

# # BATANG AMA

Sexual activities, fertility intentions and behavior of  
teen males in the Philippines



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**THE 2013 YAFS STUDY**

# Background

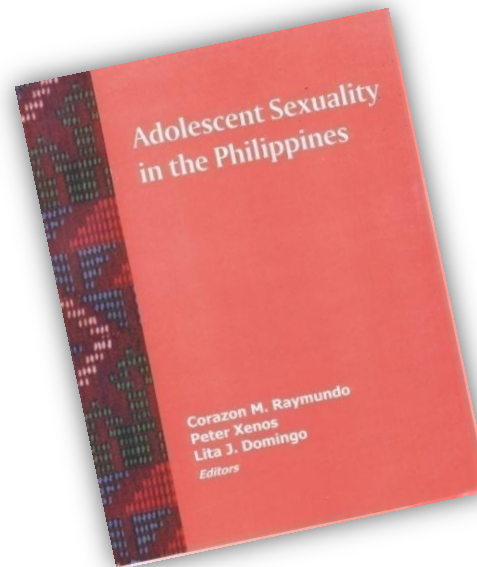
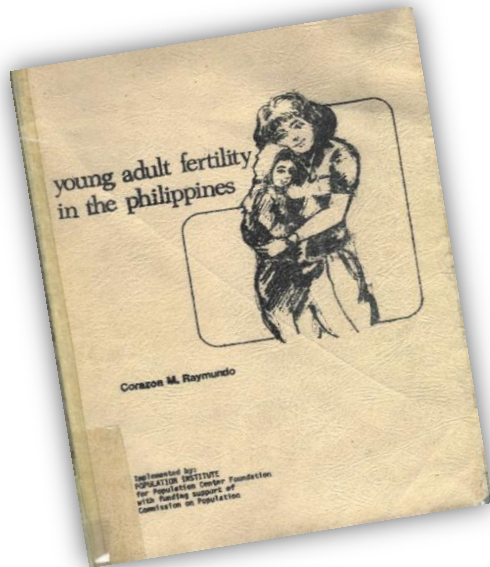
- The 2013 Young Adult Fertility Survey (YAFS4) is the 4<sup>th</sup> in a series of nationally-representative surveys on Filipino youth 15-24 years old
- Jointly implemented by the
  - Demographic Research & Development Foundation (DRDF)
  - University of the Philippines Population Institute (UPPI)
- Funded by The Australian Government, UNFPA, Department of Health, Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD)

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# Predecessor surveys

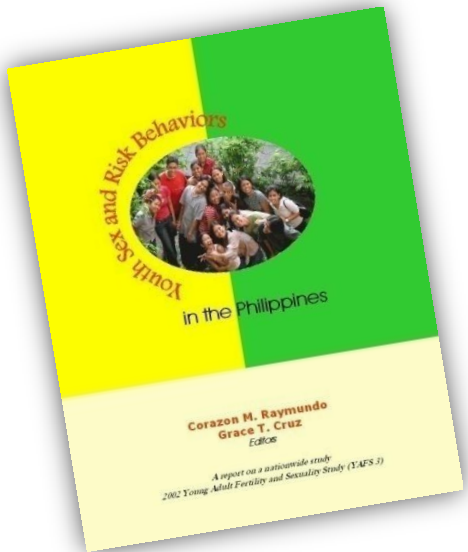
## 1982 YAFS

(5,240 female respondents)



## 1994 YAFS

(10,879 male and female respondents)



## 2002 YAFS

(19,728 male and female respondents)

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# General objective of YAFS4

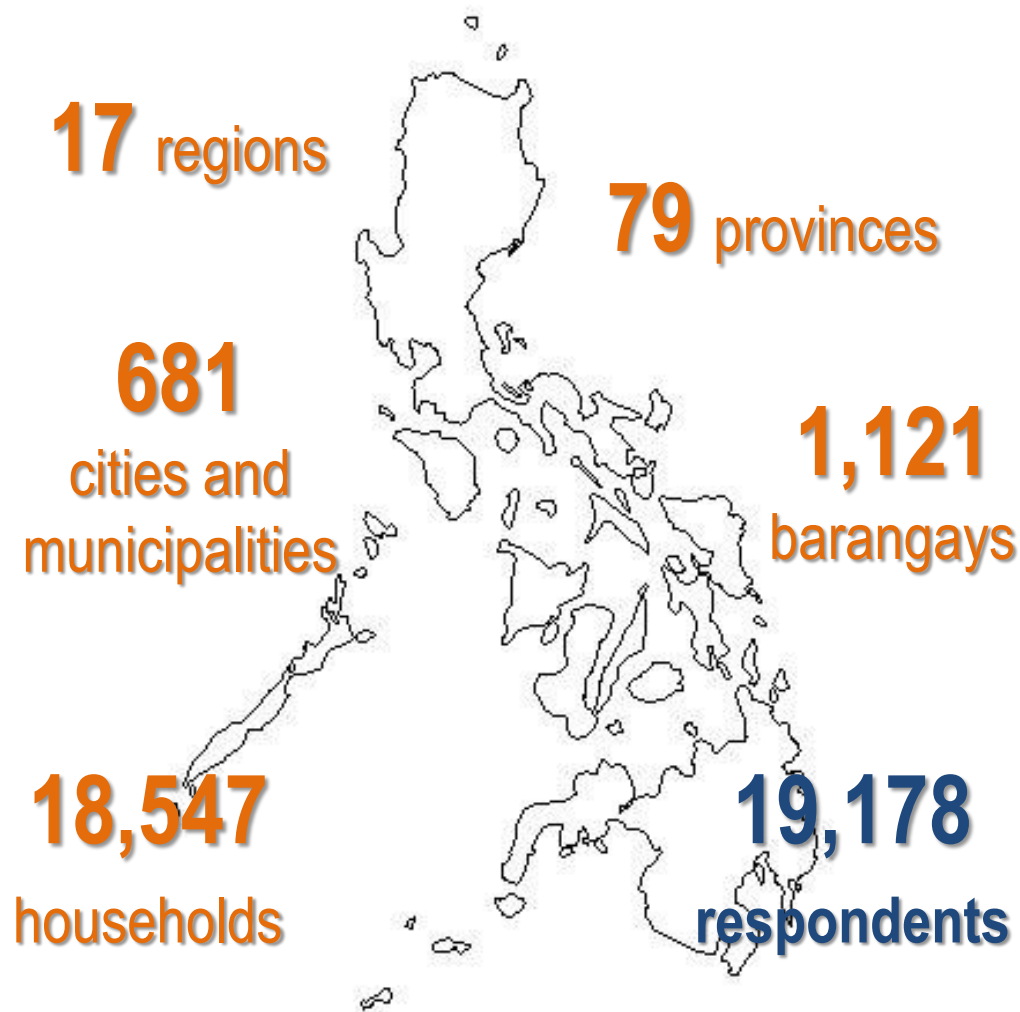
- To provide updated information on a broad framework of adolescent sexuality and reproductive health issues, their antecedents, and manifestations that will be useful in the design of interventions to safeguard the health and welfare of Filipino youth.

