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REPORT ON KIDS

The number of black high school students engaging in sexual risk behaviors for HIV has declined dramatically in 20 years, significantly reducing the disparities in risk between black youth and youth of other racial or ethnic groups, according to a new analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among students overall, however, behavior change has stalled during the last 10 years studied, the report says.

The analysis examines trends in several reported behaviors related to HIV risk by race and ethnicity between 1991 and 2011. Overall, the proportion of sexually active students who used a condom the last time they had sex increased from 1991 (46 percent) to 2003 (63 percent) and has stabilized since that time (60 percent in 2011). Among black youth, condom use increased from 1991 (48 percent) to 1999 (70 percent) but declined since that time (65 percent in 2011). CDC.gov

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