

Questionnaire and Detailed Results

A Series of National Surveys of Teens About Sex



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Q1. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that (INSERT)?

	Percent responding <i>strongly</i> or <i>somewhat</i> agree				
	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. You cannot get sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV/AIDS from oral sex	20%	23%	18%	21%	20%
b. STDs are NOT very common among people my age	17%	16%	19%	18%	16%
c. Condoms are effective at preventing pregnancy	74%	82%	67%	78%	73%
d. Condoms are effective at preventing HIV/AIDS and other STDs	58%	63%	52%	68%	53%
e. A person with a STD can spread it even if they have no symptoms	85%	80%	90%	89%	83%
f. Having a STD increases a person's risk of becoming infected with HIV/AIDS	70%	69%	70%	67%	71%
g. If you had a STD you would know even if you have not been tested	25%	25%	24%	25%	26%
h. Birth control pills are effective at preventing HIV/AIDS and other STDs	14%	17%	10%	7%	17%

Q2. About how many sexually active teens in this country do you think will get a STD this year—About 1 in 4000, 1 in 400, 1 in 40, or 1 in 4?

	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
1 in 4000	12%	14%	10%	14%	11%
1 in 400	20%	24%	17%	21%	20%
1 in 40	33%	32%	34%	26%	37%
1 in 4	32%	28%	36%	37%	30%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%

Q3. Sometimes people your age feel pressure when it comes to sex. Please tell me how much pressure (INSERT) about sex—a lot, some, only a little, or none?

	Percent responding <i>a lot</i> or <i>some</i> pressure				
	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. Girls feel from other girls	53%	53%	53%	61%	50%
b. Girls feel from boys	87%	84%	89%	88%	87%
c. Boys feel from girls	55%	49%	62%	59%	54%
d. Boys feel from other boys	73%	67%	62%	71%	75%

Q4. My next question is about roles that girls and boys often have in a relationship. For each of the following, please tell me if it is usually the girl, usually the boy, or both equally? How about (INSERT)—would you say usually the girl, usually the boy, or both equally?

	Total (15-17)	Gender		Sexually Active	
		Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. Who asks whom out on a date for the first time					
Usually the girl	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%
Usually the boy	70%	76%	64%	66%	73%
Both equally	26%	18%	34%	28%	25%
b. Who pays for things					
Usually the girl	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%
Usually the boy	66%	73%	58%	60%	68%
Both equally	31%	25%	37%	36%	28%
c. Who makes the first move sexually					
Usually the girl	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Usually the boy	67%	69%	66%	68%	68%
Both equally	29%	27%	31%	29%	28%
d. Who makes sure that birth control is used					
Usually the girl	62%	56%	69%	61%	63%
Usually the boy	5%	7%	4%	7%	4%
Both equally	30%	34%	25%	31%	29%
e. Who brings up using condoms					
Usually the girl	41%	41%	40%	49%	37%
Usually the boy	16%	18%	14%	11%	19%
Both equally	40%	39%	41%	39%	40%
f. Who provides the condom					
Usually the girl	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%
Usually the boy	63%	63%	63%	56%	67%
Both equally	30%	29%	30%	38%	26%
g. Who brings up having sex					
Usually the girl	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%
Usually the boy	62%	66%	58%	64%	62%
Both equally	33%	31%	34%	35%	31%
i. Who brings up STDs					
Usually the girl	51%	50%	52%	50%	52%
Usually the boy	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Both equally	40%	40%	41%	42%	39%
j. Who says "no" to sex					
Usually the girl	69%	67%	72%	73%	68%
Usually the boy	2%	2%	1%	--	2%
Both equally	28%	29%	26%	26%	28%
k. Who brings up sexual histories					
Usually the girl	33%	32%	33%	32%	33%
Usually the boy	23%	24%	23%	31%	20%
Both equally	38%	39%	38%	35%	39%
l. Who decides whether a relationship will become sexual					
Usually the girl	26%	26%	27%	28%	26%
Usually the boy	9%	9%	9%	8%	9%
Both equally	62%	63%	62%	64%	62%

Q5. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that (INSERT)?

