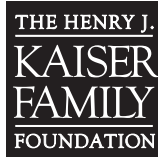


Questionnaire and Detailed Results

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Q1. Thinking about the kinds of places you can get information about sex and relationships that is: advice about becoming sexually active, information about birth control and how to prevent STDs or where to get tested for HIV and other STDs, how much information do you get from...

Percent responding 'A lot' or 'Some'

	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. Parents	70%	67%	73%	75%	66%
b. Friends	52%	50%	55%	38%	64%	76%	60%
c. The Internet	28%	27%	28%	27%	28%	38%	24%
d. Health class or sex education	75%	75%	76%	70%	80%	78%	82%
e. A doctor or other health care provider	62%	56%	68%	58%	66%	82%	60%
f. TV	60%	57%	63%	57%	62%	71%	58%
g. Magazines	47%	35%	61%	44%	51%	58%	49%
h. Radio	24%	22%	27%	22%	26%	24%	27%

Q2. Would you like more information about sex and relationships from...

Percent responding 'Yes'

	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. Parents	33%	31%	36%	39%	29%
b. Friends	22%	19%	24%	18%	25%	25%	25%
c. The Internet	20%	22%	18%	21%	20%	22%	19%
d. Health class or sex education	42%	41%	43%	42%	41%	52%	37%
e. A doctor or other health care provider	48%	48%	47%	48%	47%	55%	45%
f. TV	24%	26%	22%	22%	26%	29%	25%
g. Magazines	26%	23%	28%	24%	27%	33%	24%
h. Radio	17%	15%	18%	18%	15%	19%	14%

Q3. If you wanted...would you know where to go...

Percent responding 'Know for sure'

	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. To get information on HIV, the virus that causes AIDS or other STDs	47%	46%	48%	35%	58%
b. To get tested for HIV or other STDs	39%	41%	38%	31%	46%	62%	39%
c. To get condoms	49%	49%	49%	32%	63%	75%	57%
d. To get other kinds of birth control	29%	20%	38%	14%	41%	54%	36%
e. To get a gynecological exam (girls 15-17 only, n=144)	67%	N/A	67%	N/A	67%	—	—

Q4. Is there some place you go or person you see for your general health care needs, like if you're sick or need a physical, someone you consider your regular health care provider?

Sexually Active (15-17 Only)

	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
Yes	83%	81%	86%	80%	86%	88%	87%

Q5. Have you ever discussed...with a health care provider?

Percent responding 'Yes'

	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
		a. Decision making about when to have sex	26%	23%	30%	26%	26%
b. Different kinds of birth control and protection	30%	22%	39%	24%	35%	56%	25%
c. How to use a condom	20%	17%	23%	17%	23%	32%	20%
d. How to prevent HIV and other STDs	48%	46%	50%	48%	47%	60%	43%
e. Your sexual history, that is whether you have had sex or the number of partners you have had	23%	13%	34%	13%	32%	47%	26%
f. Getting tested for HIV or other STDs	21%	22%	21%	18%	24%	46%	15%
g. Diet and exercise	61%	58%	64%	59%	62%	68%	61%
h. Smoking	49%	50%	49%	47%	51%	60%	48%

Q5. Have you ever discussed...with a health care provider? (continued)

	Percent responding 'Yes'						
	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
i. Drugs and alcohol	53%	53%	53%	57%	50%	61%	43%
j. Sexual abuse or sexual assault	23%	21%	25%	24%	22%	29%	19%
k. Testicular self-exams (boys only, n=272)	24%	24%	N/A	21%	26%	—	—
l. Having a GYN exam (girls only, n=258)	30%	N/A	30%	17%	41%	—	—

Q6. In your community, are there places teens can go to get sexual health services, like STD testing, birth control, or advice about becoming sexually active?

	Percent responding 'Yes'						
	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
Yes	55%	55%	55%	43%	65%	73%	62%
No	24%	24%	23%	28%	19%	17%	20%
Don't know	21%	21%	21%	28%	15%	10%	18%

Q7a. Have you ever gone to... for sexual health care such as advice, exams, birth control, testing or other sexual health care?

	Percent responding 'Yes'						
	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
a. A private doctor's office	18%	14%	22%	16%	19%	28%	16%
b. A hospital	14%	14%	13%	14%	13%	15%	13%
c. A family planning clinic such as Planned Parenthood	7%	5%	9%	7%	7%	19%	2%
d. A school nurse or school health clinic	15%	16%	14%	19%	12%	20%	8%
e. A neighborhood or community health clinic	10%	7%	13%	8%	12%	25%	6%
f. A health clinic for teenagers	7%	5%	9%	3%	10%	27%	3%
Summary: ever gone to any of the above	37%	35%	39%	37%	38%	60%	28%

Q7b. Thinking about the different places you could go to get sexual health care, how likely would you be to go to...

	Percent responding 'Very likely' or 'Somewhat likely' Among those who have never been to each						
	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
a. A private doctor's office	55%	52%	58%	47%	62%	61%	63%
b. A hospital	45%	47%	43%	40%	49%	51%	50%
c. A family planning clinic such as Planned Parenthood	36%	29%	44%	31%	41%	48%	37%
d. A school nurse or school health clinic	22%	22%	23%	29%	17%	20%	17%
e. A neighborhood or community health clinic	30%	28%	33%	30%	31%	35%	29%
f. A health clinic for teenagers	45%	40%	51%	39%	50%	67%	45%

Q8. Have you ever... (Teens 15-17 only)

	Percent responding 'Yes'				
	Overall (15-17)	Sex		Age	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17
a. Had a gyn exam (girls only, n=144)	30%	N/A	30%	—	—
b. Had a testicular exam (boys only, n=151)	36%	36%	N/A	—	—
c. Gotten birth control pills or condoms from a health care provider	22%	15%	28%	49%	10%
d. Gotten tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS	12%	12%	11%	31%	3%
e. Gotten tested for other STDs	12%	10%	14%	35%	2%
f. Had sexual intercourse	30%	25%	36%		

Q9. There are many reasons why teens don't get sexual health care. For each, please tell me if this is a...

	Percent who responded either 'Major Reason' or 'Minor Reason'						
	Overall (12-17)	Sex		Age		Sexually Active (15-17 Only)	
		Male	Female	12-14	15-17	Yes	No
a. They are afraid their parents will find out	93%	90%	94%	91%	94%	93%	94%
b. They don't know where to go	81%	84%	80%	80%	82%	74%	86%
c. It's too expensive	69%	68%	70%	68%	70%	58%	75%
d. They feel they will be judged or looked down on by a health care provider	79%	79%	79%	78%	79%	70%	82%
e. There aren't enough places for teens to go	64%	65%	63%	63%	64%	56%	67%

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation and *seventeen* magazine National Survey of Teens: Sexual Health Care and Counsel is a random-sample national survey of 530 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. The survey was designed by the Foundation and *seventeen*, and conducted by telephone by International Communications Research (ICR) between December 13–17, 2000 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. Notes: "N/A" means the data were not collected, "—" means the data are not reported here.