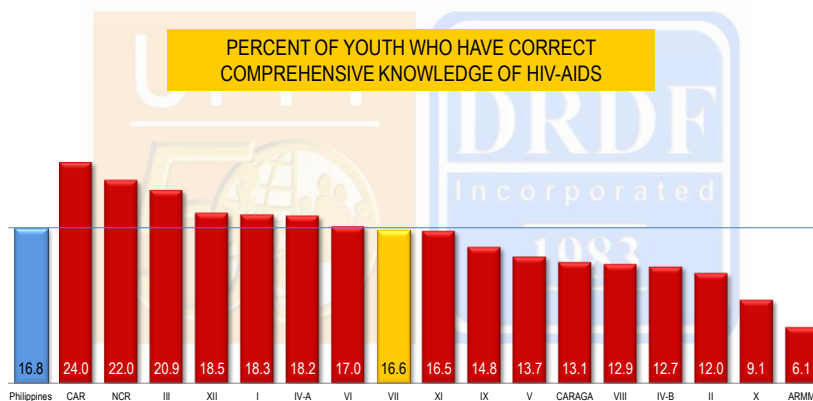
Moderate level of knowledge regarding HIV transmission prevention methods



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Only 17 in 100 youth in Region VII have correct comprehensive knowledge of HIV-AIDS

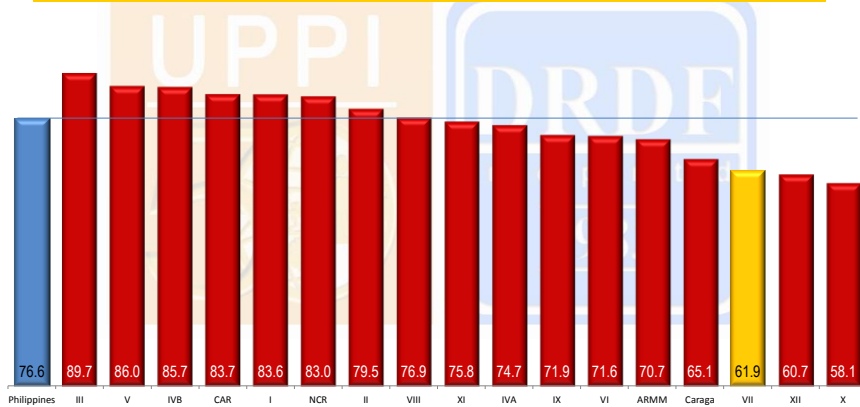


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Proportion of Region VII youth who feel invincible to AIDS is the 3rd lowest in the country

PERCENT OF YOUTH WHO THINK THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE OF HIM/HER GETTING AIDS

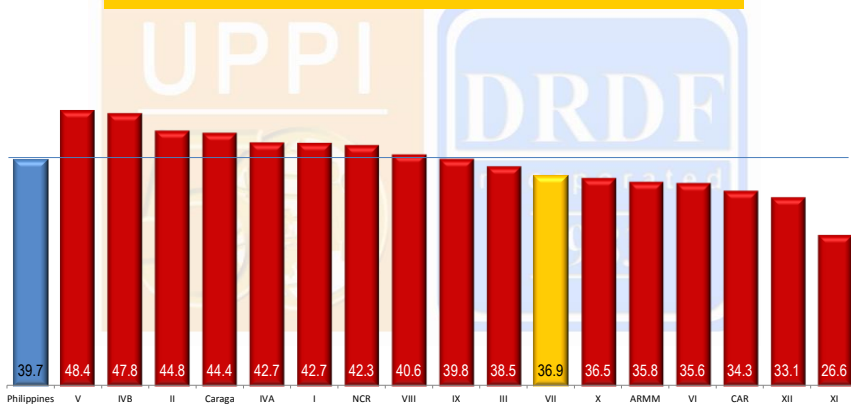


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More than 1 in 3 youth in Region VII erroneously believe that AIDS is curable

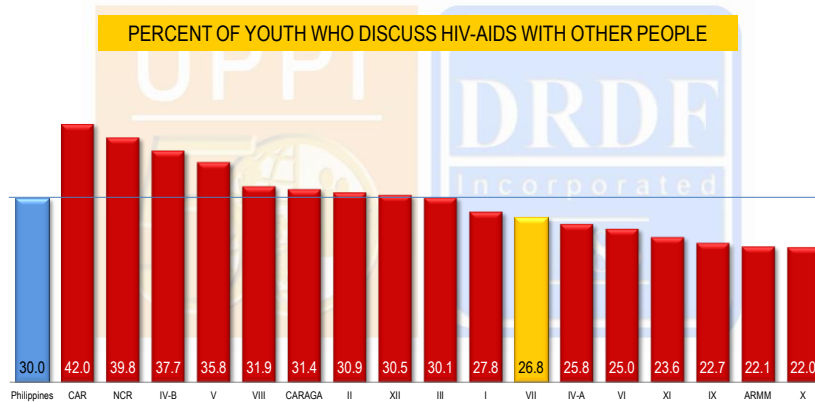
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Only 1 in 4 Region VII youth discusses HIV-AIDS with other people



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Region 7 ranks 3rd in new HIV cases in July 2014

Data for the Philippines shows that of total reported HIV Ab sero-positive individuals between 1984 and 2014, 26% are of the ages 15-24.