	Percent responding <i>strongly or somewhat agree</i>				
	Total (15-17)	Gender		Sexually Active	
		Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. It is ok for girls to initiate sexual activity	59%	69%	48%	67%	55%
b. Once you have sex with a partner it is hard to say "no" in the future	63%	64%	64%	68%	62%
c. Parents have different expectations from girls vs. boys	85%	81%	88%	91%	82%
d. In general, boys and girls want the same thing out of a relationship	48%	51%	45%	45%	49%
e. Boys depend on girls for information about sexual health	37%	35%	40%	41%	36%
f. There is a double standard for boys and girls when it comes to sex, that is it is ok for boys to have a lot of partners but not for girls	35%	28%	42%	45%	31%
g. It is easier for girls to say "no" to sex than it is for boys	61%	63%	60%	64%	61%
h. Most people have sex before they are really ready	91%	91%	90%	89%	91%
i. Oral sex is not as big of a deal as sexual intercourse	35%	42%	29%	44%	32%

Q6. Next I have a couple of questions about virginity and abstinence. Would you say that it is generally considered a good thing or a bad thing for (INSERT) ?

	Total (15-17)	Gender		Sexually Active	
		Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. A girl to be a virgin?					
Good thing	92%	91%	92%	93%	91%
Bad thing	5%	6%	5%	3%	7%
b. A boy to be a virgin?					
Good thing	77%	73%	80%	72%	78%
Bad thing	19%	21%	17%	22%	18%

Q7. Please tell me for each of the following statements whether it occurs a lot, sometimes, rarely, or never. How often (INSERT)?

	Percent responding <i>a lot or sometimes</i>				
	Total (15-17)	Gender		Sexually Active	
		Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. Girls lose their boyfriends because they won't have sex	78%	73%	84%	81%	78%
b. Boys lose their girlfriends because they won't have sex	54%	54%	54%	47%	57%
c. Girls get bad reputations because of having sex	91%	90%	92%	91%	91%
d. Boys get bad reputations because of having sex	42%	40%	43%	38%	43%

Q8. In general, how long do most people your age date someone before having sex? (CHOICES READ WHEN NECESSARY)

	Percent responding <i>strongly or somewhat agree</i>				
	Total (15-17)	Gender		Sexually Active	
		Boys	Girls	Yes	No
A month or less	22%	28%	16%	41%	13%
2 to 3 months	24%	21%	27%	27%	23%
4 to 6 months	21%	18%	25%	21%	21%
6 months to a year	15%	11%	18%	4%	20%
A year or longer	13%	16%	11%	8%	16%

Q9. Please tell me what you think of people who carry condoms. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that (INSERT)?

	Percent responding <i>strongly or somewhat</i> agree				
	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. If a girl carries a condom she looks prepared	81%	84%	79%	83%	81%
b. If a girl carries a condom she looks like she is expecting sex	60%	60%	61%	50%	65%
c. If a girl carries a condom people might think she is "easy"	73%	70%	75%	70%	75%
d. If a girl carries a condom she looks responsible	67%	69%	64%	81%	60%
e. If a boy carries a condom he looks prepared	82%	82%	81%	90%	78%
f. If a boy carries a condom he looks like he is expecting sex	68%	71%	67%	52%	75%
g. If a boy carries a condom people might think he is "easy"	40%	43%	36%	39%	41%
h. If a boy carries a condom he looks responsible	69%	69%	68%	81%	64%

Q10. How concerned would you say the boys your age are about (INSERT)? Are the boys your age very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about (INSERT)?

	Percent responding <i>strongly or somewhat</i> agree				
	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. Getting a girl pregnant	71%	74%	68%	77%	68%
b. HIV/AIDS	57%	61%	53%	63%	54%
c. Other STDs	62%	61%	62%	65%	60%

Q11. What about girls. How concerned would you say the girls your age are about (INSERT)? Are the girls your age very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned about (INSERT)?

	Total	Gender		Sexually Active	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls	Yes	No
a. Getting pregnant	92%	92%	92%	90%	93%
b. HIV/AIDS	87%	90%	83%	91%	85%
c. Other STDs	89%	91%	86%	92%	87%

Q12. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?

	Total	Gender	
	(15-17)	Boys	Girls
Yes	30%	32%	29%
No	68%	67%	70%

Methodology

This Kaiser Family Foundation and seventeen magazine National Survey of Teens: Gender Roles is a random-sample survey of 512 teens, ages 15-17. The survey was designed by the Foundation and seventeen and conducted by telephone by International Communications Research (ICR) between September 5-10, 2002 as part of their monthly teen Omnibus survey. The margin of error is plus or minus 5% for the total sample and may be larger for certain subsets presented in this analysis.

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