# Survey design

- Sampling design: Multistage stratified random sampling
- Sampling domain: Region
- Sample size per region: About 1,000 respondents
- Respondents: 15-24 years old single and married males and females

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# Coverage of YAFS4



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# Respondents in YAFS 4

- 19,178 respondents
- 11,425 15-19 y/o and 7,753 20-24 y/o
- Among the 15-19 year olds:
  - **5773** are male
  - 5652 are female

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# Survey instruments

- **10** survey instruments
  - Household Form
  - 8 Individual Questionnaires for the youth respondents
    - 4 Main Questionnaires  
(Single Female, Married Female, Single Male, Married Male)
    - 4 Muslim Questionnaires  
(Single Female, Married Female, Single Male, Married Male)
  - Community Form
- All questionnaires were translated to 6 major languages

# Main questionnaire contents

**Block A.** Individual characteristics

**Block B.** Family characteristics and relationships

**Block C.** Self-esteem and values

**Block D.** School, work and community

**Block E.** Media

**Block F.** Friends and peers

**Block G.** Health and lifestyle

**Block H.** Marriage

**Block I.** Puberty, dating and sex

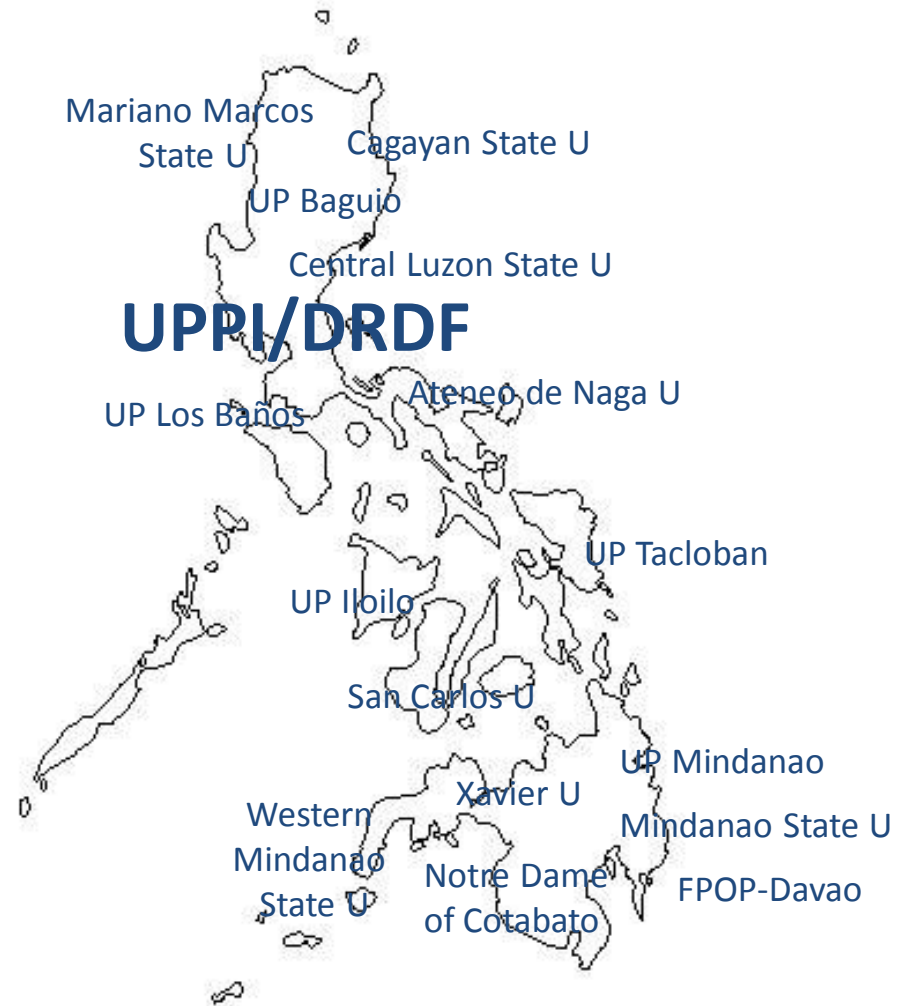
**Block J.** Fertility and contraception

**Block K.** Knowledge and attitudes towards marriage, sex and related issues

**Block L.** Reproductive health

# Field implementation

- Fieldwork was conducted in January to May 2013
- Regional network of research and academic institutions were involved in the data collection



