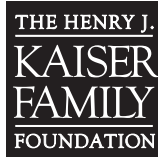


Questionnaire and Detailed Results

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Q1. Please tell me how big of a problem each of the following are for people your age?

- a. AIDS and HIV the virus that causes AIDS
- b. Sexually transmitted diseases other than AIDS
- c. Drinking too much
- d. Violence and guns
- e. Drugs
- f. Teen pregnancy
- g. Smoking

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	50%	48%	52%	47%	52%	52%
56%	52%	61%	49%	63%	70%	60%
70%	68%	73%	64%	78%	78%	77%
61%	58%	65%	61%	60%	59%	60%
78%	79%	77%	70%	85%	89%	84%
64%	58%	71%	56%	72%	81%	70%
77%	77%	78%	72%	82%	90%	79%

Q2. Thinking about yourself, how concerned are you personally about...?

- a. Getting someone/becoming pregnant
- b. Becoming infected with HIV or AIDS
- c. Becoming infected with other sexually transmitted diseases

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	43%	49%	37%	43%	44%	69%
47%	51%	42%	50%	43%	65%	35%
49%	51%	47%	50%	48%	72%	38%

Q3. How much do you know about sexually transmitted diseases, sometimes called STDs?

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	75%	68%	81%	67%	81%	85%

Q4. Do you personally know anyone who...?

- a. Has HIV or AIDS
- b. Has had a sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV/AIDS

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	10%	7%	12%	8%	11%	14%
21%	15%	28%	12%	30%	50%	22%

Q5. About how many sexually active teens in this country do you think will get an STD this year?

- About 1 in 4000
- About 1 in 400
- About 1 in 40
- About 1 in 4
- Don't know/Refused

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	19%	19%	19%	24%	15%	16%
22%	25%	20%	26%	19%	9%	23%
28%	28%	29%	25%	32%	25%	34%
28%	25%	31%	24%	31%	50%	24%
2%	3%	1%	2%	3%		5%

Q6. Still thinking about STDs other than HIV, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements:

- a. Unless you have sex with lots of partners, STDs are not something you have to worry about
- b. If you had an STD you would know, even if you have not been tested
- c. A person with an STD can spread it *even* if they have *no* symptoms
- d. STDs are something that people do not talk about
- e. If someone I was dating had an STD, I would know
- f. Most people who have an STD *do not* know
- g. STDs are a nuisance but they do not have any serious health effects
- h. There is no point in knowing if you have an STD because there is nothing you can do about it anyway

Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
	Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
	22%	28%	17%	28%	17%	13%
30%	32%	28%	31%	30%	22%	32%
76%	73%	78%	71%	79%	82%	78%
65%	64%	67%	62%	69%	67%	70%
33%	38%	28%	36%	31%	16%	37%
72%	70%	74%	69%	75%	82%	72%
13%	15%	12%	15%	11%	15%	9%
14%	16%	11%	18%	10%	14%	7%

Q7. For each of the following, please tell me if STDs can cause this or not...	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. Brain damage					
Yes	19%	21%	18%	21%	17%	9%	19%
No	40%	41%	38%	39%	40%	37%	43%
Don't know	41%	37%	45%	40%	41%	54%	38%
b. Cancer							
Yes	26%	26%	27%	29%	24%	26%	23%
No	36%	39%	33%	33%	40%	38%	42%
Don't know	37%	34%	40%	38%	36%	37%	35%
c. Infertility, when someone is unable to have children							
Yes	62%	61%	64%	54%	71%	78%	68%
No	12%	12%	12%	17%	8%	3%	10%
Don't know	25%	26%	24%	29%	21%	19%	22%
d. Liver damage							
Yes	32%	34%	30%	31%	33%	31%	33%
No	23%	28%	18%	22%	24%	27%	24%
Don't know	45%	38%	52%	47%	43%	43%	44%
e. Increased risk for HIV/AIDS							
Yes	70%	69%	71%	68%	73%	71%	74%
No	9%	9%	8%	10%	8%	13%	6%
Don't know	21%	21%	21%	23%	19%	15%	21%

Q8. There are a lot of reasons why teens might not get tested for STDs. For each of the following please tell me whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why teens might not get tested for STDs...	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. It is too expensive	68%	68%	69%	67%	69%
b. They are afraid their parents will find out they are having sex	92%	93%	93%	95%	91%	91%	92%
c. They are afraid of what people might think	91%	91%	91%	92%	90%	93%	89%
d. They do not think they are at risk of getting an STD	84%	85%	83%	83%	86%	93%	84%
e. They do not want to know if they have an STD	84%	81%	87%	83%	85%	90%	84%
f. They do not know where to get tested	75%	74%	76%	78%	72%	75%	73%

Q9. As I read each of the following, please tell me if this is something you want more information about or not...	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. How to protect yourself from getting an STD	57%	59%	55%	62%	52%
b. How to know if you have an STD	58%	56%	60%	62%	53%	69%	48%
c. Where to go to get tested for STDs	50%	51%	49%	55%	45%	52%	42%
d. What is involved in getting an STD test	51%	50%	52%	54%	47%	57%	44%
e. How to talk to a boyfriend or girlfriend about STDs	47%	45%	48%	51%	42%	47%	41%
f. How to talk to your parents about STDs	45%	41%	48%	47%	42%	44%	41%
g. How you get an STD	44%	43%	44%	48%	40%	49%	36%
h. What treatments are available for STDs	54%	50%	57%	57%	50%	60%	47%
i. How much STD tests cost	45%	44%	45%	47%	42%	53%	38%
j. Whether STD tests are confidential	48%	46%	49%	54%	42%	49%	39%

Q10. Teens get information about STDs from many different places. Please tell me if you have personally learned a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all about STDs from the following...	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. Television	36%	39%	33%	31%	40%
b. Your parents	40%	37%	44%	39%	41%	43%	40%
c. Doctors, nurses or other health care providers	42%	40%	43%	39%	44%	57%	39%
d. Magazines	32%	25%	39%	28%	35%	34%	36%
e. The Internet	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	18%	20%
f. Sex education in school	70%	70%	71%	64%	76%	87%	73%
g. Friends, brothers or sisters	30%	25%	36%	29%	32%	39%	29%

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation and *seventeen* magazine National Survey of Teens: Sexually Transmitted Disease is a random-sample national survey of 509 teens, ages 12-17. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, questions on personal sexual experiences were only asked of respondents between the ages of 15-17. Twenty seven percent of the 15-17 year olds reported to be sexually active. The survey was designed by the Foundation and *seventeen*, and conducted by telephone by International Communications Research (ICR) between May 2-6, 2001, as part of their monthly teen Omnibus survey. The margin of sampling error is 5% for the total sample, and may be larger for certain subsets presented in this analysis.