

**DESCRIPTION OF ADOLESCENTS PERCEPTION OF PREMARITAL  
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AT SMA N 5 SURAKARTA**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** *Adolescence is characterized by physical, psychological, and social changes. One of the problems that arise is the increasing involvement in premarital sexual behavior. Adolescent perceptions are very influential in determining their decisions and actions. Positive perceptions can minimize the occurrence of premarital sexual behavior, while negative perceptions of adolescents are at risk of being involved in premarital sexual behavior.* **Objective:** *To determine the description of adolescent perceptions about premarital sexual behavior in SMA N 5 Surakarta.* **Method:** *This type of research is descriptive using quantitative methods through questionnaires. Using Probability Sampling techniques with Stratified Random Sampling methods with inclusion and exclusion criteria of 91 respondents from a total population of 1,067 students. This research was conducted at SMA N 5 Surakarta. The research instrument has gone through validity and reliability tests. Data analysis in this study used univariate analysis.* **Results:** *The results of this study obtained that adolescent perceptions about premarital sexual behavior in SMA N 5 Surakarta with positive perceptions of 85 respondents (93.4%) and negative perceptions of 6 adolescents (6.6%).* **Conclusion:** *Adolescents' perceptions of premarital sex at SMA N 5 Surakarta are predominantly positive.*

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