Region 7 is the 3rd among the regions in the Philippines with the highest prevalence new HIV cases (11% of new cases). (DOH-NEC, July, 2014)

“Region 7 is now a ‘hotspot’ with the total number of HIV positive cases from 2011 to 2013 having surpassed the total number of cases reported for the first 25 years since the virus was discovered.” (Philstar, 27 August 2014)

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- There is a considerable level of access to pornographic materials including sexually explicit media among the youth in Region VII.
- The emergence of new forms of information technology have given rise to new forms of sexual activity and new means of meeting sexual partners that could increase the risk of adverse consequences, especially under a context of low prevalence in the use of protection.

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- There is a heightened, bolder, and wider range of sexual behaviors among the youth including those that use new forms of information and communication technology (ICT)
- The prevalence of the various forms of sexual activity may indicate new normative standards regarding sex.
- The early exposure to sex including premarital sex are likely contributors to the increased teenage fertility in the region.

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- Awareness of AIDS is still high but the level has sharply declined in the past decade.
- There is poor knowledge of HIV-AIDS and high level of misconceptions about HIV transmission among the youth.
 - Data from DOH show that Region 7 is the 3rd among the regions in the Philippines with the highest prevalence new HIV cases (11% of new cases).

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Of the estimated 1,425,883 youth in Region VII in 2013,

- More than 503,000 youth have engaged in premarital sex
 - Of these, more than 353,000 did not use any form of protection during their 1st premarital sex
- Around 17,000 have paid for sex; Around 24,000 have been paid for sex
- Around 73,000 youth have casual sex experience
- Around 46,000 youth have FUBU experience

Of the 725,706 male youth, around 29,000 have MSM experience

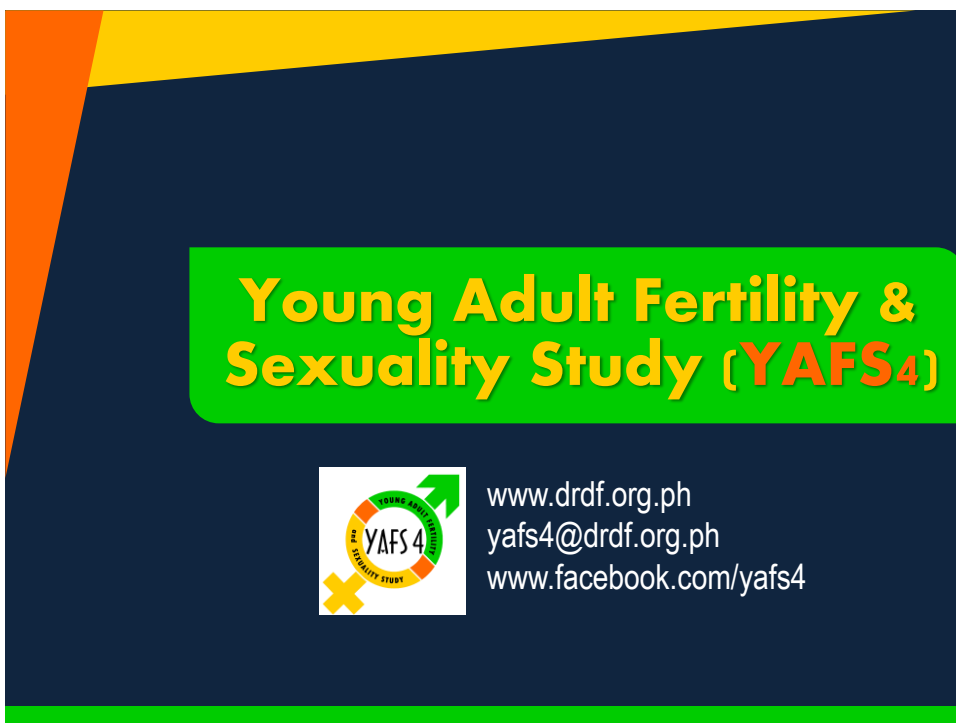
Of the 376,411 females age 15-19, more than 49,000 have begun childbearing

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