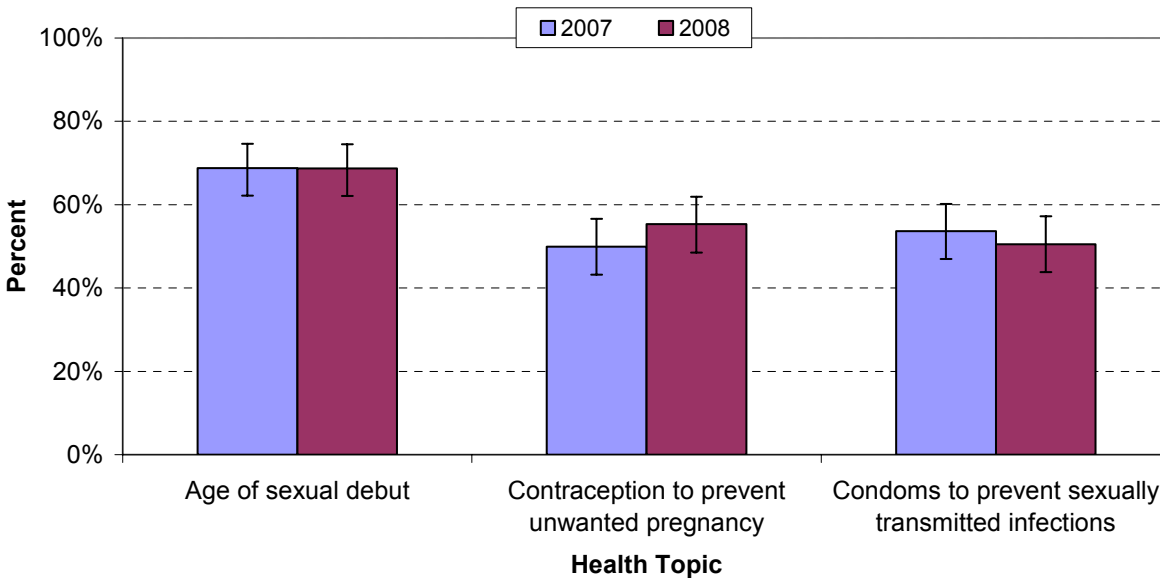


Youth Sexual Education

This summary focuses on the percentage of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years that have spoken with a parent about sexual health topics.

Ontario Public Health Standards, Infectious Diseases Program Standards, Sexual health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Blood-borne Infections (Including HIV) – Req 2.

Percentage of Youth Aged 12 to 17 Years in York Region that have Talked with or Were Given Information from a Parent About Certain Sexual Health Topics



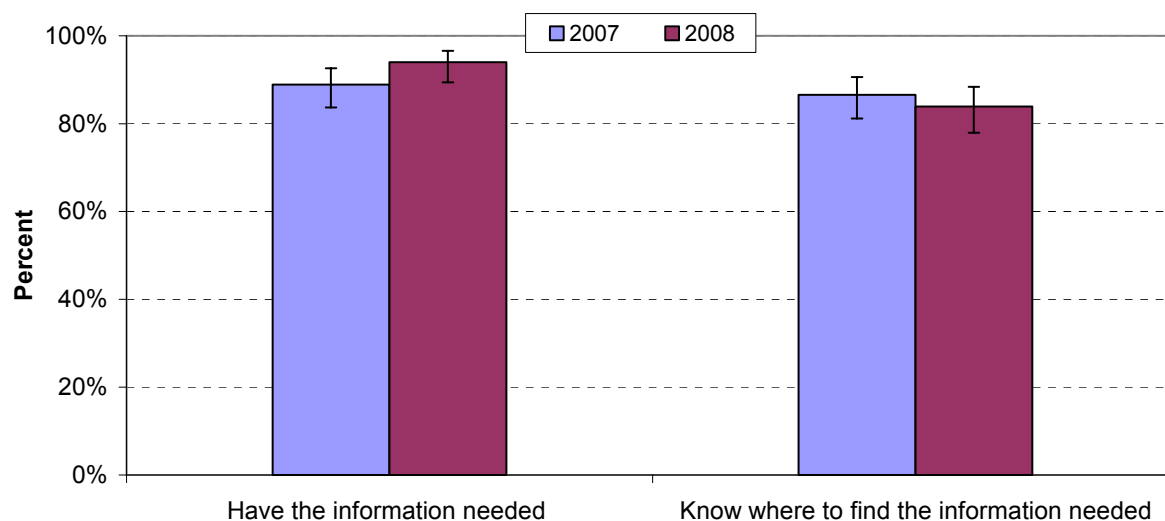
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Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System, January 2007 – December 2008. (Sample Sizes by Year: 2007 n=237-240, 2008 n=237-242).

Interpretation:

- In 2008, 69% (± 7) of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years talked with or were given information from a parent about when it is appropriate to become sexually active. This percentage is statistically similar to the other year of data collection in 2007.
- In York Region, 55% (± 7) of youth aged 12 to 17 years in 2008 talked with or were given information by a parent about the use of contraception to prevent unwanted pregnancy. This estimate is statistically similar to 2007.
- In 2008, 50% (± 7) of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years talked with or were given information from a parent about the use of contraception to prevent sexually transmitted infections. This estimate is statistically similar to 2007.

Percentage of Youth Aged 12 to 17 Years in York Region Whose Parents Have the Resources or Know Where to Find the Resources to Talk About Sex



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Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System, January 2007 – December 2008. (Sample Sizes by Year: 2007 n=234-236, 2008 n=241).

Interpretation:

- In 2008, 94% (± 5) of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years had parents that strongly agreed/somewhat agreed that they have the information needed to speak about sex. This percentage is statistically similar to 2007.
- In 2008, 84% (± 6) of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years had parents that knew where to find the information needed to speak to them about sex. This estimate is statistically similar to the result from 2007.
- In 2008, 78% (± 6) of York Region youth aged 12 to 17 years had parents that were very/somewhat comfortable speaking about sexual health (data not shown). This estimate is statistically similar to 2007.

Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), [January 2007 – December 2008 (variables sexed_7 to sexed_11b). For more information on RRFSS, visit <http://www.rfss.ca/>

Adults represent individuals aged 18 years or older. This telephone survey was only administered in English, using a random digit dialling methodology and data are weighted for probability of selection in households of different size. Survey indicators based on self-reported information and may be subject to biases, such as recall bias or social desirability bias, or result in high non-response. The term "parent" refers to biological parents, step parents or other guardians. A household weight is not applied for child proxy questions, in which a parent/guardian responds on behalf of one child in the household.

† and \pm represents the 95% confidence interval, meaning 19 times out of 20 the results will fall within this range. Confidence intervals are reported as equal, though this is not always the case as the estimate approaches zero or 100%.

'Don't know' and 'refused' responses are excluded if less than five (5) percent.

Sample size ranges have been included to reflect the different sample sizes for each question.