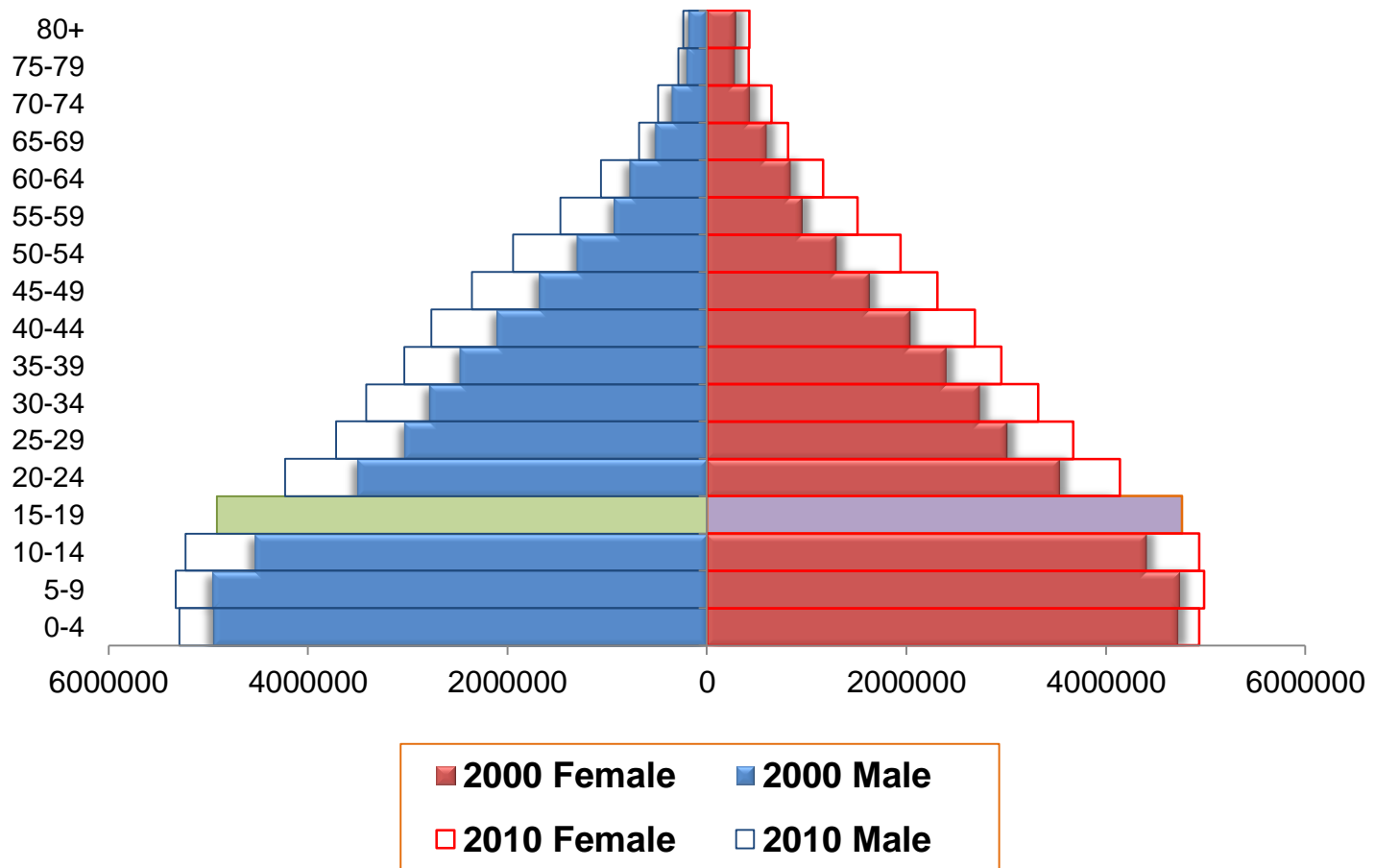


**Demographics and background  
characteristics**

**TEEN MALE ADOLESCENTS 15-19**

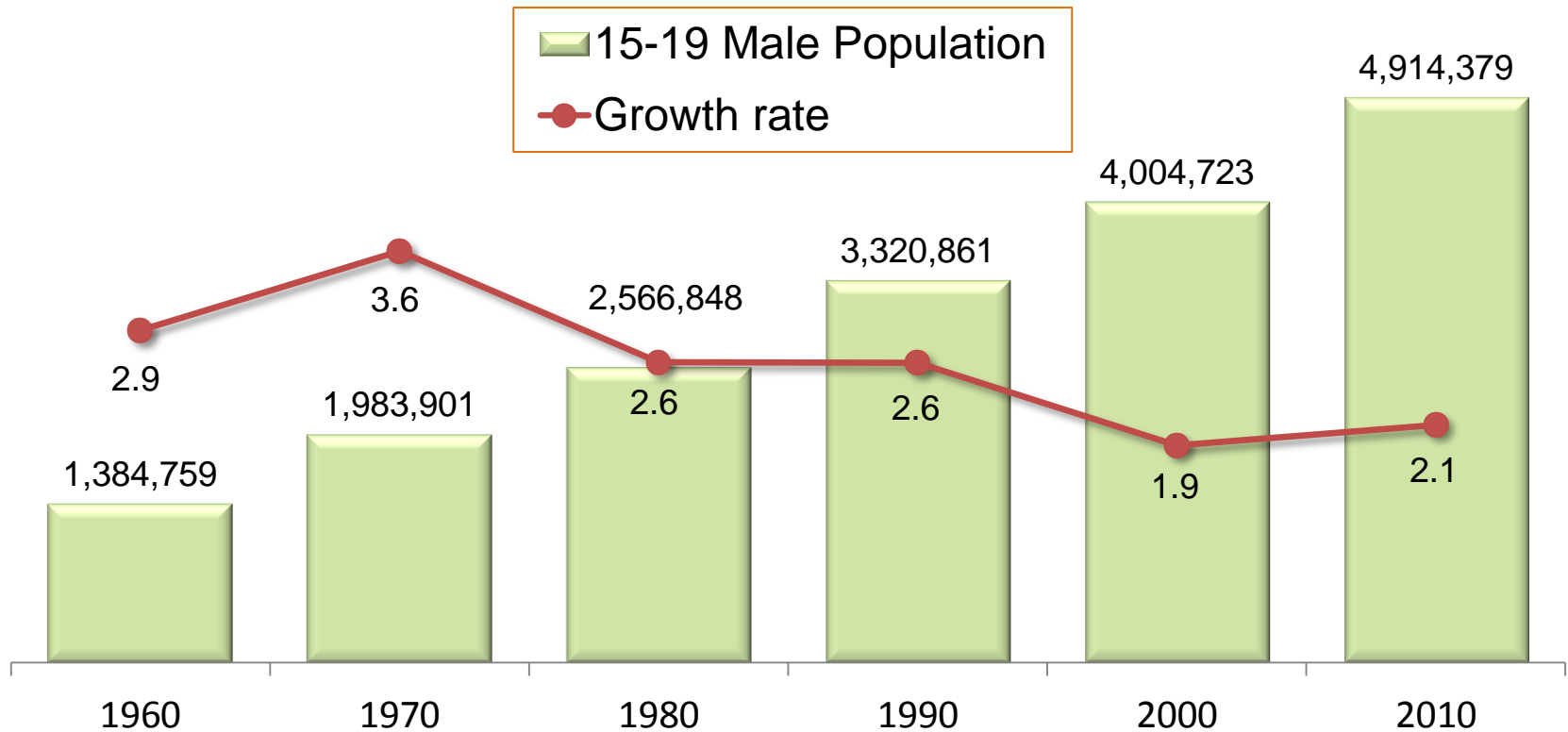
# Young population in the Philippines

## Age Structure: Philippines, 2000 and 2010



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# Size and growth rate of the male population ages 15-19, 1960 - 2010

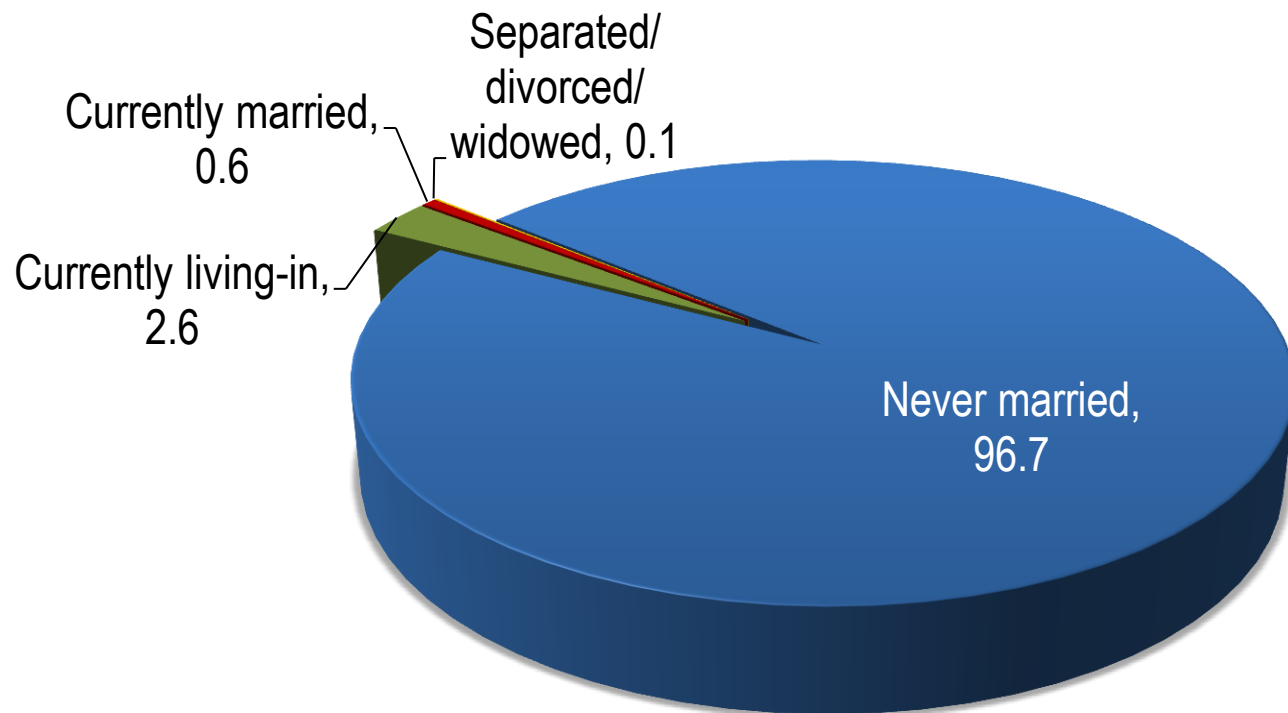


The number of teen males 15-19 is expected to continue increasing until it reaches its historic peak in 2035 after which its number will start to decline.

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Most of the male teenagers are never married but among those ever married, more are in a live-in arrangement than in a formal union

## Marital Status of males ages 15-19

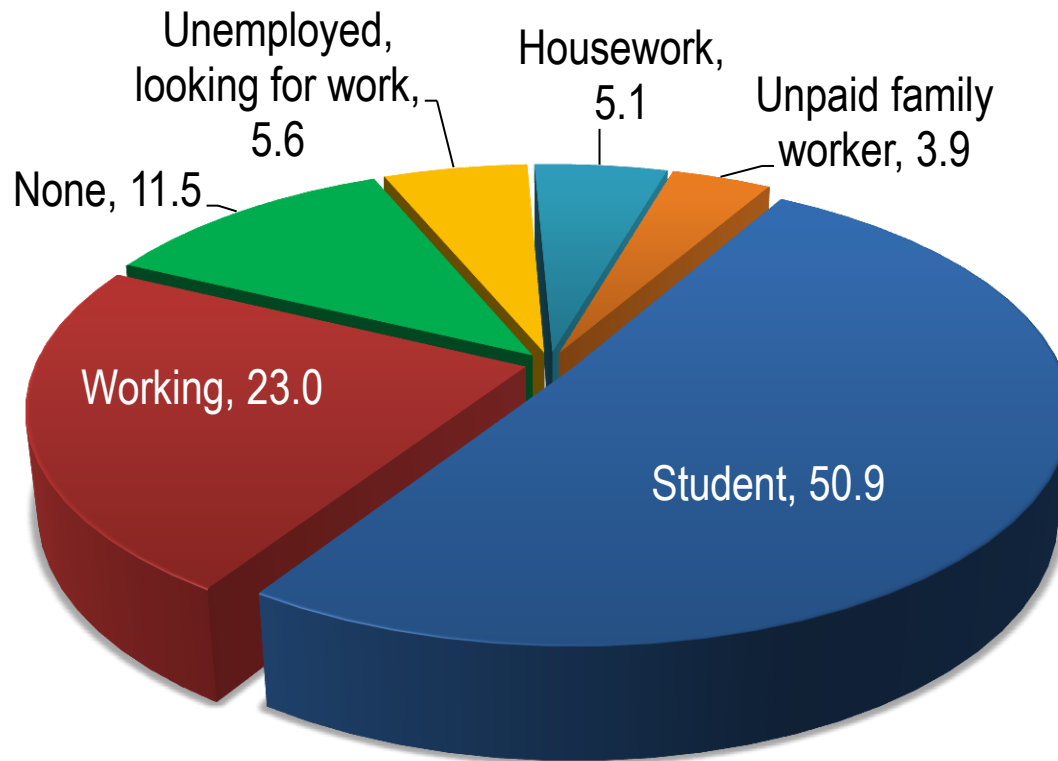


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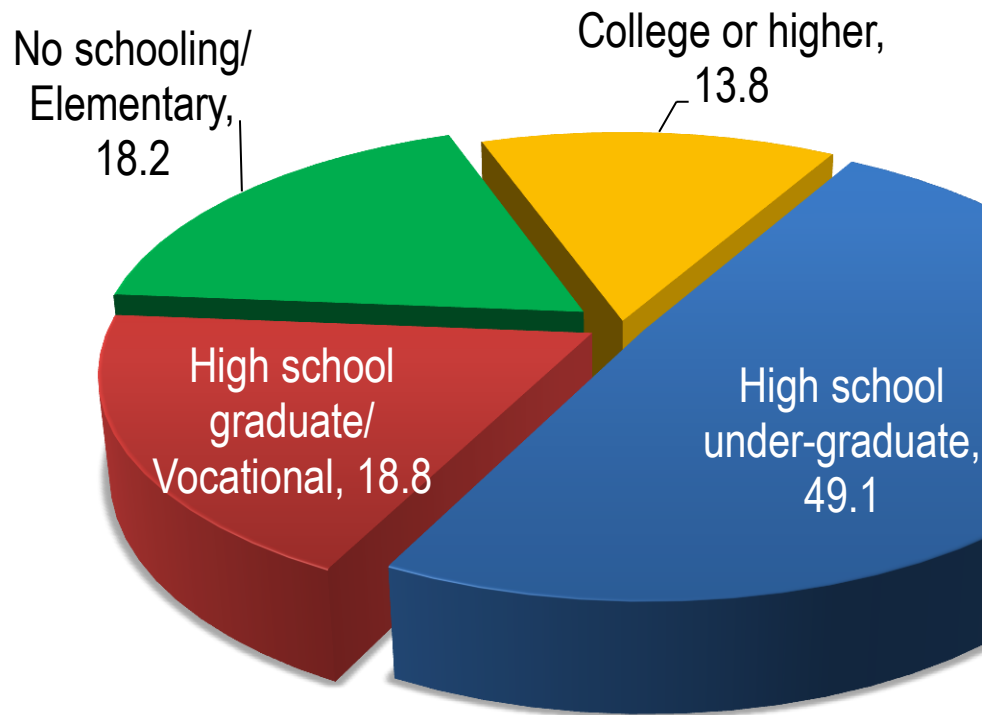
# Most of the male adolescents 15-19 are in school or are working

## Main activity of males age 15-19



# Education profile of adolescent males 15-19

## Education of males age 15-19

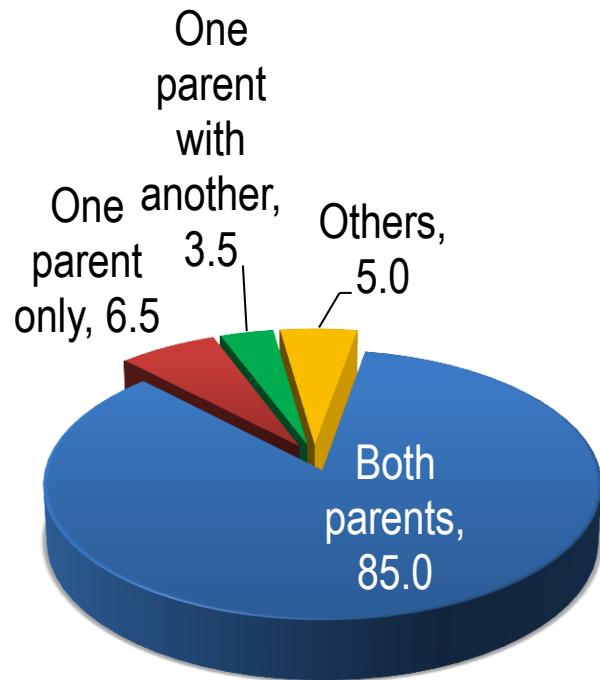


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# The English proficiency of the male teenagers is declining.

Year	% who can read in English well	% who can write in English well	% who can speak in English well
2002	60.8	55.1	27.8
2013	55.9	51.9	24.7

# Most of the male teen agers were raised by both parents



Person who mostly raised the adolescent male

- **17 %** among those who were raised by father only because their mother works outside the country.

# FERTILITY INTENTIONS

# Most teen males think it is ideal for both men and women to start having children when they are in their early 20s

Age groups	% distribution by perceived ideal age for a WOMAN to have a child for the first time	% distribution by perceived ideal age for a MAN to have a child for the first time
<20	14	11
20-24	47	44
25-29	35	39
30+	4	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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# Desired fertility of teen males

Teen males want  
**3** children

Mean: **2.8**

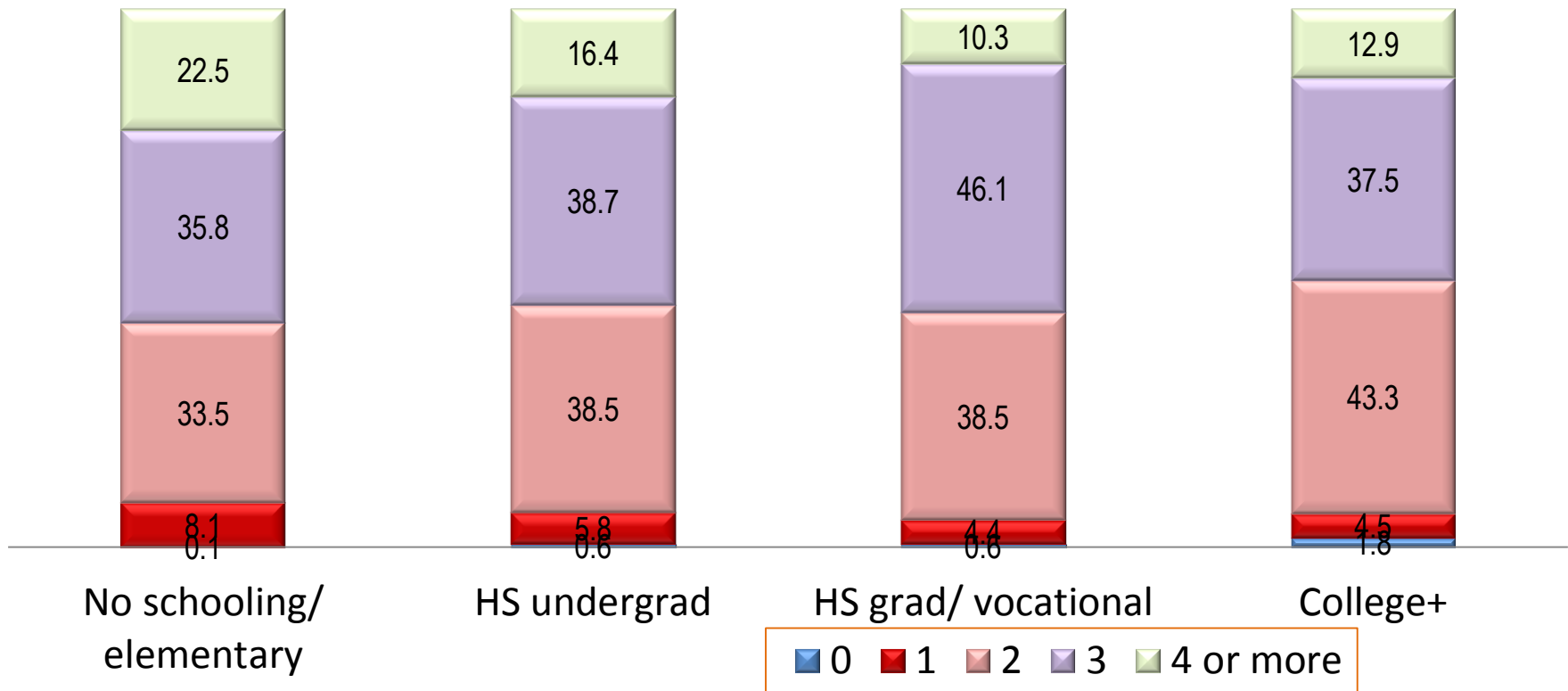
Median: **3.0**

Desired number of children	% distribution
0	0.7
1	5.8
2	38.3
3	39.4
4+	15.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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# More of the lower educated male teens desire 4 or more children

How many children do you want to have?

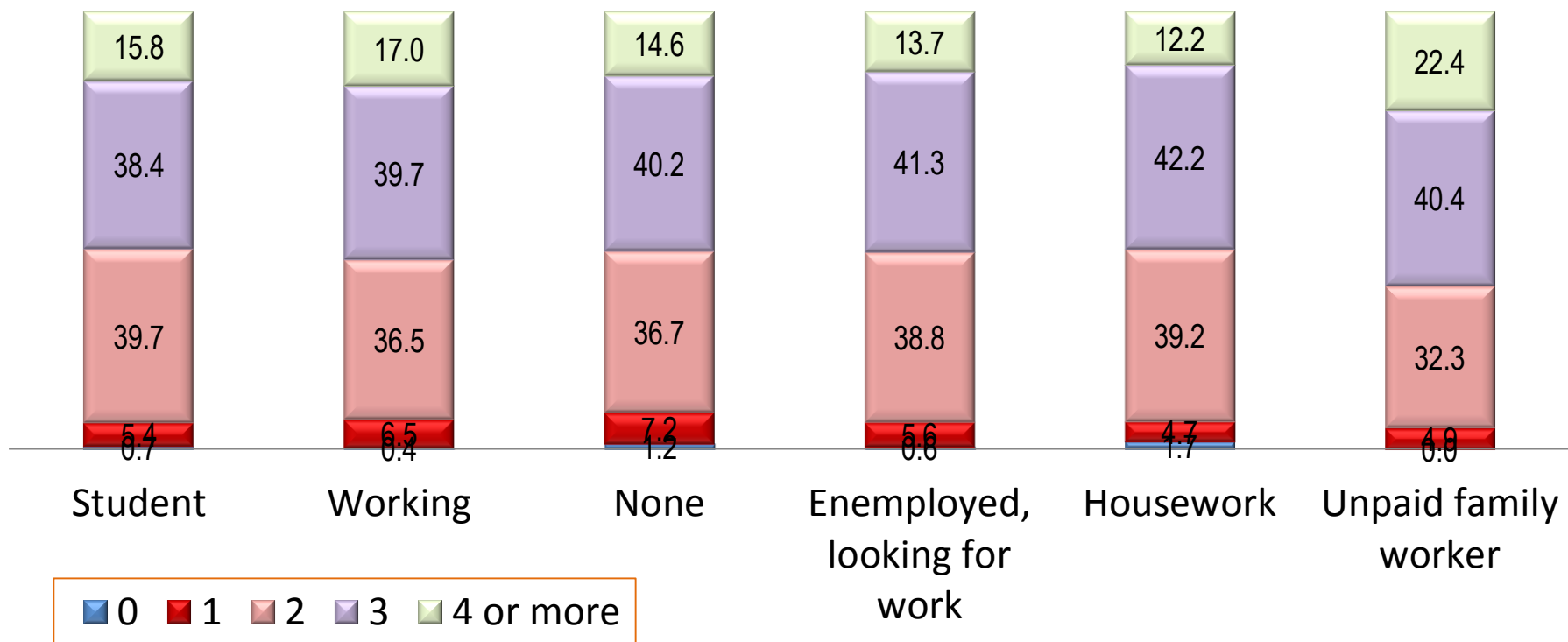


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# Teen males who are unpaid family workers have the highest proportion who desire 4+ children

## How many children do you want to have?



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# Majority of teen males living in ARMM desire 4+ children

% who desire to have 4 or more children

64%--ARMM

24%--Region VIII

21%--Region XII

20%--Region IX

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# Increasing openness to sex before marriage for both males and females

Views on PMS and virginity	1994	2002	2013
Approve of women having sex before marriage	14.7	25.3	26.4
Approve of men having sex before marriage	33.5	39.8	34.7

# Teenage males are becoming more liberal on premarital conception, marriage and divorce

Views on premarital conception and marriage (% who approve)	1994	2002	2013
If an unmarried woman gets pregnant, she should keep the baby even without marriage	45.4	56.0	55.8
If she got pregnant/got someone pregnant, he/she will not feel compelled to marry	12.9	10.5	7.1
Society will accept a young unmarried mother	78.7	65.4	61.2
Will support a bill to legalize divorce in the Philippines	---	34.9	37.4

--- Not asked

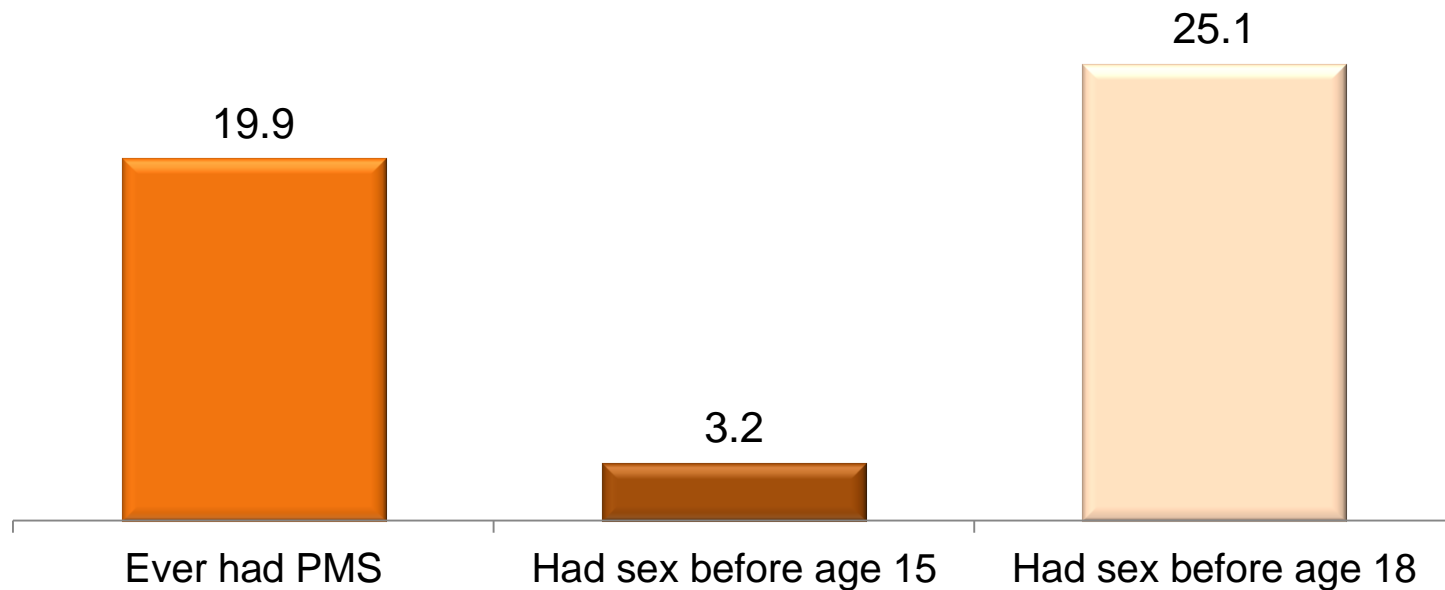
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**SEXUAL ACTIVITIES**

# High level of sexual exposure of teen males

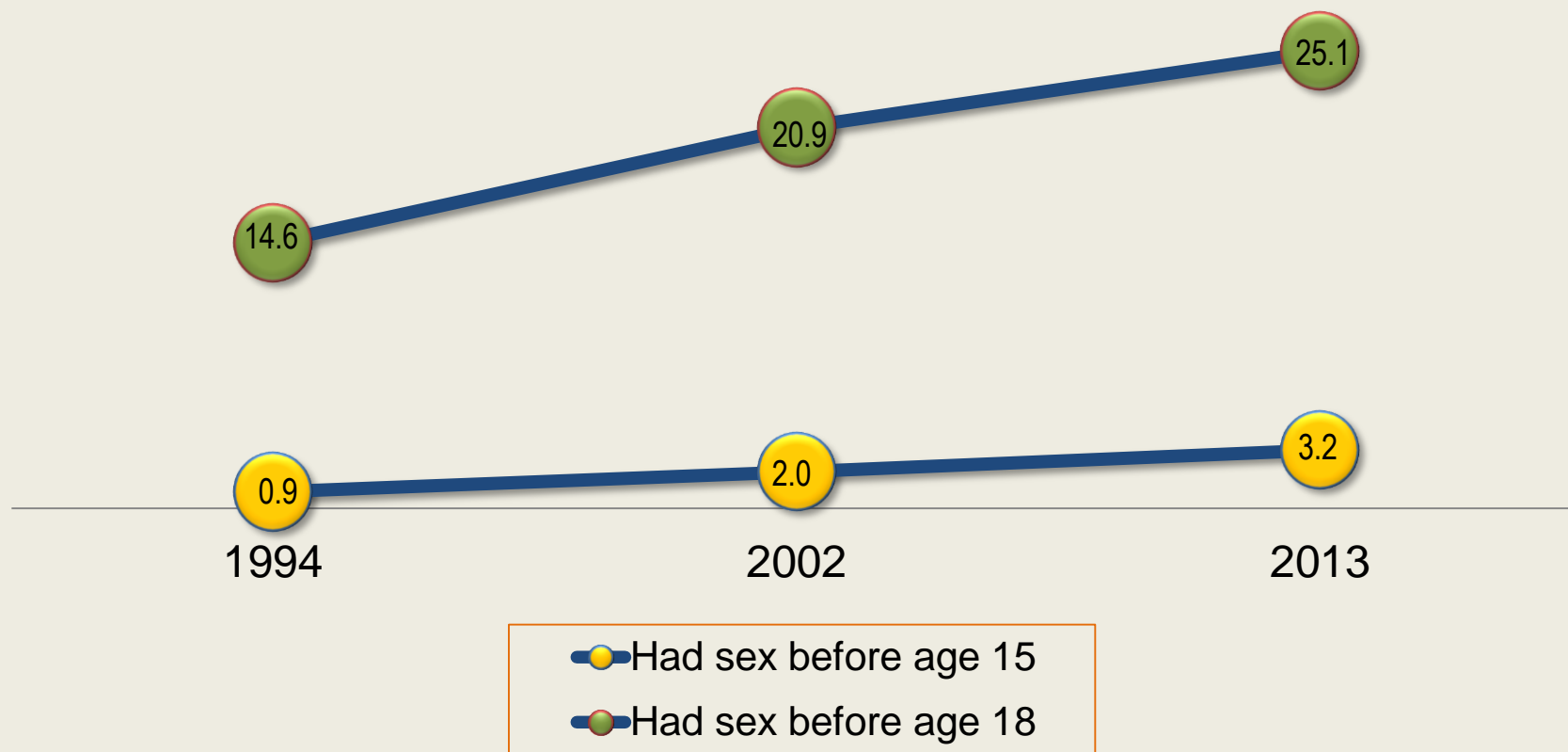
## Sexual behavior of males age 15-19



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# Increasing proportion of teen males are engaging in early sex

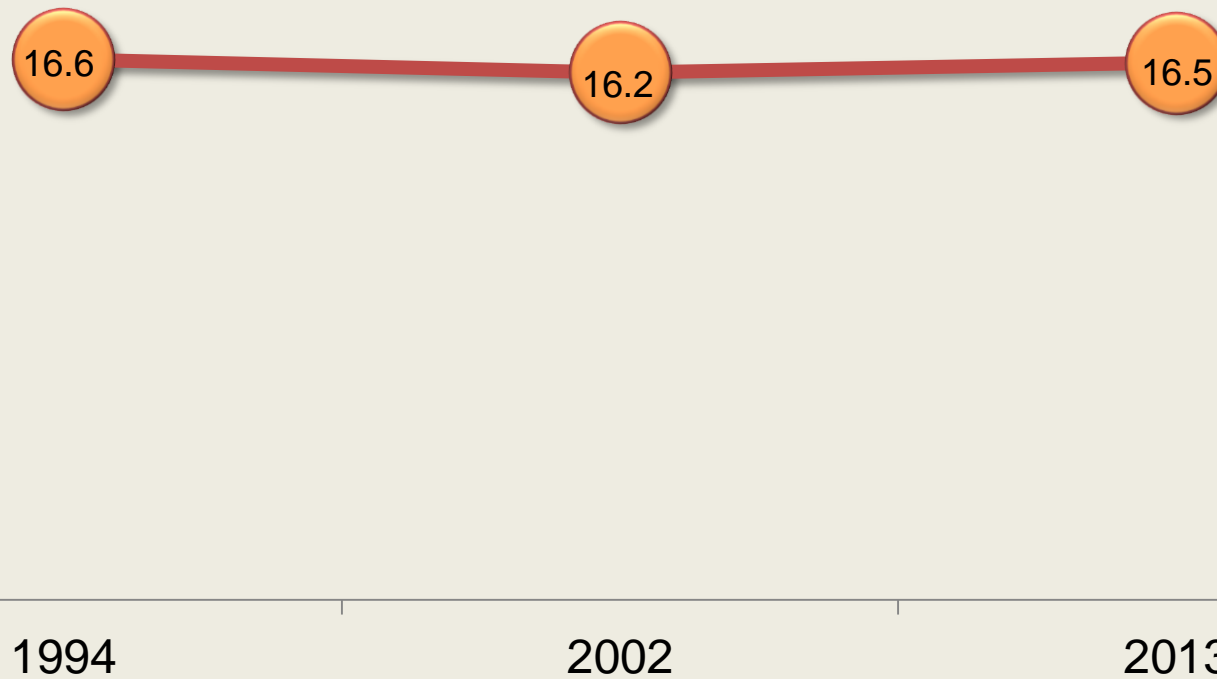
Percent of males 15-19 who had sex before age 15 and 18, 1994 to 2013



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# Sexual initiation starts at age 16

Mean age at first sex, 1994 to 2013

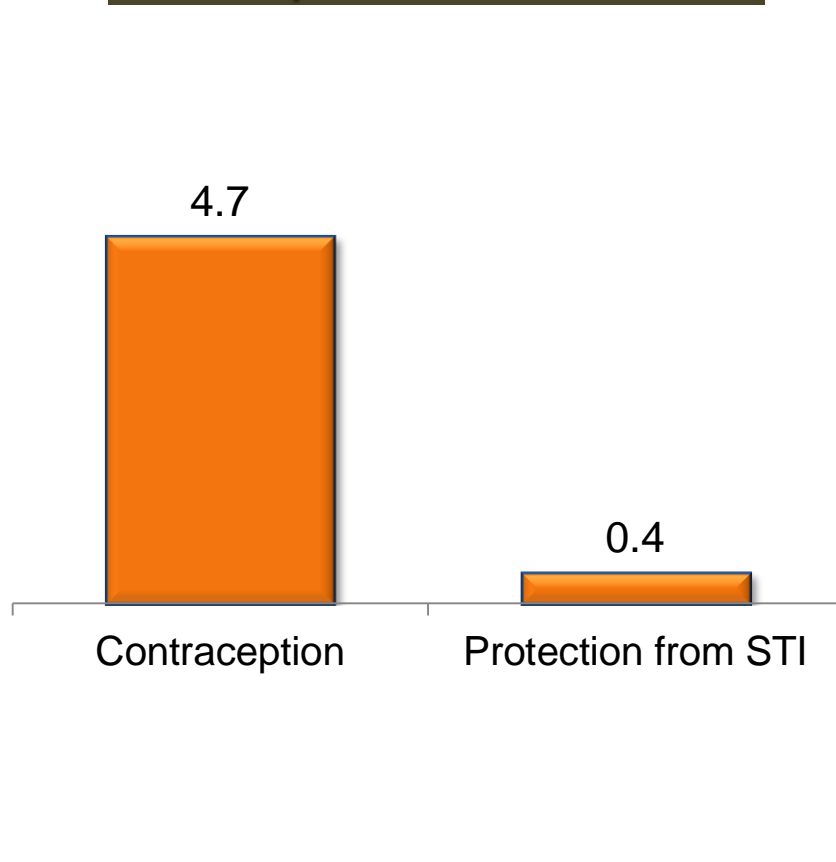


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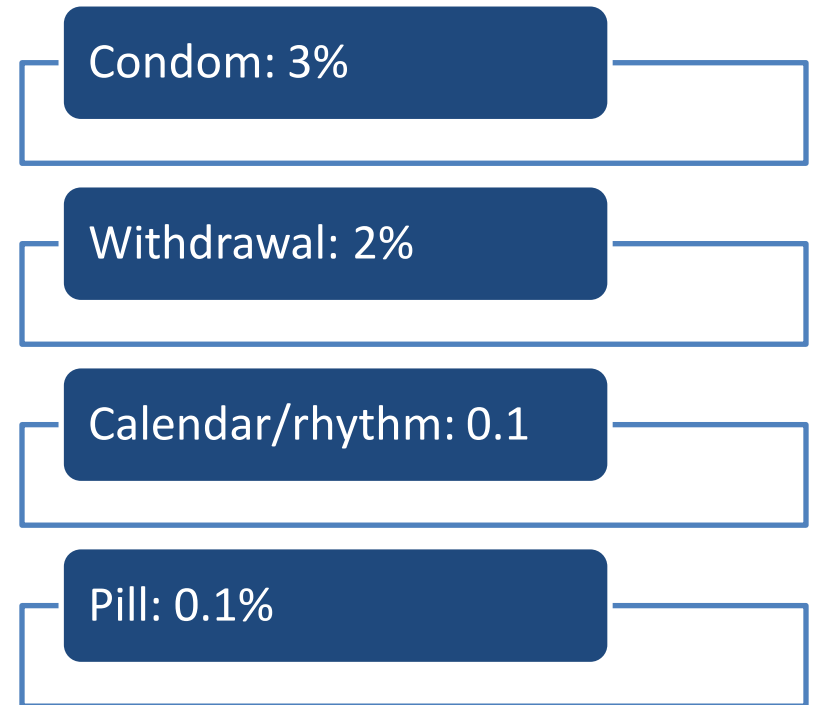


# Very low level of protection during first PMS, mostly to avoid pregnancy

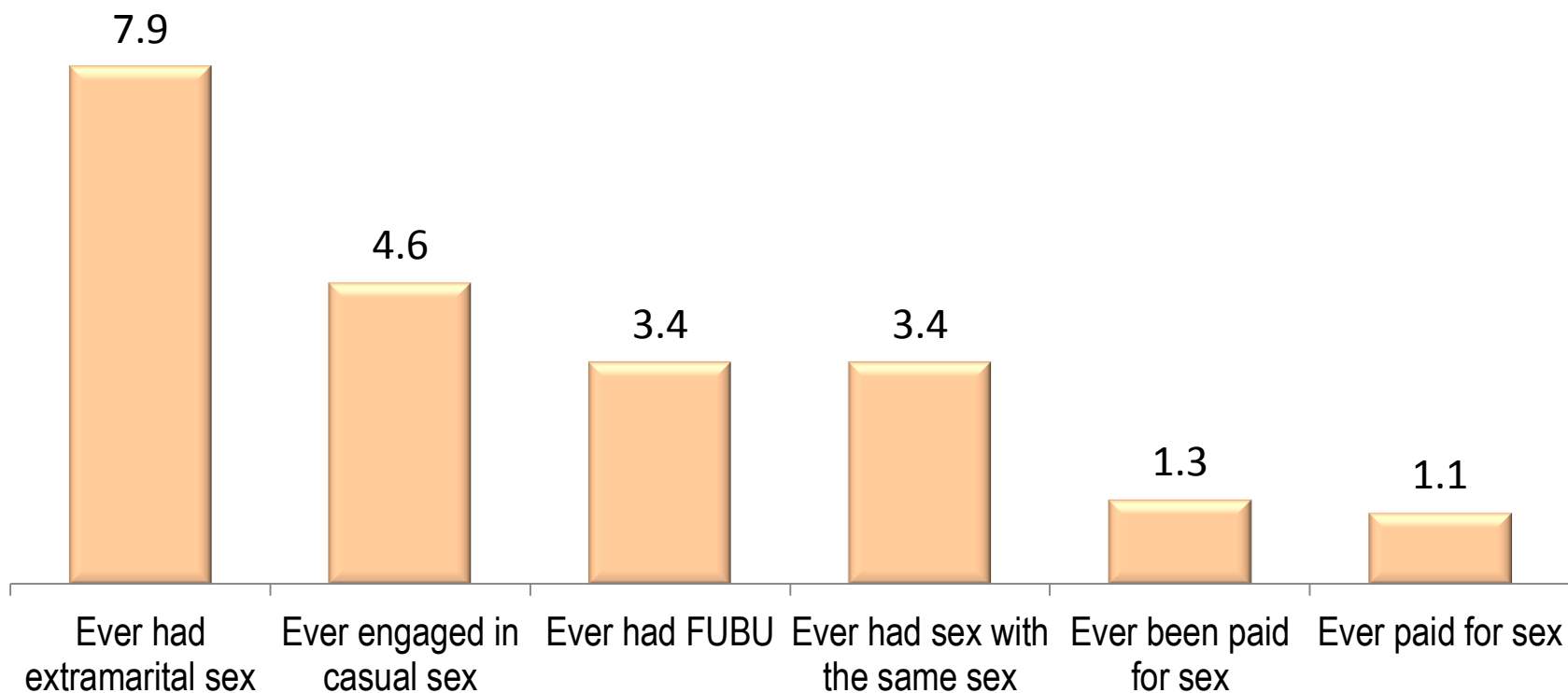
Level of protection at first PMS



Contraceptive methods used at first PMS



# Teen males are also engaging in other sexual behaviors



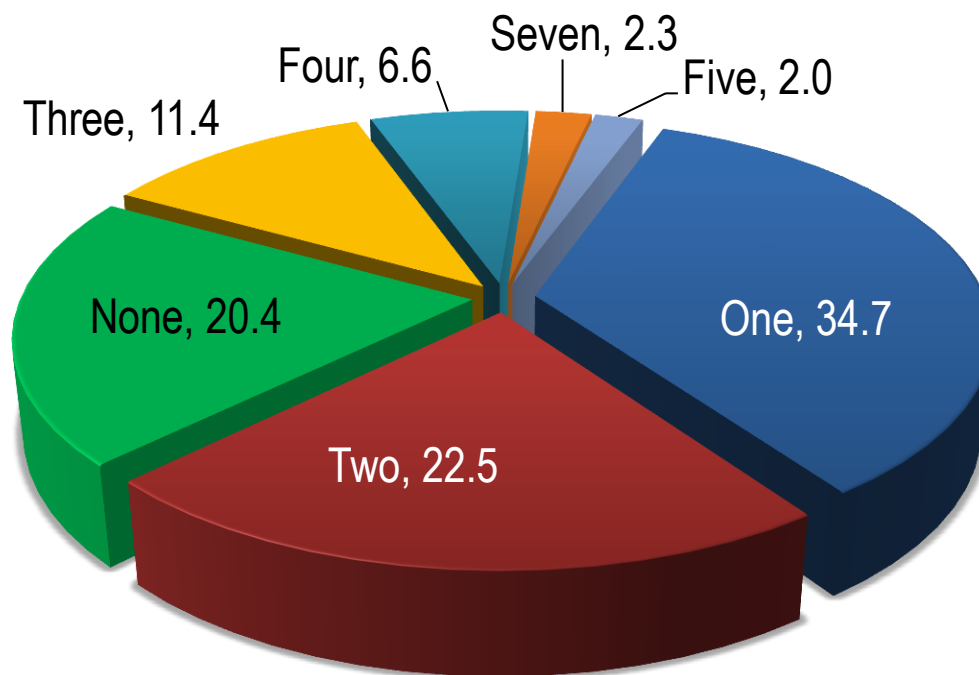
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**FERTILITY BEHAVIOR OF TEEN MALES**

# Married teen males are sexually active

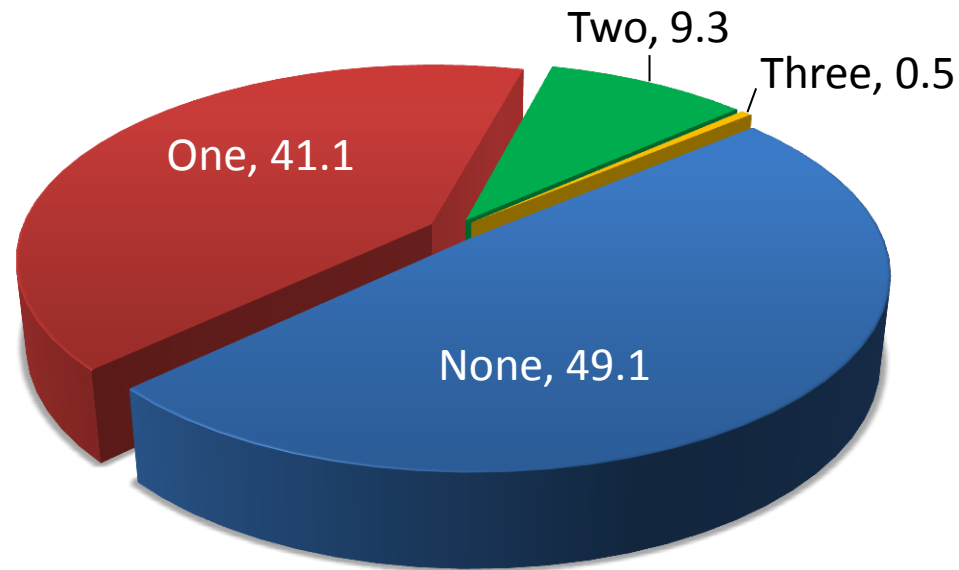
## Frequency of sexual intercourse in the past 7 days among married males, 15-19



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# Half of married male teens have at least one child

Percentage distribution of married teen males by number of children they have with wife/spouse/partner



**Mean number of children: 0.6**

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# Extra-marital pregnancy

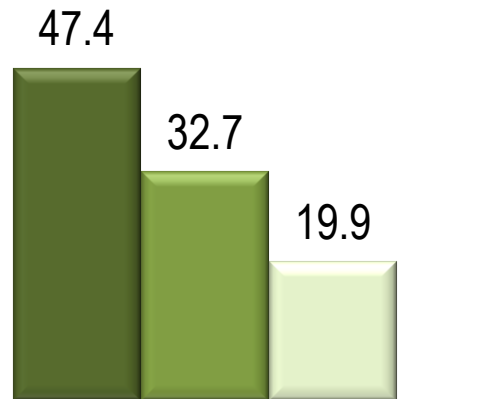
- **4.3%** of married teens have ever gotten someone pregnant other than their spouse/partner
- This is more common in the more urbanized regions
  - CALABARZON: **12.5%**
  - Western Visayas (Region VI): **11.1%**
  - NCR: **9.1%**

# Unmarried teen males fertility experience

- **3.9%** of single male teens have gotten someone pregnant
- This is most common in the following regions
  - Western Visayas (Region VI): **10%**
  - CARAGA: **9.7%**
  - MIMAROPA (Region IVB): **8%**

# Premarital sex and pregnancy of sexual partners among their unmarried male friends

■ None ■ A few ■ Many



(When you were still single,) how many of your unmarried male friends have had sex?

43.3



Of those unmarried male friends who had sex, % who got a woman pregnant

53.9



% of unmarried male friends who married the mother of their child

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# Summary and Conclusion

- Increasing number of teen males ages 15-19 numbering 4.9 M in 2010. The number is expected to increase further until it will reach its peak in 2035.
- Most of them are not married, currently studying or working.
- About a fifth (18.2%) had no schooling or with elementary education.
- Declining English proficiency
- Most of them (85%) were raised by both parents.

# Summary and Conclusion

- Most teen males think it is ideal for both men and women to start having children when they are in their early 20s. They desire to have 3 children.
  - About 16 percent want four or more children particularly those with lower education, working as unpaid family workers and living in ARMM
- Their desire to have 3 children on the average implies that the country will not see the current fertility decline to replacement anytime soon, assuming that they will achieve their desired fertility.

# Summary and Conclusion

- Changing values of the teenage males as shown by the increasing acceptability of premarital sex, divorce and premarital pregnancy.
- Increasing number of teen age males are engaging in early sex.
  - A fifth of them have PMS experience with very low level of protection, mostly to prevent pregnancy.
  - Considerable level of sexual risk taking behavior such as casual sex, FUBU and sex with the same sex among others.
  - Half of married male teen agers have children, 4.3% of them admitted they have ever gotten someone pregnant other than their spouse/partner
  - 3.9% of single male teens have gotten someone pregnant
- This contributes to the increasing teen fertility in the Philippines in the recent years as indicated by the NDHS findings.

# Summary and Conclusion

**Of the estimated 5,072,169 males age 15-19 in the Philippines in 2013:**

- 131,876 are in a live-in arrangement vs. 30,433 in legal union
- 1,009,362 engaged in premarital sex
- 162,309 had sex before age 15
- 1,273,114 had sex before age 18
- 233,320 has engaged in casual sex
- 172,454 has FUBU experience
- 172,454 had sex with the same sex
- 65,938 have been paid for sex
- 55,794 have paid for sex
- 197,815 have gotten someone pregnant

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